



## Board Summary: 14 March 2025

The following represents a summary of the 14 March 2025 Board meeting. Minutes are available upon request to [ea@mahitahihauora.co.nz](mailto:ea@mahitahihauora.co.nz)

### Delegated Authority Policy

The Finance Manager summarised the revised Delegated Authority Policy, which has been reviewed by the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee with no major changes. The Board approved the revised policy.

### Health Budget in Preparation for May 2025

The CEO summarised the agenda item, key discussion points included:

- CEO will obtain further information about the budget for primary mental health.
- Significant health needs of those living in high deprivation is made worse by access issues due to lack of transport and condition of roads.
- The Board acknowledged Dr Shane Reti's involvement in making a case for Tai Tokerau General Practices to receive additional support.

### Primary Care Announcements

The CEO summarised recent government announcements around Primary Care. Key discussion points included:

- Mahi being done in the background around the future function of meso-level organisations
- Tai Tokerau should not be adversely affected, and current needs should be considered in all decisions
- CEO to advocate for rural voices and the mahi that PHOs do
- It is important for general practice to sit within a network of primary care that includes other sectors within the community.

### Comprehensive Primary Care Teams (CPCT)

The Partnership Services Manager and CPCT Programme Project Lead updated the Board with a Primary Care Announcement published 3 March 2025. Key discussion points included:

- No funding commitment beyond 30 June 2025. If the programme continues past this date funding must be sought to progress the project management and enablement functions.
- Meeting with Ken Whelan to emphasise the importance of the programme within Tai Tokerau.
- Project plan is on track and new roles continue to be onboarded.
- 27 CPCT roles across 18 Mahitahi Hauora member general practices.

### Health New Zealand Audit

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The Quality Improvement Coordinator Clinical provided the Board with a presentation on the upcoming audit. Key discussion points included:

- Eight external auditors onsite from 25-27 March 2025 to undertake an audit to obtain assurances that the organisation has systems and processes in place to deliver its contractual obligations to Health NZ.
- Auditors will review governance of Mahitahi Hauora to understand its structure, ways of operating, and the Board's relationship with CEO and Leadership Team including Board membership, activities, strategic planning and risk management.

## Board Annual Work Plan

The Chair summarised the Board Annual Work Plan for the next 12 months. The next Board meeting will be held 11 April 2025 and the Annual Strategic Day will be held 13 June 2025 to allow background from the May Budget and post-budget announcements to inform the day.

## Chief Executive Report

The CEO summarised the CEO Report and provided the Board with an overview of strategy delivery, risk management, relationship management, financial stewardship, and updates. Key discussion points included:

- Senior Leadership Team review of team charter
- Importance of participating at Waitangi Day
- Mahitahi Hauora's role in advocating for improved communication between general practices and child mental health services

## Operations Report

The Partnership Services Manager summarised the Operations Report. Key discussion points included:

- Collaboration with Health NZ to prepare a paper on funded models of care including CPCT
- Immunisation and winter wellness programme for high priority whānau
- Gathering data on reasons behind immunisations declines and how to address those with concerns.

## Finance Report

The Finance Manager provided the Board with an update on financial, commercial and risk matters. Key discussion points included:

- Finances stable.
- New way of working - Member Services Agreement- will have positive impact on budget.

## Risk Report

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The Strategy & Transformation Manager summarised the organisational risks and advised the Corporate and Clinical Risk Register has no escalations and remains in place with a No Change Status. Key discussion points included:

- Now eight PHOs across Auckland and Northland that comprise the Northland Region. It is important that we articulate the services that are provided to our member general practices via the Member Services Agreement.
- The PHO Geographical Expansion Report from Health NZ will change following government announcements.

### Other Business

The minutes of the Community Voice Advisory Committee meeting dated 29 January 2025 were accepted.

The CEO advised Mahitahi Hauora is supporting the Acting Chair and wider Committee, and are looking at vacancies and gaps in skillset on the Committee that can be filled to enable the Committee to better support the organisation.