

NGO HEALTH & DISABILITY NETWORK COUNCIL'S 2013/14 WORK PLAN

VISION: *Health and disability NGOs are meaningful partners with the Ministry of Health and other government agencies in system-level policy development, planning and delivery of health and disability services in New Zealand.*

PURPOSE: *As an outcome of our collective impact with the Ministry of Health (and other government agencies) we will improve the effectiveness of health and disability NGOs' services and achieve better health outcomes for all people in New Zealand.*

OUTCOMES 2013-2016

- Ø NGOs are sought/engaged in/contribute to strategic and operational matters concerning the Ministry of Health and NGOs' development and service delivery
- Ø NGO voices are involved in policy development
- Ø A coherent and connected NGO sector, which represents a fundamental element of health and disability services funded in New Zealand, has the building of community capacity and capability as a priority
- Ø There is cross-government engagement with the health and disability NGO sector at all levels, not just at the 'coal face'
- Ø Relationships based upon courtesy, respect, integrity, transparency and trust are the experience of all people engaged with the health and disability sector
- Ø NZ is able to provide evidence of healthier communities and improved health outcomes.

FOCUS AREAS	OBJECTIVES	KEY 2013-14 ACTIONS/DELIVERABLES
Partnership & communication with Ministry of Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Health expectations of the Network are clarified for the sector • Ministry of Health staff are informed of NGO Network's existence and what we do • Ministry of Health receives information on recent and active research within the NGO sector • Ministry of Health staff are aware of key issues and trends affecting NGOs • Ministry of Health strategic planning related to the NGO sector is informed and advised by the sector 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconfirm relationship and agree 2013/14 plan • Senior Ministry of Health staff will attend and engage with the Council at bi-monthly meetings • Build an active dialogue with the ANGOA research forum and the Tangata Whenua Community & Voluntary Sector Research Centre to facilitate the sharing of relevant research • NGO Council informs and advises the NGO sector when the Ministry and DHBs require sector input during strategic planning cycles <i>(Timing to be advised)</i>
Communication with NGO sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NGO sector is aware of the Network • Health and disability NGO sector has access to information about Council's activity and key deliverables • Provide robust feedback to members, with consistent messages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key 'take out' messages from each Council meeting to be used by reps • Chair's Update after each meeting to reinforce these • Maintain website, Facebook page and Twitter account to share news • Clarify value proposition for the NGO Health & Disability Network and market to NGO sector • Facilitate the creation of, or support existing, regional communication hubs to explore local issues with DHBs/PHOs by holding two regional workshops in 2013/14

<p>Consultation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Health uses NGO intelligence in policy development Ministry of Health has access to grassroots NGO providers NGOs and Ministry of Health engage in 'high level discussions' on key issues at an early stage NGOs influence specific Ministry of Health priority focus areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure NGO representation/input on specific topics as requested by Ministry of Health or by the NGO sector (e.g. procurement project) Make submissions on relevant cross-cutting topics as they arise Publicise opportunities for NGO sector to be involved in consultations Strengthen NGO sector's ability to make submissions and have a voice Respond to requests from the Ministry of Health for assistance with accessing grassroots providers
<p>Capacity Building</p>	<p><u>For Government</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Health understands the key issues and trends affecting the NGO sector NGOs are better utilised locally by PHOs/DHBs NGOs are represented at DHB/PHO level Ministry of Health work on key priority areas is supported by NGO sector Ministry of Health embodies the Kia Tutahi principles <p><u>For NGOs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NGO sector is equipped to develop the required IT infrastructure in response to key sector /contract changes The sector develops and shares new models of working to address key challenges NGOs up-skill and network through forums and information sharing NGO voice in key areas (e.g. primary care) is strengthened 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate at least two areas of NGO input to Ministry of Health training programmes such as induction for new staff and policy analyst training by end June 2014 Engage with Health Workforce NZ and other relevant bodies to influence workforce planning activity for NGOs <p><u>For NGOs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular engagement with National Health Board (via Chai Chuah) to ensure NGOs are informed regarding the MoH/NHB direction and priorities/areas of interest. Specifically, provide feedback and influence key priorities ahead of the annual planning cycle Facilitate local engagement between regional NGO groups and the Ministry of Health/DHBs through the development of a guide for NGOs relating to contracting and funding Assign resources to two projects in 2013/14 that will build capacity within the sector (<i>Where possible, link to relevant MoH/government priority areas or key themes such as change management, IT, workforce, vulnerable children or service integration</i>) Plan for and hold 2014 National Forum showcasing NGO expertise on key themes aligned to Ministry of Health priorities that impact NGOs across the sector Engage with relevant MoH staff to better understand the Ministerial appointment criteria and process for DHB roles – share learnings with sector to increase NGO representation
<p>Representation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NGO Network Council will complement the activity of peak bodies representing NGOs in New Zealand The Council will ensure that membership remains above 250 across the health and disability NGO sector Key stakeholder relationships are robust 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure quarterly dialogue occurs between identified key peak bodies and the NGO Council Lift participation in the annual Council election process through marketing NGO Council to the sector and deliver against annual objectives.
<p><i>The NGO Council will liaise and work with a range of key stakeholders and peak bodies as relevant to issues and activities it is focused on at different times.</i></p>		