



Health and Disability NGO email update for July 2011

Greetings,

The NGO Desk's latest update includes information about Ministry of Health and NGO activities, a wide range of up and coming conference and event information and other items of interest to the health and disability sector.

This 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 and I will be happy to include relevant items.

Kind regards,

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For information about the NGO Working Group download the brochure [Understanding what we do and how you can get involved](#) or check out our website at 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.

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CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE

For the latest information from the Ministry of Health website go to <http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexmh/christchurch-earthquake>.

Some free counseling services available in the Canterbury region include:

Relationship Services: The Ministry of Social Development has funded Relationship Services to provide free counselling services to people affected by the earthquake. Some of the common areas people have looked at are:

- ways to calm yourself if you feel worried or afraid.
- thinking through your next steps.
- what helps life to feel as normal as it can be at the moment.
- ways to help your kids cope.
- ways to cope with stress and feel less irritable.
- reassurance that feeling worried and stressed is to be expected in these circumstances. It doesn't have to stop you dealing with the situation.

Some of the contacts are quite short - often they are 10 or 15 minute conversations. Some are the more traditional 50 minute session. You can make an appointment for face to face counselling, or you can use the telephone support line. Some people need support right now. For others it may be helpful further down the track. So the support service will stay in place for some time. If you want some practical counselling support ring Relationship Services Whakawhanganatanga on 03 366 8804 or 0800 RELATE (0800 735 283). For tips on coping emotionally after the Earthquake [click here](#). For tips on helping your kids to cope with their feelings after the earthquake [click here](#)

Skylight: Skylight has a free counselling service for Canterbury people of all ages (0800 299 100). The Skylight website has an earthquake recovery page with support resources and trauma support information www.skylight.org.nz. Their message is "Don't hesitate to contact Skylight as you need to, for yourself, your family, friends, neighbours, clients and colleagues – 0800 299 100 or info@skylight-trust.org.nz"

MINISTRY OF HEALTH INFORMATION

Ministry of Health media releases

For the latest media releases from the Ministry of Health go to www.moh.govt.nz/media. Media releases include information about a new addition to Zealand's free telephone health advice service - Healthline - just got better, with the introduction of a system which ensures callers can share important information with their usual family doctor (GP).

What does the restructured Ministry of Health look like?

For more information about the Ministry's structure and business units go to [Ministry business units](#).

National Health Board News

Go to [NHB Newsletter](#) for the June newsletter. It includes information about:

- the Health Quality & Safety Commission
- primary care and Māori health
- Improving cardiac surgery in New Zealand - Dr Andrew Hamer
- Diabetes nurse prescribing
- A new Disability Support System
- Health Workforce New Zealand: Workforce Service Reviews
- National Health IT Board: Sector working together to reduce medication errors on the front line
- Regional Service Plans update

If you would like to join the NHB mailing list please email enquiries@nationalhealthboard.govt.nz

Health Workforce New Zealand News

The June stakeholder newsletter can be found [here](#) It includes information about:

- GP training review
- Youth health and diabetes service reviews
- Innovations
- Retention of doctors

Disability Support Services e-newsletter

The June issue can be found [here](#). The June issue includes information about

- Budget 2011/12 funding of \$130m for disability support services over 4 years
- The New Model Demonstration Project (Western Bay of Plenty/Tauranga). Details of [New Model](#) and updates on the work can be found on the Ministry's website.
- Update on key DSS projects
- Be.Institute

New Ministry publications:

Mental Health and Addiction Services for Older People and Dementia Services: Guideline for District Health Boards (June 2011): This guideline provides a means to achieve an integrated system for users and providers of mental health and addiction services for older people, and dementia services for people of any age. The guideline includes guiding service principles, an evidence-based seven-tiered service model, and recommendations for achieving the vision. The document discusses the requirements of the proposed framework for the following services: services for Māori, mental health prevention and promotion, primary health care, specialist services for mental health, addiction and dementia, support services in home and residential care, alcohol and drug services, intellectual disability, and long-term conditions. The guideline also discusses and makes recommendations on workforce requirements and clinical leadership. For more information go to: [Mental Health and Addiction services for Older People and Dementia Services](#).

Aged Care Workforce Review Report: The National Health Board has published the full version of the Aged Care Workforce Review completed in March. A further review is now underway looking at the future workforce for people with dementia. The recommendations of the report focus on home and community based prevention and rehabilitative services to maximise independence, more work to support informal and family carers and developing clinical specialists who can support increasing the knowledge and skills of the wider workforce. The report also recommends trialling a "network information strategy" that helps people across the sector gain access to data to help them to provide optimal care. The full report and summary are online at [Aged Care Workforce Review Report](#).

Medicines Care Guides For Residential Aged Care (June 2011): The aim of the Medicines Care Guides is to provide a quick medicine management reference tool for all care staff working in residential aged care in New Zealand. Guidance is provided for key medicine safety topics relevant to the care of older adults. This guidance is based on current legislation, best available evidence and published guidelines, and is consistent with the New Zealand medicines strategy, Actioning Medicine in New Zealand (Associate Minister of Health and Minister of Health 2010). For more information go to: [Medicines Care Guides for Residential Aged Care](#).

MEDIA RELEASES: MINISTER AND ASSOCIATE MINISTERS OF HEALTH

Media Releases

Hon Tony Ryall - www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/tony+ryall?type=release

Hon Jonathan Coleman - www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/jonathan+coleman

Hon Peter Dunne - www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/peter+dunne

Hon Tariana Turia - www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/tariana+turia

Hon Tony Ryall: Drivers of Crime: Health services vital to changing lives (6 July 2011)

Focused, early health care for vulnerable children and their families makes a real difference to their lives. Health Minister Tony Ryall says the public health service is providing a significant contribution to three of the four priority areas in the Drivers of Crime Initiative, updated today in a progress report *Addressing the Drivers of Crime*.

"Health professionals are improving maternity and early parenting support, particularly for vulnerable and hard to reach populations, addressing behavioural problems in young children and working towards reducing the harm caused by alcohol," says Mr Ryall.

"As part of the Government's Maternity Initiatives to improve safety and quality for mothers and their babies, we're funding an extra 54,000 WellChild visits by health professionals to around 18,000 new mothers who need this additional help. It is important children get the best start in life and the Ministry is also working to encourage expectant mothers who wouldn't usually do so, to register themselves with a lead maternity carer, breast feed their babies, and visit a GP when they need to".

"Immunisation rates for under two year olds at 90% of all eligible children are at an all time high, across all socio economic and ethnic groups. In some parts of the country, the Maori immunisation rate is higher than the general immunisation rate." Mr Ryall says 100 primary care practitioners are also training to give positive parenting programme assistance to parents who need it. By the end of 2011 these practitioners will be offering parenting support to up to 1500 families and whanau of 3-7 year olds.

"Health services are also key in helping reduce the harm from alcohol. For example, we've doubled the number of alcohol and drug treatments offered to offenders with community sentences since 2006 to 12,271 last year and the Ministry is currently training 20 Police Youth Aid officers to assist in screening for alcohol problems and early referral."

Tony Ryall, Tariana Turia : Govt spends \$130m more on disabilities (27 June 2011)

Health Minister Tony Ryall and Associate Minister for Health Tariana Turia says that Budget 2011 sees the Government put an extra \$130 million into disability support services over four years.

Mr Ryall says, "An extra \$8.5 million a year extra is going into residential support services with some of that to help deal with increasing numbers of people being supported in these facilities. Home and community services, for activities like showering, getting dressed, preparing a meal, and house work, is to receive another \$6.6 million a year". "There's \$2.5 million in the next year for equipment and modification services. This is on top of the \$27 million announced in March last year to address waiting times and increasing costs."

Other areas of disability support that have received extra annual funding in this year's Budget include:

- \$1.5m for respite for carers to be able to take a short break
- \$2.8m to help disabled people learn skills to live more independently
- \$2.5m for assessment, treatment and rehabilitation services, where District Health Boards coordinate help for disabled people to recover from a setback and live as independently as possible.

A range of community based services are also getting extra money covering rehabilitation, head injuries, child development, and specialist support. Mr Ryall says, "Despite well known financial

pressures, this Government has invested an extra \$1.5 billion in new money for Health in our first term. We are protecting and growing New Zealand's public health service".

"Importantly, however, we must recognise the amazing efforts that disabled persons and their families go to, in determining the right pathway forward, that best meets their needs," said Mrs Turia. "I am hopeful that the new model of disability support, the emphasis on individualised funding and the opportunities to promote local area coordination will all help to make the positive difference we need to see in improving outcomes for disabled persons," ended Mrs Turia.

OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Office for the Community and Voluntary Sector (Department of Internal Affairs)

On 13 June 2011 Cabinet endorsed the Kia Tūtahi Standing Together Relationship Accord. The Kia Tūtahi Relationship Accord is an important symbol of commitment between government and communities to build strong relationships. The Prime Minister and the Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector will host a signing ceremony at Parliament on 1 August 2011. Following the ceremony there will be opportunities for communities to sign the Accord at a small number of regional events and online. For more information go to [Kia Tūtahi: the Accord](#). The Ministry of Health is one of 6 Government agencies selected to champion the Accord. More detail on this in future newsletters.

Department of Labour (Employment Relations)

The Department of Labour has a number of useful, easy to use resources and tools on their web site <http://www.dol.govt.nz/er/> including:

- Employment relationship (from beginning to end)
- Tools, templates and calculators
- Changes to the law (the most recent being that from 1 July 2011, employers must keep signed copies of employment agreements or terms and conditions of employment for all employees).
- Minimum employment rights
- How to hire
- Holidays and leave
- Pay and the minimum wage
- Solving problems at work
- Unions and collective bargaining
- Workplace productivity (including building leadership and management capability; creating productive workplace cultures; encouraging innovation and the use of technology; investing in people and skills; organizing work; networking and collaboration; measuring what matters.
- Safety culture..... and more.

As well as being accessing these resources on-line, you can order hard copies at no charge

<http://www.dol.govt.nz/er/order/>.

Ministry of Social Development Statement of Intent: 2011-2015

The Ministry's Statement of Intent sets out how it will work over the next three to five years to achieve high-level outcomes for the wellbeing of all New Zealanders. [Link to Chapters and Full Strategy](#).

Office for Disability Issues

Read the latest news from the Office for Disability Issues and related disability matters [ODI - what's happening](#).

NGO INFORMATION

The Youth Mentoring Network

The Youth Mentoring Network, with support from the Ministry of Youth Development have developed How-to Tools for Mentors. You can access a new How-to Tool each month. Current sheets include: How to manage behavioural issues with your mentee; How to identify & engage your mentee in community activities; How to help your mentee set and achieve their own goals; and How to assist your mentee to build resilience. See [Online Factsheets](#).

A Snapshot of New Zealand's Charitable Sector.

The Charities Commission has published a very interesting document called "A snapshot of New Zealand's Charitable Sector." It indicates that there are 1,823 health organizations registered as charities spending a total of \$3.4billion. The report can be found at [Snapshot](#). Also, read the latest news from the Charities Commission on <http://www.charities.govt.nz/>

Doing More with Less report.

According to the latest survey of not-for-profit organizations by Grant Thornton NZ, the three most challenging issues for the not-for-profit sector are the same as the previous survey: Where will the money (funding) come from; given that choices need to be made, where shall we spend our money; how do we retain and motivate key staff? To download the report visit: [Doing More with Less](#).

Links to other sources of NGO information:

- **Community Sector Taskforce:** For updates on what's happening in Tangata Whenua, Community and Voluntary Sector go to [Te Harakeke - week ending 1 July 2011](#)
- **New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services (NZCCSS):** [Policy Watch](#) is a current awareness "e-letter" compiled fortnightly. It provides a tool for keeping track of emerging issues, policy developments and other relevant news snippets and links.
- **Not-For-Profit News:** For news, insight, and opportunities on all things non-profit check out the latest [Not-For-Profit News](#). [update]
- **Volunteering NZ:** For the latest news from Volunteering NZ, check out their website <http://www.volunteeringnz.org.nz/>
- **Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand:** A free weekly newsletter to people interested in new resources and research in the mental health and community development fields. Click [here](#) to subscribe. Or [here](#) to view the latest bulletins.
- **Access Tourism New Zealand:** The Access Tourism New Zealand website is about tourism and travel for people with disabilities, seniors, and ageing Baby Boomers. Go to www.accesstourismnz.org.nz for the latest news about Access Tourism in New Zealand, Asia-Pacific, and the world.

REQUESTS FOR SUBMISSIONS

Proposal that Traditional Chinese Medicine Become a Regulated Profession

Traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) practitioners groups have applied to the Ministry of Health to be regulated under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003. The proposal to regulate the TCM profession outlines the reasons for regulating a profession, a brief background on the profession and invites comments on the proposal. If you have evidence that is relevant to the questions in the proposal please provide references to these to inform the final decision about regulation. Click [here](#) for more information.

Rules for Incorporated Societies

The Law Commission is an independent Crown entity under the Crown Entities Act 2004. It is funded by government and reviews areas of the law that need updating, reforming or developing. It makes recommendations to Parliament. The Commission is consulting on the legal structure and rules of incorporated societies. Currently much of the not-for-profit sector in New Zealand is governed by the century old Incorporated Societies Act 1908 – an Act which the Law Commission argues is in need of major reform. The Commission is seeking feedback on a range of issues and options for reform raised in the paper “Reforming the Incorporated Societies Act 1908” including:

- whether all societies should, as a condition of incorporation, be subject to certain minimum governance rules that they cannot vary;
- whether a new Act ought to provide a code that makes the obligations of committee members clearer;
- how the Act should provide for the resolution of disputes between members and their societies;
- what rules societies ought to be required to have in their constitution, and the nature of those rules.

The Commission also considers whether a new Incorporated Societies Act should also replace the ability to incorporate under the Charitable Trusts Act. The paper is available [here](#). To make a submission go to [Make a submission](#). Submissions close on 30 September 2011.

FUNDING, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

New Zealand Winston Churchill Memorial Trust – Fellowship applications due by 31 July 2011

Fellows are granted up to 80 per cent of travel costs and can spend between three weeks and three months overseas. The average grant is between \$5,000 and \$7,000. Fellows approved during the 2010/11 financial year are conducting research in the fields of education, social welfare, health, conservation, technology and the arts. **Applications close on 31 July 2011.** Successful applicants will be announced in December 2011. To obtain an application form, or to learn more about the Trust, visit the Department of Internal Affairs’ website via the following link: [New Zealand Winston Churchill Memorial Trust](#) or phone 0800 824 824.

Te Puni Kōkiri (Ministry of Māori Development)

Information on funding available from The Puni Kōkiri can be found [here](#).

COGS 2011/12 funding round opened 1 June.

Applications for Community Organisation Grants Scheme (COGS) funding opened on 1 June and close on 27 July 2011. For further information go to <http://www.cdgo.govt.nz> or <http://www.dia.govt.nz> or call 0800 824 824 between 8am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

Woman of the Year Award

Next magazine’s Woman of the Year Award recognizes NZ women in five fields: Health and Science, Arts and Culture, Sports, Business and Community. The magazine is looking for a leader who has inspired others through their tenacity, commitment and big picture thinking. Entries close on 15 August. For more information go to diagos@acpmedia.co.nz

Search for leading innovators

The NZ Innovators Awards cover a number of categories including Health and Science. Entries close on 12 August. For more information (including evaluation criteria) go to www.innovators.org.nz

TRAINING, EDUCATION AND CONFERENCES

Careerforce

Revised level 2 qualification: There is a revised level 2 qualification, the National Certificate in Health, Disability, and Aged Support (Foundation Skills) (Level 2) version 3 which is open from 1 July 2011. The revised qualification contains fewer compulsory unit standards. This means workplaces and trainees will have more freedom to choose electives relevant to their work and clients. Trainees will also be able to access a range of newly developed unit standards covering topics such as dementia, personal cares, and end-of-life care.

To coincide with the launch of Foundation Skills version 3, Careerforce has developed a range of resources that support employers to provide successful workplace-based training to their staff. These include enhanced learning and assessment resources, and the development of a literacy and learning support package for employers. This package includes free employer professional development workshops, and funds eligible employers for every active trainee undertaking the online literacy assessment. For more information on the revised Foundation Skills qualification, and the package of supports which accompany it, click [here](#).

National Certificate in Health, Disability, and Aged Support: On 15 August trainees will be able to enrol in the National Certificate in Health, Disability, and Aged Support (Core Competencies) (Level 3) version 5. Like the revised Foundation Skills national certificate, this qualification will contain fewer compulsory unit standards and more elective unit standards, allowing employers and trainees to “build” a qualification tailored to their needs. For the latest news from Careerforce, click [here](#).

Disability Workforce Development e-newsletter (Te Pou):

To read the monthly e-newsletter and see what training and training grants are available go to [Disability Workforce Development](#).

IT for non-technical Leaders workshops (Waipuna Hotel, Auckland)

A series of four half day workshops for non-technical NGO leaders and managers with IT budget and governance responsibilities. Each workshop covers a critical IT management issue and provides delegates with tools to understand and direct their IT environment with confidence; overcoming the techno-babble and cutting through the hype. The cost is \$95 (inc GST) each, \$350 for all four. For more details contact hazel@dalejennings.co.nz or visit www.dalejennings.co.nz

- August 9th - Technology Planning for Business Results
- August 16th - Selecting Technology and Suppliers
- August 23rd - Successful Project sponsorship
- August 30th - Business Continuity: One Size Fits No One

Partnering with clients to make services effective, accountable and just

Wesley Community Action is hosting Dr Barry Duncan, an internationally acclaimed therapist, researcher for an advanced workshop in Wellington on 15/16 August and an introductory workshop in Auckland on 22/23 August. The workshops are suitable for practitioners (psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, nurses, counselors, community workers and youth workers) who have used the outcome management system, managers of services, and policy makers. Registration fee \$400 GST inclusive (includes lunch and morning and afternoon teas and training material). For further information and general enquiries contact Kerry Telfer (04 805 0870). To register contact Isobel Macdonald (04 577 8990 or email training@wesleyca.org.nz).

Navigate – the 2011 New Zealand Youth Mentoring Conference (Auckland 16-17 August)

Lead trainer Jane Edwards along with a series of specialist presenters take you through their workbook that covers, an introduction to youth mentoring, designing and planning your youth mentoring programme, evaluation and monitoring, governance and management, business basics, recruitment of volunteers and mentees, selection and screening, orientation and training and making and supporting the match. Cost \$395.00 + GST. [Register](#) here.

Advocacy Training

The Children's Commissioner offers a Child Rights Advocacy Training programme to communities throughout NZ. The programme is organised and facilitated by trained and experienced staff from the

Office of the Children's Commissioner. The workshop discusses children's position in society and the need for advocacy. It promotes knowledge and interest in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCROC) and its use when advocating for a child. The overall intention is to share advocacy skills and to inform how they can be applied to your current work. The training is designed to be inclusive of the diverse range of people who undertake paid and unpaid work involving children and young people. For more information go to [advocacy training](#).

Victory Village Forum - Nelson, 27-29 July 2011

New Zealand's inaugural conference about family centred, community-led development, the Victory Village Forum is a national event about local development. The conference is from Wednesday 27 – Friday 29 July 2011. Click here to [view the programme and register](#).

New Zealand Home Health Association Conference, 3 - 5 August 2011, Wellington

The New Zealand Home Health Association (NZHHA) will be holding their annual conference from 3 to 5 August 2011 in Wellington, with this year's theme being "Fronting Up." Conference sessions will include re-ablement; integrated and shared care models; nursing clinical oversight; disability leadership; chronic condition management; quality assurance – measuring outcomes. The Hon Tony Ryall, Minister of Health, will open the conference and host a pre-dinner function in the Parliamentary legislative chamber. For more information go to www.nzhha.org.nz/conference.

Health of the Health Professional Conference – Auckland, 3-5 November 2011

This major international event, being held in Auckland from 3-5 November 2011, focuses on bringing together employers, staff and unions across the health and caring professions to raise awareness and advance the state of knowledge about issues that affect the health of health workers. The conference is being jointly hosted by the Goodfellow Unit at The University of Auckland, and the Australasian Doctors' Health Network. Conference themes include: Building resilience, coping strategies, re-energising using holistic approaches; caring for your colleagues; practical advice on career transitions and flexible ways of working. Early Bird registrations close on 1st September 2011. More information is available at www.hohp.org.nz.

Mental Health Law Conference

Buddle Findlay and the Australian and New Zealand Association of Psychiatry, Psychology and Law (ANZAPPL) are presenting a full day Mental Health Law Conference in five centres across the country - Wellington (12 August 2011), Dunedin (18 August 2011), Christchurch (19 August 2011), Hamilton (25 August 2011) and Auckland (26 August 2011). The conference will be a forum for inter-disciplinary discussion of key legal issues facing lawyers, clinicians and consumers working in mental health with a view to continuing to improve the way in which mental health services are provided in New Zealand. Registration fee is \$250.00 + GST (total = \$287.50). For more information and registration go to [Mental Health Law Conference](#).

The Big Event™ Health & Disability Expo, 2 & 3 December 2011 (Auckland)

The Big Event™ World of Possibilities, Disabilities, Healthy Aging and Independent Living Expo will be held on 2 and 3 December 2011 at ASB Expo Centre, Greenlane. The Expo will provide an opportunity to enhance your knowledge and to explore the latest products, services, technology and resources. For information how you or your group or business can be involved, email adpnexpo@gmail.com.

Waikato Health and Disability Expo – 16-17 September 2011, Hamilton

From its beginnings as a grassroots community initiative in 2003, The Waikato Health & Disability Expo has grown to become a successful annual event improving access to information and services, and raising awareness of health and disability issues. The event enjoys the support of like-minded organisations working for a healthier community including the Hamilton City Council and the Ministry of Social Development. [More here](#)

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www.ruralwomen.org.nz/ruralbulletin.htm.

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