



## Health and Disability NGO email update for 13 January 2011

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a fantastic holiday and got to create some great memories with friends and family.

The NGO Desk's latest update includes a wide range of up and coming conference and event information, along with submissions and discussion documents of interest to the health and disability sector.

This email update provides an opportunity to share information with others in the sector and around the Ministry of Health. If you have any comments or information you would like as part of future updates, please email me at [ngo@moh.govt.nz](mailto:ngo@moh.govt.nz) and I will be happy to include relevant items.

Kind regards,

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Ministry of Health

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For information about the NGO Working Group download the brochure [Understanding what we do & how you can get involved](#) or check out our website at [www.ngo.health.govt.nz](http://www.ngo.health.govt.nz).

The 2010 Health and Disability Sector NGO-Ministry of Health Forum "Connections, Strengths and New Directions" was held on 4 November 2010 in Wellington. Slides from the speaker presentations, along with notes from the workshops can be viewed on our website on the [NGO-MoH Forum](#) page.

Make sure you check out our [Resources and Links](#) page which provides a range of documents likely to be of interest to NGOs. These documents are produced by the NGO Working Group, the NGO Health and Disability sector, the Ministry of Health, other New Zealand government agencies and international sources.

Previous issues of the NGO email update are available on the NGO Working Group website - <http://www.ngo.health.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexcm/ngo-news-updates?Open&id=2.1>.

Influenza A (H1N1) Swine Flu/Mate Poaka Rewharewha - The latest updates can be found on the Ministry of Health website: <http://www.moh.govt.nz/influenza-a-h1n1>.

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# FOR YOUR ACTION

## Conferences and Events

### **IPC Athletics World Championships, QEII Park, Christchurch, 21-30 January 2011**

Your chance to be inspired by a major international Paralympic event never before seen in New Zealand! The IPC Athletics World Championships - 1050 high performing disabled athletes from 85 countries will be held at QEII Park in Christchurch from 21 to 30 January 2011.

Amongst those competing is world famous athlete Oscar 'Blade Runner' Pistorius (part of South Africa's 35-strong team), along with the fastest Paralympians on the planet over 100m, Ireland's Jason Smyth (men's T13 world record holder at 10.62 seconds) and Brazil's Terezinha Guihermino (women's T11 world record holder since 2007).

Check out <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=auO77DyYMMk> for a sample of what's coming.

Paralympics New Zealand has entered a nine-member team, including: 2010 Commonwealth Games silver medallist Jessica Hamill; Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games 200 metre silver medallist Kate Horan; Athens 2004 Paralympic Games Gold medal winning middle distance runner Tim Prendergast; and 2010 Commonwealth Games representative Matthew Lack (who came within six-hundredths of a second of a bronze medal in the T54 1500m wheelchair event).

See Paralympic superstars. Support the New Zealand team. Plan to be in Christchurch in late January. Earlybird tickets are still on sale at [http://www.ticketdirect.co.nz/list\\_events.asp?a=6&id=724](http://www.ticketdirect.co.nz/list_events.asp?a=6&id=724)

If you would like to receive further updates on the IPC Athletics World Championships and the activities of Paralympics New Zealand, please email [info@paralympics.org.nz](mailto:info@paralympics.org.nz) including UPDATE in the Subject Line.

### **Show Your Ability disability and aged equipment expo, 15 to 22 February 2011**

Show Your Ability is New Zealand's premier disability and aged equipment expo which showcases 40 suppliers in five venues nationwide. It is the only opportunity for clients and specialists to see the entire range of equipment available and to experience the equipment first-hand. Each supplier has an experienced team of sales representatives who are friendly and helpful in finding the piece of equipment that is right for specialised needs.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Locations, dates, venues and times:

- Auckland** - 15 February, Trusts Stadium, Waitakere, 9am-3pm.
- Hamilton** - 16 February, Mystery Creek Events Center, 9am-3pm.
- Palmerston North** - 17 February, Arena Manawatu, 9am-3pm.
- Christchurch** - 21 February, Pioneer Stadium, 9am - 2pm.
- Dunedin** - 22 February, Edgar Stadium, 9am - 2pm.

## **'Raising the bar' National Volunteering Conference 2011 – Early-bird registrations now open**

'Raising the bar' National Volunteering Conference 2011. This two day conference, hosted by Volunteering NZ, will reflect a significant year for the volunteering world. 2011 will be marked internationally as the *International Year of the Volunteer Plus 10* to reflect on what has been achieved in the decade since 2001 and what needs to happen to raise the bar for volunteering into the future.

2011 will also see the largest single event volunteer programme take place in New Zealand for the Rugby World Cup. So episodic and event volunteering will be one focus for Conference 2011. Equally importantly it offers the opportunity to review progress and consider next steps in the advancement in the management of volunteer programmes.

Through keynote presentations, short papers, workshops, posters and networking, participants will explore and celebrate the diversity of episodic volunteering and find pathways to advance the profession of volunteer management in New Zealand. This is an invitation to contribute to the Conference.

There will be two main themes in the programme. Both aim to Raise the Bar.

- Episodic and Events Volunteering: The diversity, opportunities and challenges
- Developing the Leaders: The next steps to advance the Management of Volunteers
- Building Volunteering Infrastructure: Factors for quality volunteer programmes.

The **Episodic and Events Volunteering** stream aims to:

- Celebrate the diversity of episodic volunteering
- Share experiences of grasping the opportunities and challenges
- Raise the bar to maximise the impacts and legacies of episodic and event volunteering.

The **Developing the Leaders** stream aims to draw on the experience of people from all professions relative to volunteer leadership from within and outside New Zealand to:

- Affirm the leadership and ability already existing in the New Zealand
- Find the best pathways to advance the profession of managers of volunteers.

Early-bird registrations are now open and must be received on or before 31 March 2011. Visit the Volunteer NZ [registration page](#) for more details.

## **Agencies for Nutrition Action National Nutrition and Physical Activity Conference, 3 & 4 May 2011**

The Agencies for Nutrition Action National Nutrition and Physical Activity Conference will be held on **3 and 4 May 2011 at Rendezvous Hotel in Auckland.**

The theme for the conference is: Rethinking our Future (*Titiro ki muri kia whakatika a mua: Look to the past to proceed into the future*).

Over the last decade the public health nutrition and physical activity sector has undergone major transformations. Yet promoting healthy eating and activity at the population level has remained a challenge. The need to demonstrate objectively, that public health approaches are evidence informed, successful and cost effective in reducing the burden of poor nutrition and sedentary behaviour, is greater than ever before.

Our conference will provide an opportunity to reflect our strengths and weaknesses over the last decade and propose how we plan to make a difference in the future.

Registrations are open now. Visit [www.ana.org.nz/conference11/](http://www.ana.org.nz/conference11/) for more information.

## Public Health Leadership Programme (PHLP) 2011

### What is the PHLP?

The Public Health Leadership Programme (PHLP) is a six-day residential leadership programme, delivered as three two-day sessions, designed specifically for public health leaders in New Zealand. The programme is funded by the Ministry of Health and has been developed following extensive consultation with the sector.

PHLP builds competencies identified as important for leaders in public health and allows participants to discover their leadership potential and equips them with practical and tested leadership tools and resources. PHLP will generate immediate and lasting benefits for participants, those they lead, and for public health.

### Who is PHLP for?

The PHLP is for leaders wanting to inspire, refresh and create a powerful foundation for their leadership development.

PHLP is not designed to teach public health. Participants are expected to have a good knowledge of public health principles including an understanding of the social determinants of health, inequalities in health, how culture influences health, and the significance of the Treaty of Waitangi in health.

### Programme dates for 2011

Two programmes will be offered in Wellington and one in Auckland. Each programme has six residential days spread over several months. Note that applicants must demonstrate that they have their manager's support to attend and to pay travel, food and accommodation expenses.

<b>Programme 1 (Wellington)</b>	July 4-5, Aug 29-30, Nov 1-2
<b>Programme 2 (Wellington)</b>	Aug 8-9, Sept 6-7, Nov 7-8
<b>Programme 3 (Auckland)</b>	Aug 2-3, Sept 13-14, Nov 10-11

**Applications close at 5pm Monday 21 February 2011.**

### Where can I find more information?

More information and online applications are available on [www.publichealthworkforce.org.nz](http://www.publichealthworkforce.org.nz). You can follow this direct link - [http://www.publichealthworkforce.org.nz/public-health-leadership-programme\\_182.aspx](http://www.publichealthworkforce.org.nz/public-health-leadership-programme_182.aspx)

### What people have said about their experience of the PHLP:

*I am "being" a different leader. I am real, honest, committed, and open. I use those values in every moment of my work, in the decisions I make, in the language that I use, and in the way that I think.*

*Since beginning the Public Health Leadership programme my thinking and my actions have changed. In essence, I have developed an internal 'leadership' radar. I've found myself critically analysing my thought processes and what I do and say with regard to many of the tools I've learnt throughout the programme.*

*In summary, the Public Health Leadership Programme has equipped me with strategies, new ways of thinking and practical tools for developing my leadership competencies.*

### What is the Public Health Workforce Website?

The website [www.publichealthworkforce.org.nz](http://www.publichealthworkforce.org.nz) hosts information about public health workforce development, including job vacancies, training opportunities, national workforce development projects through Te Uru Kahikatea (the New Zealand Public Health Workforce Development Plan) and much more. They will also advertise your job vacancies for free. If you are interested go to the [Contact Us](#) page on their website.

# Requests for Submissions and Feedback

## Alcohol Reform Bill, submissions close 15 February 2011

Public submissions are now being invited on the [Alcohol Reform Bill](#). **The closing date for submissions is Friday, 18 February 2011.**

This bill implements the Government's decisions on the reform of alcohol legislation; decisions made in response to the Law Commission's 2010 report on alcohol.

Some of the changes proposed in this Bill include:

- Split the minimum age for purchasing alcohol to 18 years for bars and 20 years for supermarkets and liquor stores
- Give local authorities more say on the concentration, location, and hours of alcohol outlets in their area
- Limit the sale of alcohol in grocery stores to stores of more than 1000sq.m
- Allow regulations to be made to limit the alcohol content in ready-to-drink alcoholic products
- Make irresponsible alcohol promotion an offence (e.g. advertising alcohol in a way that has special appeal to minors)
- Give parents more ways to manage their children's access to alcohol, and place other restrictions on supply of liquor to minors
- Extend the kinds of public places where drinking can be banned.

For information on how to make a submission go to the [New Zealand Parliament](#) website.

## Applications open for Ministry of Social Development Community Response Fund

The [Community Response Fund](#) is a short-term, time limited response to address immediate cost and demand pressures the economic downturn is placing on key community-based critical social services for families, children, young and older people.

Applications for the Community Response Fund are invited from community-based critical social services that can demonstrate that as a result of the economic downturn they are experiencing:

- severe financial difficulties
- significant increase in demand.

Applicants must be able to meet one or both of the above specific criteria as well as general criteria. These are set out in Section One of the Community Response Fund Application Form. Applications for this round of the Community Response Fund must be received at Family and Community Services, Ministry of Social Development by **Friday 25 February 2011 at 5pm**

### Are you eligible to apply?

The Fund is for community-based critical social services providing support directly to families, children, young and older people that can meet the [Fund's Criteria](#) and address the following priority areas:

- family violence
- child abuse and neglect
- budget and financial advice
- sexual violence
- early intervention for vulnerable and at risk children and families
- families under stress
- vulnerable and at risk young people
- vulnerable and at risk older people.

***The Fund is open to critical social services, including those not currently funded by the Ministries of Social Development or Justice.***

## What's not covered under the Fund?

Funding will not be provided for the following:

- ongoing operational costs past the duration of the fund
- pre-existing NGO funding or demand issues
- community-based primary, secondary or tertiary health and early childhood, primary, secondary and tertiary education services
- general information and advice, e.g. educational and publicity material and events
- support for organisations in their public advocacy role
- support services provided by umbrella groups to their affiliated members
- capital items, for example, vehicles or furniture
- retrospective projects.

Click on the following link to find out more information about [eligibility criteria](#).

To find out how to apply go to the [Community Response Fund application process](#) page on the Ministry of Social Development website.

If you have any questions about the application process for the Community Response Fund you can:

- attend a Community Sector Regional Workshop
- contact your Ministry of Social Development funding advisor
- call 0800 777 100
- email [communityresponse@msd.govt.nz](mailto:communityresponse@msd.govt.nz).

## CommunityCentral User Survey – provide feedback to help improve the site

CommunityCentral is an online space for people in tangata whenua, community and voluntary, public health and other organisations in Aotearoa New Zealand. Designed by the sector, for the sector, this website will grow in response to your feedback and suggestions.

The team at CommunityCentral is trying to further develop the direction and functionality of the CommunityCentral site, so a few minutes of your time completing their short user survey will certainly help! Click on the following link to [go to the survey](#).

## Launch of the World Report on Disability – Share your story “What’s disability to you?”

On International Day of Persons with Disabilities, 3 December, preparations began for the launch of the *World Report on Disability* on 9 June 2011 in Geneva. This major report, published jointly with the World Bank, provides evidence on the current situation of people with disabilities, and identifies ways of removing barriers to the participation of people with disabilities in their communities.

The World Health Organization (WHO) wants to hear from people with disabilities about what can be done to overcome barriers. To start the debate, they asked Faustina Urassa, a woman with disabilities from Tanzania, "What's disability to you?"

See her response at <http://on.fb.me/fX1iN8> or at the World Report website, [www.who.int/disabilities/world\\_report](http://www.who.int/disabilities/world_report).

Sign up at the World Health Organization Facebook page to join the debate and receive regular updates on the global and country launches of the World Report. Facebook will be the WHO's main channel for disability dialogue. In the months ahead, they will post three more films, featuring women with disabilities from Lebanon, United Kingdom, and Bolivia.

In the run up to the launch, the WHO welcome your photographs, stories and short films on the theme "This is disability to me",

Please share this information with your disability community, and ask them to get involved.

### **Multifunction Power Wheelchair Use – Request for study participants**

Are you interested in sharing your experiences of using a multifunction power wheelchair?

Do you use a power wheelchair on a daily basis that has more than one power function, including two or more of the following?

- Tilt in space seat
- Elevating seat
- Reclining back
- Standing function
- Elevating leg rests.

Be part of a study that looks at adult perspectives and experiences of using multifunction power wheelchairs in Aotearoa, New Zealand. Maria Whitcombe-Shingler, an occupational therapist and Masters Candidate at Otago Polytechnic, would like to invite adults to be part of this study to discuss their perspectives and experiences of using a multifunction wheelchair in the Auckland region.

The aim of the study is to give users an opportunity to share their experiences confidentially. It involves being personally interviewed for 45 minutes in your home or quiet place of your choosing.

If you are interested please contact Maria Whitcombe-Shingler on 027 651 9318 or email Maria at [mariaWS@adhb.govt.nz](mailto:mariaWS@adhb.govt.nz). Or post, Attention Maria Whitcombe-Shingler, PO Box 44037, Pt Chevalier, Auckland 1002.

This study has received ethical approval from the Northern X Regional Ethics Committee, which reviews northern regional studies. Ethics Reference: **NTX/10/EXP/213**

### **New Zealand's Biggest Ever Health & Disability Expo planned for late 2011 – Expressions of Interest**

The Auckland Disability Providers Network (ADPN) have requested expressions of interest from any person or organisation wishing to be kept informed about the progress of the Health & Disability Expo being planned for 2011 in Auckland. Once planning is further down the track ADPN will be communicating only with people or organisations who have registered to receive updates. Registration is important because they do not want to be sending information to people who are not interested.

From time to time ADPN may also send surveys to people who have expressed interest in the Expo, asking their opinions. This is to ensure everyone's needs are met when they host **New Zealand's Biggest Ever Health & Disability Expo**.

To register send an email to [pam@adpn.org.nz](mailto:pam@adpn.org.nz), noting in the subject line "Expo interest", and provide the following details:

- Name
- Organisation Name
- Phone number
- Email address
- Type of business (service provider, product, information etc.)
- Any other information you feel is relevant.

## **New Zealand Historic Places Trust seeks feedback: “Providing for Accessibility in Heritage Places”**

The New Zealand Historic Places (NZHPT) has just released a draft for consultation for “[Providing for Accessibility in Heritage Places](#)”. This guide focuses on providing links to other guidance sources, updating legislative provisions and providing a guidance framework for the assessment of proposed access related work involving heritage buildings.

*“For the purpose of this publication, accessibility aims to improve physical access to heritage places, including heritage buildings, places, sites and landscapes. This means examining methods and ways to improve access to heritage places for those in our community who cannot walk or who rely on walking aids and wheelchairs.*

*The NZHPT supports accessibility to ensure heritage places remain useful for present and future generations. If people cannot access a place, then the result will be neglect and decay.” (Page 4, Providing for Accessibility in Heritage Places)*

[Comments and feedback](#) about this publication can be provided to the NZHPT until **28 February 2011**.

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Wellington  
Email: [information@historic.org.nz](mailto:information@historic.org.nz)  
Phone 04 472 4341

## **Office for Disability Issues – Funding round opens for community projects, January 2011**

The first funding round is now open for community projects in New Zealand to improve attitudes and behaviours towards disabled people.

The Making a Difference Fund is part of the Campaign to Improve Attitudes and Behaviour towards Disabled People. The fund will give priority to projects that are collaborative, have support from across the community and have a well-thought-out plan to effect local change.

The funding description and application are available on the Office for Disability Issues website at <http://www.odi.govt.nz/what-we-do/improving-attitudes-and-behaviours/index.html>

## **The Living Well Project – update on the project and an opportunity to have your say**

The Living Well Project, run by AUT University and community partners, is a Health Research Council funded project that is exploring how people who experience disability engage in healthy behaviour such as being physically active and eating healthily. Findings from the study will then be used to suggest modifications to existing strategies. The revised approaches should be more relevant, targeted and acceptable to disabled people and thus be more effective to help people live well. The project is nearing the end of its first year and the team would like to update you on the developments so far.

### **Have your say...**

The stakeholder survey has received information relating to 120 healthy eating and physical activity initiatives currently available in New Zealand. The programmes have been included on a service map that can be viewed on the website. If you see gaps or would like to add your programme, please go to the website <http://livingwellstudy.aut.ac.nz/> and click survey.

During this phase of the study, they are collecting opinions, experiences, thought and views on things that make it difficult and things that make it easier to be physically active and to eat healthily. The discussion forum, also found on the website, is now up and running for your input.

Information received will be analysed and they hope to have completed analysis by February or March 2011. In order for your information to be included and your voice to be heard, make sure you [register](#) and join in on the discussion!

# NGO INFORMATION

## Access Tourism New Zealand – News & Updates November 2010

The Access Tourism New Zealand website is about tourism and travel for people with disabilities (PwDs), seniors, and ageing Baby Boomers. Articles cover topics such as Access Tourism developments internationally, the importance of the ageing market, the cruise industry, ICT, and why NZ and the world must develop reputable Access Tourism products.

The latest articles posted include:

- Tourism NZ is still ignoring the older market
- Travel and Disability: New Oprah Winfrey Network Show?

Go to [www.accesstourismnz.org.nz](http://www.accesstourismnz.org.nz) for the latest news about Access Tourism in New Zealand, Asia-Pacific, and the world.

## Asthma Foundation new Chief Executive appointed

Angela Francis will replace Jane Patterson as Chief Executive of the Asthma Foundation in February 2011. Angela comes to Wellington from the Bay of Plenty, where she has been based for 10 years. Her previous roles include deputy chief executive for the former Eastern Bay of Plenty PHO and before that she was with the Bay of Plenty DHB, first as planning manager and then portfolio manager. Angela has worked in health in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors.

## Careerforce eChat - December 2010

Items in the latest Careerforce [eChat](#) include:

- Key 2010 highlights
- Eight qualifications submitted to NZQA
- Mental health and addiction update
- Qualifications development in 2011
- Sector leadership priorities for 2011
- Review of Unit Standard 20827
- Careerforce Investment Plan 2011-2013
- PSC Kapiti graduation
- Canterbury Home Care Charitable Trust (Berrywood).

## Carers New Zealand – Family Care NZ magazine summer issue now available

This [Family Care NZ summer issue](#) is *Red Hot* and full of practical advice and information including:

- Part Four of our *Travelling with Extra Needs* series
- Trakakiwi: a low cost location service for wanderers
- Keeping a journal or diary for wellbeing
- ActiveWellness: safer lifting and shifting using helpful equipment
- Helping a loved one adjust to residential care
- Our special *Life & Death* feature
- *Employment for Caring* for working carers and their employers
- *Care to Cook*: Delicious 'saucy dip' recipes from occupational therapist and foodie Adrienne Court.

## CommunityNet Aotearoa – December 2010 community development monthly newsletter

For the latest community organisation news, job vacancies, events, training and resources check out this month's newsletter [PANUI Issue #102 - December 2010](#).

## Community Sector Taskforce – latest weekly updates

For updates on what's happening in Tangata Whenua, Community and Voluntary Sector.

[Te Harakeke - Week ending 27 December 2010](#).

[Te Harakeke - Week ending 7 January 2011](#).

## **IHC New Zealand – Hot Issues December 2010**

The latest [IHC Hot Issues](#) newsletter from IHC New Zealand includes articles about:

- Disability advocacy to the fore
- Make your submission to the government WWG options paper due 24 December
- Welfare Justice for All
- IHC urges Government to have serious engagement on welfare issues
- Values and vision of a working welfare system
- The true options for a relentless pursuit of wellbeing
- Disabled people face workplace discrimination and detachment from benefit support, says Alternative Welfare Working Group
- A fair go for every New Zealander says Human Rights Commission
- Government watchdog slates inadequate benefit levels
- Disabled people remain the most disadvantaged group in New Zealand, Human Rights Commission finds
- IHC fully endorses action areas for disabled people
- Human Rights Commission confirms disabled people face systemic employment barriers
- Biggest issue for disabled people is lack of social participation – including work, says Convention Coalition of disabled peoples' organisations
- Advocacy of public benefit decides Australia's highest court
- Government Welfare Working Group out of step.

## **Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand - latest information bulletin**

A free weekly newsletter by email to people interested in new resources and research in the mental health and community development fields. Click [here](#) to subscribe. Or to view the latest bulletins: [Mental Health Foundation 17 December 2010](#).

## **New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services (NZCCSS) – latest Policy Watch updates**

Items of interest in the [latest NZCCSS Policy Watch](#) newsletters include:

- A good New Years for some of our community groups
- New Years Resolutions from our Young People
- Contracting out of the 90-day Law
- Social Services still needed to provide Rehabilitation
- Conferences and Training

## **NZ Federation of Voluntary Welfare Organisations – the latest New Dialogue eNews**

The focus of the latest issue of [New Dialogue](#) from the NZ Federation of Voluntary Welfare Organisations (NZFVWO) is Collaboration. Items include:

- Creating a buzz about collaboration!
- Partnering is not a one-size-fits-all
- Increasing community benefits by working together
- Right Service, Right Time
- The 'Working Together Smarter' common referral system
- ComVoices: still successful five years down the track.

## **NZORD - the New Zealand Organisation for Rare Disorders, December 2010 newsletter**

Items in the [NZORD December 2010](#) update include:

- 1 – National Health Board confirms national services and service improvement programmes.
- 2 – Good news in High Court decision on payments to carers, but government signals another appeal.
- 3 – Is there hope for real improvement to the Ministry's disability support services?
- 4 – Telemedicine boost for Genetic Services and West Coast practitioners.
- 5 – NZORD charitable company wins ethics approval for rare disease biobank collection.
- 6 – Pharmac review of exceptional circumstances scheme is delayed.
- 7 – High Court confirms approval of AgResearch Transgenic animals project.
- 8 – Missed a newsletter?

## **People First – Total Solutions – E-News for the Not-For-Profit Sector, December 2010**

This month, People First shares information on the truth about successful people, the rights of volunteers, and valuing volunteers. To read the latest newsletter go to [People First - Total Solutions December 2010](#).

## **Volunteering New Zealand (VNZ) – December 2010 Update**

Volunteering New Zealand's update newsletter will keep you informed of the events and issues concerning volunteering. Click here to view their latest update: [VNZ December 2010](#).

# **MINISTRY OF HEALTH INFORMATION**

## **Ministry of Health media releases**

<http://www.moh.govt.nz/media>.

## **Reports published on completed Health Impact Assessments and Training completed in 2010**

In New Zealand and overseas, there is growing recognition that some of the most challenging policy issues cross sectoral boundaries and require integrated approaches as well as community engagement. Such approaches consider the potential effects of policy proposals from a number of perspectives including health, environmental, social and economic impacts.

Impact assessment provides a range of approaches for supporting these processes. Health Impact Assessment (HIA) including Whānau ora HIA is one such discipline; examples of others include social impact assessment, environmental impact assessment and regulatory impact assessment.

Supporters of HIA in New Zealand include the health sector, other sectors, public health academics, HIA practitioners, and the Health Impact Assessment Support Unit, in the Ministry of Health.

Reports on [completed HIAs](#) and [HIA training](#) in 2010 have now been published.

For further information about HIAs contact:

### **New Zealand Health Impact Assessment Support Unit**

Office of the Director of Public Health  
Health & Disability Systems Strategy Directorate  
Ministry of Health  
PO Box 5013  
Wellington

Tel. (04) 816 2837 or (04) 816 2672

Email: [hia@moh.govt.nz](mailto:hia@moh.govt.nz)

## **Implementing the New Zealand Health Strategy 2010, online publication December 2010**

[Implementing the New Zealand Health Strategy 2010](#) - This report details the actions taken throughout 2010 to progress the following priority areas that have been signaled to the sector:

- financial management and sustainability
- clinical workforce and leadership
- ensuring quality.

These priority areas remain consistent with the New Zealand Health Strategy and will continue to be priority areas for the medium term.

This report fulfils the Minister of Health's responsibilities under section 8 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 to report annually on the implementation of the New Zealand Health Strategy (see Sections 2 and 3 of this document). It also meets the requirements under section 9 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 to report annually on progress on implementing the National Strategy for Quality Improvement (see Section 4).

### Related information

- [Implementing the New Zealand Health Strategy](#)
- [The New Zealand Health Strategy](#)
- [Ministry of Health Statement of Intent](#)
- [New Zealand Ministry of Health Annual Reports](#)
- [Health and Independence Reports](#)

### Researching with Whānau Collectives, online publication December 2010

[Researching with Whānau Collectives](#) is a project which examines research methods that could be used to gather information from whānau collectively, rather than relying on the aggregation of individual data or on individual whānau informants.

Many of the 12 research methods described in the project are qualitative methods that have their roots in therapy-based methods and/ or strategic planning tools concerned with collecting information as well as instigating change. A common theme explored in the methods was the relationship between research, facilitating whānau change, and social justice.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### Minister and Associate Ministers of Health media releases

Hon Tony Ryall - [www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/tony+ryall?type=release](http://www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/tony+ryall?type=release)

Hon Jonathan Coleman - [www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/jonathan+coleman](http://www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/jonathan+coleman)

Hon Peter Dunne - [www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/peter+dunne](http://www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/peter+dunne)

Hon Tariana Turia - [www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/tariana+turia](http://www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/tariana+turia)

### Extra clinical support for ambulance call centres, 12 January 2011

Health Minister Tony Ryall has announced that Emergency Ambulance Call Centres, which take 111 calls, are to get extra funding to provide an advanced level of support for over-the-phone triage of emergency calls.

The Government is investing another \$700,000 into the ambulance call centres to provide additional clinical advice to call takers and dispatch staff to determine which resources are most appropriate to send to an emergency.

“The result is greater patient safety, and real time clinical support for call takers, dispatchers and on road ambulance personnel.”

“The Government is always looking for opportunities to improve essential services. An independent assessment identified the need for more clinical expertise in the call centres,” Mr Ryall said. Staff in this new clinical role will also be able to provide additional assistance, support and mentoring to the call takers.

### Dunne to convene meeting of media, experts on suicide reporting, 20 December 2010

Associate Health Minister Peter Dunne will chair a roundtable meeting of media, mental health professionals and researchers early in the new year to update guidelines on media reporting of suicides.

The roundtable meeting will be a significant step towards updating the health Ministry’s Suicide and the Media resource, and Mr Dunne said it is hoped to also involve the Prime Minister’s chief science adviser, Sir Peter Gluckman, and the Chief Coroner, Judge Neil MacLean.

“It is essential for media to be full participants in updating the guidelines to ensure they are workable and achieve the aim of responsible reporting on the issues around suicide,” Mr Dunne said. “The meeting will be an important initial step to get the review underway.”

Prime Minister John Key had earlier directed the Ministerial Committee on Suicide Prevention to consider whether the current controls around suicide reporting in the media were appropriate following comments by the Chief Coroner and renewed media interest in the issue.

The Committee reported to the Prime Minister that the media guidelines had not been reviewed since they were published in 1999 and that there would be benefit in undertaking a review. In particular, the development of online media and social networking sites “had changed the landscape around how suicide is handled and covered”, Mr Dunne said.

The Ministerial Committee on Suicide Prevention report to the Prime Minister is at <http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexmh/suicideprevention-committee#mcspreport>

### **New Mental Health Commission chair named, 17 December 2010**

Associate Health Minister Jonathan Coleman today welcomed the appointment of Dr Lynne Lane as the new chair of the Mental Health Commission. Dr Lane has been appointed for three years from 1 January 2011 and replaces Dr Peter McGeorge who resigned earlier this year.

“Lynne brings strong management expertise and significant health sector experience to the role,” Dr Coleman says.

“She is a public health physician with over 15 years of health services experience in strategic planning, funding and service management. Lynne has also previously held a range of senior positions in the health sector including National Director of Public Health for the Ministry of Health.”

Until April 2010 Dr Lane was the chief executive of Affordable Healthcare New Zealand. She also consulted for various Government funded organisations, the World Health Organisation and non-government organisations.

# Items of Interest

## Charities Commission Update – November/December 2010

The [Charities Commission Update - November/December 2010](#) includes the following items:

- An eventful 2010 – and more planned for 2011 – Trevor Garrett
- How trusting and confident in charities are the public? (and why?)
- Annual Report 2009-2010 now available
- Your views of the forums
- Updated Snapshot of the charitable sector
- New information sheet – Charitable status of sport and recreation organisations
- FAQs – Annual Returns
- Is there a “grace” period for filing an Annual Return?
- Does the Commission waive Annual Return fees?
- Why do we have to file an Annual Return form as well as providing a copy of our financial statements?
- Latest update on payroll giving
- Need help to resolve a dispute?
- Business and giving
- Be on your guard! Scam emails
- How New Zealanders Give quarterly report
- Funding Information Service – connecting the community to more than \$1 billion worth of funding.

## Telehealth Rethink for Doctors - article by Claire Rogers, Dominion Post, 20 December 2010

Doctors in the South Island will pioneer a fresh approach to telemedicine after deciding to abandon a hi-tech telepresence system set up on the West Coast that became a flagbearer for ultrafast broadband.

In what Michael Sullivan, telehealth clinical leader for West Coast and Canterbury district health boards, said would be the biggest implementation of telemedicine to date, nurses and GPs on the West Coast will instead be provided with a lower-cost hi-tech system that will let them consult other GPs and specialists in the South Island via video from their desktops.

There was only one GP in the whole of South Westland, who saw patients in Hari Hari, Whataroa, Franz Josef, Fox Glacier and Haast, Dr Sullivan said.

"That's an enormous area. He might be doing a clinic in Hari Hari and 300 kilometres away there's a nurse down in Haast who's got a patient she'd urgently like the doctor to see. They often have to consult over the phone."

Health practices at those five sites would be kitted out with 22-inch high-definition video conference units that doubled as computer screens. [Read more...](#)

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