

Public Health Partnership update

Spring 2018



Our 2018-2019 year work plan is now well underway. This year's work plan continues to build on our work together over the past seven years, with our four key focus areas being:

- Collective impact and partnerships
- Partnership with Te Herenga Hauora (SI DHB Māori Health Managers)
- Facilitating a Health Promoting Health System
- Regional alignment

A snapshot of recent progress:

South Island Regional Alignment

- The SI Public Health Partnership commissioned, facilitated and supported the development of *The First Thousand Days – A South Island report for the Hauora Alliance*, which was prepared by Community and Public Health, with the guidance and leadership of a SI PHP Steering Group. This will be available shortly.
- The SI PHP Healthy Eating and Active Lifestyles (HEAL) working group has identified three regional priorities for action and is actively sharing resources and learning. The group has also agreed to develop a work plan template based on the newly released World Health Organisation action plan *More Active People for a Healthier World*. Feedback from the Ministry of Health will also be incorporated, with the Working Group to populate the template as a team at their October meeting
- Development of both a South Island strategic framework and a single planning template for Public Health Units, thus providing shared and consistent ways of understanding planning and progress.
- The SI PHP Workforce Development Group has identified the top three workforce development priorities across the three units. Subsequently, the Partnership endorsed the development of a registration of interest to the Health Workforce fund re Health in All Policies.

Facilitating a Health Promoting Health System

Healthy Streets

The South Island Alliance contributed towards the recent visit of Dr Lucy Saunders, from Transport for London, to Christchurch to promote the *Healthy Streets* approach. This support (which was key to the visit being possible) also included funding the participation of Jane Murray from NMPHS and Tom Scott from PHS, so that the learning from Lucy could be shared throughout the South Island Public Health Units. The events were well supported by cross-sector organisations and provided both well-grounded practical advice and energising inspiration. Congratulations to Dr Anna Stevenson,



Bronwyn Larsen and Sandy Brinsdon and team for the original idea and organisation of Lucy's visit.

Housing Position Statement

The draft housing position statement and background paper was endorsed by the Partnership group at their September meeting. Thanks to Nicola Laurie and Annabel Begg for the expertise and persistence that they contributed to this. The position statement and background paper will now be presented to the South Island Alliance's Strategic Planning and Integration Team (SPaIT) for endorsement prior to submission to the Alliance Leadership Team. Once approved by the Alliance Leadership Team, each DHB Chief Executive will present the position statement and background paper to their respective Boards for consideration. This appears to be a protracted process, however, securing endorsement at each stage means that when the position paper is finally presented to the respective DHBs, it's clear that it is well supported and has been heavily scrutinised. This approach encourages Board members to have confidence in the statement and increases the likelihood of adoption.

Hauora Alliance

The Hauora Alliance is continuing to focus on the *First Thousand Days* and recently met with providers of the Mokopuna Ora pilot initiatives contracted by Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamau to strengthen their understanding and identify ways to support the initiatives. The South Island report *The First 1000 Days* prepared by the Information Team at Community and Public Health on behalf of the Partnership will be presented to Hauora Alliance's October meeting and is expected to inform further action.

Reminder: *The role of the South Island Public Health Partnership is not changed by the establishment of the Hauora Alliance. The two groups have distinct (yet connected) roles, with the Hauora Alliance progressing the public health of populations through cross-sector partnership, (when this is what is required to achieve the result) and the South Island Public Health Partnership progressing the core work of public health units..*

Changes to the SI PHP management group membership

Thanks to Dr Daniel Williams, Community and Public Health

Our thanks to Daniel, for the significant contributions that he made to the development of the Partnership Management Group and its work during the many years that he was a member.

Daniel's active advocacy, communication and promotion of public health policy, principles and practice both within the Partnership and in wider fora (including as a member of the Strategic Planning and Integration Team) is of particular note. We look forward to Daniel's continuing contribution of public health expertise to the South Island Alliance via his membership of the Strategic Planning and Integration Team.

Welcome to Andrew Forsyth, Dr Natasha Murray and Sarah Reader from the Ministry of Health

We have been pleased to welcome Andrew Forsyth, Natasha Murray and Sarah Reader to the Management Group. Andrew, Natasha and Sarah are members of the Ministry's Protection, Regulation and Assurance Team at the Ministry of Health. Their inclusion in the Partnership complements that of their colleagues from the National Services Commissioning Directorate in the Ministry.

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