

Public Health Partnership Update November 2016



Welcome to our new sponsor, Cathy O'Malley



The Alliance Leadership team has appointed Cathy O'Malley, GM Strategy, Community and Primary at Nelson Marlborough DHB, as sponsor for the Public Health Partnership (and the new SLA). Cathy, who was previously Chief Adviser, Strategy and Policy in the Ministry of Health, is a recognised primary care leader with 17 years of experience as Chief Executive of Compass Health Wellington Trust.

Cathy replaces our previous sponsor, Andrew Lesperance, who left recently to take up a new role in the Hawkes Bay. We look forward to Cathy's guidance and support throughout the exciting and challenging times ahead as we pursue the collective impact possible through our new Service Level Alliance.

Making it happen

Now that we've got the green light, planning for the establishment of the new Service Level Alliance has been the main focus of recent Partnership meetings. A work plan has been developed, which applies the internationally recognised Baldrige Health Excellence domains of: Partnerships (in lieu of customers), leadership, strategy, workforce, operations, results, knowledge/measurement/analysis. PHP members have formed project teams to implement the plan, with implementation expected to be well underway by the end of this year.

What changes organisationally?

The core membership of the new SLA will include primary health, the NGO sector, local government, the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Social Development, as well as the current PHP members. This will be the first time such a collaborative, whole-of-system regional approach to public health issues has been undertaken in the South Island.

What continues organisationally?

The current PHP will continue to meet as an entity and progress regional alignment between the three South Island Public Health Units, where this will be of benefit. An example of this is the joint work underway to align the Annual Plans of the SI PHUs, thus streamlining and simplifying the process whilst maintaining, and where indicated — strengthening local approaches. The current SI PHP regional working groups will continue their work.

Progressing our 2016/17 work plan

- A survey for the stocktake of environmental sustainability initiatives in DHBs has been developed by the SI PHP Sustainability Working Group and is now with the DHBs for completion.
- A draft position statement re Air Quality has been developed and was presented to the SI PHP Management Group meeting on 19 October 2016.
- A stocktake of healthy weight initiatives in SI PHUs is underway.
- A *Warm Homes* position statement is currently being developed.
- The *Sweetened Beverages* position statement recently adopted by the Nelson Marlborough DHB will form the starting point for the development of a SI position statement.

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