

### 2017-2018: Our 'foundation and framework' year for building on common ground



'Collective Impact' is the first item on the 2017-2018 Annual Plan for the South Island Public Health Partnership (SI PHP), with steady progress made in this area over the past few months.

Four co-design workshops have now been held to guide the development of a cross-sector approach to the 'wicked problems' of public health in the South Island. Workshops took place on 3 May, 14 June, 25 August and 18 October.

Participants have included leaders from: the non-government organisation sector, primary health organisations, the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Territorial Local Authorities, the tertiary

education sector, Te Pūtahitanga o Te Wai Pounamu and public health units of DHBs.

Following discussions, it is being proposed that:

South Island organisations contribute to the work of a cross-sector alliance being established to improve the health and well-being of South Island communities by committing to a way of working which:

- Identifies adaptive challenges (also known as 'wicked problems') and the systems around them.
- Brokers co-design approaches that include communities, practitioners and decision-makers.

Discussion at the recent workshops centred on how we frame our work together around purpose and intention and what specific adaptive challenge/s (wicked problems) we begin working together to address. Agreement was reached at the October workshop to hold a fifth and final co-design workshop before the end of the year. The workshop will mark the transition to the next phase of development by also incorporating the first meeting of the Steering Group. Project areas under consideration include: the first 1000 days, alcohol harm reduction and housing.

#### Working together with secondary clinical services in DHBs

As well as developing collaborative relationships outside the health system (through the cross-sector approach described above) the SI PHP is proactively nurturing collaborative relationships within DHBs. As part of this approach our Chair, Dr Keith Reid, presented to the September meeting of the South Island General Managers Planning and Funding, Hospital General Managers and Chief Medical Officers. Keith's presentation focussed on the opportunities and benefits of embedding a public health approach into all DHB activities. Positive discussion ensued, with it being agreed that there are distinct system benefits in recognising public health as a core DHB partner. It was noted that a strong focus on Māori health and equity must be actively promoted in order to achieve a health promoting system.

## Success for South – winning the Clinician’s ‘New Idea’ Challenge 2017

The South Island Public Health Analysts’ Network was excited to learn at their last meeting that Dr Leanne Liggett, from Public Health South, was a finalist (along with co-author, Jillian Boniface) in the ‘new idea’ category of this year’s Clinicians’ Challenge – a joint initiative by the Ministry of Health and Health Informatics New Zealand. Leanne and Jillian subsequently won the challenge with their idea for an online immunisation catch-up calculator for immigrant or refugee children, to bring them in line with the New Zealand schedule. The South Island Public Health Partnership congratulates Leanne and Jillian and wishes them all the best with using the \$8000 grant to start a feasibility study on the system to determine what it would cost to develop it, roll it out locally, and then integrate into the national processes.

## Working Groups and Networks

### South Island Alcohol Work Group

The most recent meeting of the South Island Alcohol Work Group was held on 26 October. Agenda items included: Updates on DHB Alcohol Harm Reduction Policies; SI policy on school premises/licensing of school events/WAVE School Alcohol Policies and update from the Health Promotion Agency.

### South Island Environmental Sustainability Work Group

Dr Anna Stevenson (from Community and Public Health Christchurch) has taken up the Chair role for this group. Membership has expanded, with the addition of Keith Todd (South Island Alliance Programme Office) and Tom Scott (Public Health South). The group last met formally on 31 August. Progress in the Southern DHB was reported, with an enthusiastic group being formed there to support and develop environmental sustainability as part of the strategic direction. Positive feedback was reported on the transport survey of all Christchurch-based Community and Public Health staff. Naomi Gough was thanked for her contribution and wished every success in her role as medical officer with the NZ Defence Force.

### South Island Public Health Analyst Network

Analysts shared their current and completed work and discussed the process for developing position statements at their recent meetings on 14 August and 26 October. Training and conference attendees shared their learnings and plans for upcoming events. The network was also updated about the South Island Public Health Partnership.

### South Island Workforce Development Group

The South Island Workforce Development Group last met on 5 October. The agenda included: Primary and community strategy consultation; round robin updates from the PHUs and the Partnership Management Group; Māori health information re South Island PHUs; opportunities for alignment and adding value and progress with Kaitiaki Ahurea (the Māori Health Promotion Programme delivered in the South Island).

The meeting ended with the following Karakia:

Kia hora te marino	May the calm be widespread
Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana	May the sea glisten like greenstone
Kia tere te kārohirohi	And the shimmer of summer dance
Ki mua I to huarahi	across your pathway

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