



Board Summary: 10 May 2024

The following represents a summary of the 10 May 2024 Board meeting. Minutes are available upon request to ea@mahitahihauora.co.nz

Peter Snow Memorial Award 2023

The Board acknowledged and congratulated Rhoena Davis for receiving the 2023 Peter Snow Memorial Award. The Board thanked Rhoena for championing the equitable health needs of rural Māori and vulnerable populations in rural Te Tai Tokerau. The Board values Rhoena's employment as Director of Nursing at Mahitahi Hauora.

Summary of PHOs

Key discussion points included:

1. 26 of the 31 PHOs in Aotearoa have registered their financial accounts with the Charities Commission. There is no requirement for PHOs to publish reserves.
2. It was noted that the top 5 wealthiest PHOs have populations with low needs compared to Te Tai Tokerau's high needs populations.

Board Annual Work Plan

The CEO summarised the Annual Board Plan for the next 12 months.

CEO Report

The CEO summarised the CEO Report and provided Board members with an overview of strategy delivery, risk management, relationship management and financial stewardship.

Key discussion points included:

1. Clinical indicators – Equity for Whānau reports will be produced on a quarterly basis for review by the Board. There has been an increased COVID-19 burden during this quarter.
2. Immunisations - At a national level there is an intention to distribute funding to providers. At times it is easier to obtain vaccinations from a Pharmacy than a GP. The CEO advised notifications from MedTech and recalls/precalls should occur whether a patient goes to Pharmacy or GP.
 - a. In July there will be an incentive payment given to GPs to support immunisation precalls and recalls - \$40 for non-Māori patients and \$80 for Māori patients.
3. Mahitahi Hauora's meeting with Danny Wu, Interim Wayfinder for the Northern Region (Regional Commissioner) at Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora went well.

Operations Report

The CEO summarised the Operations Report. Key discussion points included:

1. Strategic Planning – Outcomes from the Strategic Planning hui are being reviewed. The Annual Plan cannot be completed until the Strategic Plan is completed. This will be presented at June Board meeting.
2. Practice Support Services – there are vacancies in the Partnership Services Team. Scope of the GP Liaison role is being reviewed, and there is an interim plan in place to support General Practices.



3. 6-week baby check-ups has ceased due to lack of dedicated funding, and additional funding needs to be secured to address unenrolled patients.

Health & Safety Report & Audit

HR Manager summarised the Health & Safety report which was accepted, and the Health & Safety Audit. Key discussion points included:

1. The improvements identified in 2022/2023 have been addressed.
2. Physical safety of staff working in the office after hours was addressed and measures have been put in place. MTH management acknowledged staff stress and burnout in the workplace and advised that EAP assistance is available including other preventative measures.

The Board received and noted the Health & Safety Annual review process against the ACC accredited employers programme that demonstrated Mahitahi Hauora's systems are sound.

Clinical Directors' Report

The CEO summarised the Clinical Directors' Report.

Discussion was held around a Mahitahi Hauora support platform for abuse and family violence.

Financial Report

Finance Manager presented an update for the year to date and an update on financial and commercial matters and risks. Key discussion points included:

- Mahitahi Hauora's cash reserves.
- 2024/2025 budget will be presented at June Board meeting following a special meeting of the Audit, Risk & Finance Committee.

Risk Report

The CEO summarised the Risk Report and provided an update on progress using the risk tools implemented for the effective and efficient management of Mahitahi Hauora risk framework and using these tools to produce standardised reporting.

The Board received the Corporate and Clinical Risk Management Heat Map Overview – 23 February 2024 document.