



Health and Disability NGO email update for December 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 NGO 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.

You can read the most recent report from the Chair of the Health and Disability NGO Working Group, Jackie Edmond [here](#).

We hope to see you in Wellington on **29 March for the Health and Disability NGO National Forum**. The National Forum is an opportunity for engagement between the Ministry of Health and the NGO sector. Watch for details of speakers and presentations in early 2012 - together with details on how to register. Organised by the NGO Working Group in conjunction with the Ministry of Health, this event has no registration fee.

We wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday.

Kind regards,

Joan Mirkin
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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.

Previous issues of the NGO email update are available on the NGO Working Group website - [NGO email updates](#).

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH INFORMATION

New Deputy Director-General Policy appointed

The Ministry of Health has appointed Don Gray as Deputy Director-General, Policy. He will be joining the Ministry at the end of January from the Ministry of Social Development where he has held a number of senior positions, most recently as Chief Policy Advisor. He will be familiar to many in the NGO sector in his role as co-chair of the steering group that developed the [Kia Tutatahi Relationship Accord between the Communities of Aotearoa and the Government of NZ.](#)

Don has wide social policy experience both in New Zealand and internationally with the OECD. He has worked on issues across the social policy spectrum including income support and employment policy, retirement incomes and ageing, disability issues and community-government relationships.

New Ministry of Health website: <http://www.health.govt.nz/home>

The Ministry of Health has launched its new website that is more user-friendly and better meets users' needs. Every day, around 4,300 New Zealanders access the Ministry website. The Ministry is responding to feedback by providing a better web experience, an improved search function and new design and navigation to make information easier to find. A new dedicated section ([Your Health](#)) contains quality health information for individuals, families and communities.

Ministry of Health media releases

For the latest media releases from the Ministry of Health go to www.moh.govt.nz/media.

The Ministry's structure and business units

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

National Health Board (NHB)

Disability support services: Choice in Community Living is an alternative to residential services. It is about opening up opportunities for disabled people and their family to have more choice and control about their living circumstances - where they live, who they live with and how they are supported. Choice in Community Living will be the subject of a demonstration to determine whether it is a cost-effective option that effectively supports disabled people and their families and whanau to live better lives and, if so, the most effective ways of implementing it. The Ministry of Health anticipates that the demonstration will take place in Auckland and Waikato for up to 150 people over a three year period ending in October 2014. Click [here](#) for more details.

EHealth Insider interview with Chai Chuah: Ehealth Insider is based in the United Kingdom - the National Health Board Director, Chai Chuah talked to them recently about New Zealand's IT Health Plan. Health IT should be an "agent of change" rather than something that tries to "drive change in itself," says Chai. [More.](#)

National IT Health Board: For the latest newsletter click [here](#)

This latest issue includes:

- Exciting times for eReferrals
- Central Region Information Systems Plan a first
- Peter Gow – a leading clinical voice
- National Information Clinical Leadership Group update
- Project introduces new way of sharing maternity health information
- HISO Update including National cancer data standards developed
- Health terminology meeting focuses on collaboration
- Clinicians' Challenge 2011 - winners announced

OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Ministry of Social Development Journal, *Rise* (December 2011):

Read *Rise* [here](#). The theme of the December journal is innovation. It includes articles about people and organisations working in new and innovative ways, an introduction to Brendan Boyle, the new CEO of MSD as well as regular features.

Office for Disability Issues

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

The Office for Disability Issues has published a guide, '*Make your communications more accessible. Quick tips for writers, communicators, designers and production houses*'. This guide was produced with the help of Robyn Hunt of AccEase and the Ministry of Social Development's Communications team. [Read the new resource](#)

Families Commission

Teens having babies – challenges and opportunities: [New research](#) undertaken by the Families Commission looks at the tough realities of teen parenting, busts some myths and says there are important steps we can take to provide greater support, choice and opportunity for young mums and dads. Read the press release [here](#).

Mātiro Whakamua: looking over the horizon documents the words of 10 powerful women advocates, as shared with Colleen Tuuta at kitchen tables, in lounges or on front porches. Stories of leadership, problem-solving and negotiation with the Crown reveal frustration, bitter disappointment and grief, but also determination, wisdom, achievement and hope. [Link to Full Report](#)

Mental Health Commission

The Mental Health Commission is developing a new Blueprint ('Blueprint II') for the Mental Health and Addiction Sector. This work will update the 1998 'Blueprint for Mental Health Services in New Zealand: How Things Need to Be'. A draft discussion document will be completed by the end of December 2011. Consultation with the sector will occur in early 2012. [Read more on the new blueprint](#).

MINISTERS' MEDIA RELEASES

Media Releases and speeches

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

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

Hon Tony Ryall

Boost in national preventive health targets (29 November)

The latest quarterly results for the six National Health Targets have been published. Health Minister Tony Ryall says there is good improvement in the preventive health targets for quarter one 2011/12 – particularly with better help for smokers to quit. "In this three month period, around 30,230 hospital patients who smoke received brief help and advice to quit – an internationally recognised health prevention measure. That's a national average increase of nearly four per cent (up from 85 per cent last quarter). "We're also seeing positive improvement in fully immunising our children by two years of age – up from 90.4 per cent coverage in the last quarter, to 90.8 per cent against the target this year of 95 per cent.

"And 100 per cent of patients who were ready for cancer radiation treatment received that treatment within four weeks of their first specialist radiation oncology assessment. We have the excellent performance from our hospital cancer teams to thank for that. "DHBs have again increased elective surgery. They performed 38,555 elective operations this quarter – 3 per cent and 1275 more than planned.

"Emergency departments experienced increased pressure this winter, and the shorter stays in EDs target decreased slightly to 90 per cent. But this is a significant improvement on the 86 per cent achieved during the same winter quarter last year. "The better diabetes and cardiovascular services target also reduced slightly this quarter to 70 per cent, compared with 72 per cent last quarter. "This is a complicated target which has shown to be of little clinical benefit to patients, and is under review."

Mr Ryall says these new national health target results demonstrate that the public health service remains fully committed to delivering better care for patients. [Link](#) to Ministry of Health website.

Hon Jonathan Coleman

New youth forensic mental health services announced (17 November)

Forensic mental health services are being boosted by \$33 million to improve early intervention and treatment services for youth offenders, Associate Health Minister Dr Jonathan Coleman announced today. The funding, spread over four years, will provide mental health, alcohol and drug assessment services for the 4200 young offenders who appear in youth courts each year. This will allow referral to relevant health services as appropriate.

"Identifying and addressing alcohol and drug issues, as well as any underlying mental health conditions, as part of the court process could help turn young lives around," says Dr Coleman.

An additional 41 FTE mental health workers will be employed across New Zealand. As part of their role, these workers will operate in all 63 youth courts to provide coordination between the courts and mental health services. They will also be involved in providing care for those offenders assessed as needing intervention.

A major new development is the funding of 8-10 new secure forensic mental health beds for young people requiring hospitalisation. These beds will provide care for up to 65 individuals who need acute treatment each year and will be available from 2013. Back in July, Capital & Coast DHB opened a six-bed national secure forensic unit for youth offenders with an intellectual disability, and this will complement this service. "These services will help fill the gaps in current youth forensic mental health services and assist DHBs in providing a nationally consistent level of youth focused services across the country," Dr Coleman says. "The new services will help improve youth mental health and break the cycle of offending by ensuring early intervention, and where necessary, treatment in a secure environment." [More](#).

NGO INFORMATION

Community Sector Taskforce

For jobs available in the NGO sector and updates on what's happening in Tangata Whenua, Community and Voluntary Sector go to [Te Harakeke](#)

Not-For-Profit News (Australia)

For news, insight, and opportunities on all things non-profit check out the latest [Not-for-Profit News](#)

Volunteering NZ

For the latest news from Volunteering NZ, check out their website [here](#).

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. <http://www.mentalhealth.org.nz/page/1077-e-bulletin+e-bulletin-archive+2-december>

REQUESTS FOR SUBMISSIONS

Information Governance in the NZ Health Sector (submissions close 31 January 2012)

The [Information Governance in the NZ Health Sector discussion document](#) is now open for feedback and comment. Responses are due by 31 January 2012 and may be emailed to enquiries@ithealthboard.health.nz. The purpose of this discussion document is to set up an Information Governance Framework for the New Zealand health and disability sector to assist with decision-making about the use of health information.

There are many complex issues relating to the governance of information across the sector. The framework will be crucial for the future interoperability of the health system and for implementing shared care records. The framework will also help provide leadership and accountability for the sector and significantly reduce duplication of effort and fragmentation.

Government Green Paper on Vulnerable Children (submissions close 28 February 2012)

A Government Green Paper has been produced on vulnerable children who have childhoods that make it unlikely they will thrive, belong, and achieve. The Green Paper has some ideas about what the Government could do to improve outcomes for vulnerable children. It aims to open up discussions about the issues and it is a chance for you to have your say. Submissions are due by 28 February 2012. Once all of the submissions have been received and analysed, a White Paper will be released outlining the Vulnerable Children's Action Plan which will be published in 2012. See [green paper](#).

The Family Court Review: Public consultation paper (submissions close 29 February 2012)

The Ministry of Justice is undertaking a review of the Family Court system to make it more "sustainable, efficient, cost-effective and responsive to those vulnerable adults and children who need access to its services" and is seeking public input. For more information [visit the Ministry of Justice website](#).

Inquiry into the determinants of wellbeing for Maori children (no closing date yet)

The Maori Affairs Select Committee is holding an inquiry into the determinants of wellbeing for Maori children ([Link to parliament website](#)). The terms of reference are to inquire into:

- the historical and current health, education, and welfare profiles of Maori children. This would take account of the transmission of life circumstances between generations, and how this impacts on Maori children
- the extent of public investment in Maori children across the health, education, social services, and justice sectors—and whether this investment is adequate and equitable
- how public investment in the health, education, social services, and justice can be used to ensure the well-being of Maori children
- the social determinants necessary for healthy growth and development for Maori children
- the significance of whanau for strengthening Maori children
- policy and legislative pathways to address the findings of this inquiry.

FUNDING, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

The Funding Information Service

The Funding Information Service is a not-for-profit organisation collecting and distributing information about funding by way of three separate searchable computer databases, FundView, BreakOut and CorporateCitizens. See [funding information](#).

Te Puni Kōkiri (Ministry of Māori Development)

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

The Disability Employment Innovation Fund

Message from Jan Scown, Director - Employment Innovation Fund: “You may have read that the Government recently announced a brand new opportunity for employers or NGOs that want to try out different ways of getting disabled people into jobs. The Employment Innovation Fund provides \$500,000 to support closing the long-standing gap in employment between disabled and non-disabled people.

The Fund is a result of the Employment Summit we facilitated earlier this year, involving disabled people’s organisations, government agencies and employers. I strongly encourage employers and NGOs to make the most of this exciting opportunity. The level of interest in this is likely to inform future decisions about what would make a real difference”.

The first funding round closed on 16 December 2011. A second funding round closes on 13 January 2012. Your initiative will need to be completed by 30 June 2012. Projects or services funded or eligible for funding from existing employment programmes are excluded. [Read more on the Fund](#)

Tā Tātou Mahere Korowai Award

The Tā Tātou Mahere Korowai Award has been established to support Service Providers to engage rangatahi Māori (under 25 years) as advisors or opinion leaders, and listen to and include them as agents for change. The aim of the award is to assist in the establishment of Rangatahi Advisory Groups for Child and Adolescent Mental Health, Addiction and Whānau Ora services, via the implementation of Tā Tātou Mahere Korowai (Guidelines for Setting Up Rangatahi Advisory Groups for Child and Adolescent Mental Health, Addiction, and Whānau Ora Services). Two awards to the value of \$7,500 each will be made in 2012. Applications close 5pm Friday, 20 January 2012. [Information and Application forms](#).

Bob Henare & Harry Pitman Excellence Awards

These Excellence Awards are in honour of Bob Henare and Harry Pitman and their many contributions to Māori leadership in the mental health and addiction sectors. The overall aim of these Awards is to support Māori Leadership in the Addictions and Mental Health sector by recognising excellence, innovation and best practice. Applications are by nomination only. To download application/nomination and information booklets visit: <https://www.matatini.co.nz/news> Applications close 5pm, Friday 20 January 2012.

Henry Rongomau Bennett Māori Health Leadership Scholarships 2012

Te Rau Matatini have scholarships available for Māori undergraduate and postgraduate ākonga and kaimahi who work or aspire to work in leadership roles in Māori health (health, mental health and addictions). Applications for the Henry Rongomau Bennett Leadership in Māori Health scholarships are now open and the closing date is 20 January 2012. For more information see [Te Rau Matatini's website](#).

TRAINING, EDUCATION, RESOURCES AND CONFERENCES

CommunityNet Aotearoa

CommunityNet Aotearoa has a useful website outlining [training opportunities](#). It also has "[how to](#)" guides for setting up and running community organisations and projects.

Careerforce

Careerforce is the industry training organisation for the health, disability, aged support and social services sectors. To view the latest news from Careerforce, go to [eChat](#).

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](#).

Child protection workshops

Learn more about workshops for professionals working with kids. Contact Child, Youth and Family 0508 FAMILY

Working together to keep children safe

Get the Child, Youth and Family resource for teachers, health and social services providers or anyone working with families and children [here](#)

Community Accounts Mentoring Service

The Community Accounts Mentoring Service (CAMS) provides training and up-skilling in accounting and financial management by a chartered accountant with adult education experience for community and voluntary organisations in Wellington. The CAMS Model is available on compact disc and includes a complete set of all the client forms and guide sheets CAMS has so far developed, together with operational procedures. This free resource is suitable for agencies that support a number of community and voluntary organisations. For more information, visit www.cams.wellington.net.nz.

Managing Volunteers Online Course

Volunteering NZ has partnered with Xperts to provide the [Introduction to Managing Volunteers online course](#). It's proving popular, so if you're thinking of investing in some training for you or for your team, consider this in your training plans.

2012 Summer Programme: Social Science Research Methods. Wellington (13/14 February 2012)

The New Zealand Social Statistics Network is offering fifteen 5-day courses, one 3-day course and one 2-day course on social science research methods. The courses take place at Victoria University of Wellington's School of Government. [More.](#)

Not-For-Profit Conference 2012 (23/24 February 2012)

This year's conference, to be held over 23/24 February 2012 at the CQ Conference Centre in Wellington, will include speakers Jenny Prince (CEO of Plunket), Bob Frame (futurist) Chris Clark (CEO World Vision) and Viv Maidaborn supported by a host of New Zealand's leading not-for-profit (NFP) practitioners. The conference will focus on providing practical management / leadership skills and learnings that can be applied in your own organisation, along with some sound thinking about the techniques required to run a sustainable NFP as resources get tighter while demand for services increase. [More](#)

Easy Evaluation (Auckland, 5-7 March 2012)

The SHORE and Whariki Research Centre are contracted by the Ministry of Health to provide evaluation training plus organisational and individual support for the public health workforce and community organisations with a public health focus (targeting communities, groups and environments rather than the delivery of personal health services). For more information go to [evaluation workshop](#)

The Big Event™ Health & Disability Expo (Auckland 9/10 March 2012)

The Big Event™ World of Possibilities, Disabilities, Healthy Aging and Independent Living Expo will now be held on 9-10 March 2012 (delayed from 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.

Health and Disability NGO National Forum (Wellington 29 March 2012)

We hope to see you in Wellington on 29 March for the Health and Disability NGO National Forum. The National Forum is an opportunity for engagement between the Ministry of Health and the NGO sector. Watch for details of speakers and presentations in early 2012 - together with details on how to register. Organised by the NGO Working Group in conjunction with the Ministry of Health, this event has no registration fee.

New Zealand's first international conference on Individualised Funding and Self Directed Services: the Opportunities, Challenges and Cautions (Hamilton 27-29 June 2012).

This conference will explore what has been learnt about the implementation and contribution of Individualised Funding to the life opportunities of people with disabilities and their families both internationally and within New Zealand. The conference themes are:

- the opportunities provided by Individualised Funding in advancing life aspirations.
- the challenges that adopting Individualised Funding will bring to disabled people, families, service providers, funders and policy makers.
- the predictable cautions likely to arise with the adoption of Individualised Funding as a key change strategy for the development and delivery of supports.

For more information go to: www.imaginebetter.co.nz

International Indigenous Development Research Conference (Auckland 27-30 June 2012)

The 5th Biennial Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga conference will highlight indigeneity and the multidisciplinary approach used for indigenous development. The conference will welcome indigenous scholars from many different research fields and many nations as we come together and share knowledge, develop ideas and create innovative approaches to research. Working together, we can connect over our horizons and create future opportunities for indigenous peoples worldwide. Conference registrations open January 2012. For details visit: [conference](#).

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 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](#).

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While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information contained in this newsletter, the Ministry of Health is not responsible for any omissions, inaccuracies or changes that may have taken place after publication.

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

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