



Health and Disability NGO email update for June 2011

Greetings,

My name is Joan Mirkin, the Ministry of Health's new NGO Relationship Manager. In the past I have worked in both the Ministry of Health and the NGO sector and look forward to this opportunity to facilitate communication and engagement between the Ministry and NGOs. Those of you who were around in the early 2000s may recall that I was involved in the NGO desk and the Ministry/NGO relationship in those early days. It's great to be back!

Marie Day, the previous NGO Relationship Manager has moved to a new role in the Ministry as Development Manager, Family and Community Support Team (Disability Support Services) and will continue to take an active interest in the Ministry/NGO relationship.

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,

Joan Mirkin
NGO Relationship Manager
Ministry of Health

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.

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&m_id=2.1.

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

Influenza 2011 - The latest updates can be found on the Ministry of Health website: <http://www.moh.govt.nz/influenza-a-h1n1>.

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Ministry of Health media releases

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2011-2014 Ministry of Health Statement of Intent

The Statement of Intent (www.health.govt.nz/publications/statement-intent/statement-intent-2011-2014) outlines the strategic direction for the Ministry of Health over the three-year period of the document. This includes discussion of the outcomes being sought by the Ministry and the main priorities for the future work programme. Some high-level detail about work plans is provided in the Operating Intentions section of the document, along with measures by which the Ministry can demonstrate success.

The Minister of Health has identified seven priority areas that will drive the work programme of the Ministry in the medium term:

- improving the quality of health care, especially delivering on health targets
- bringing health services closer to home
- improving the health and independence of older people
- strengthening the health workforce
- improving value for money
- implementing Whānau Ora
- responding to the Christchurch earthquake.

Primary Care – Better, Sooner, More Convenient Health Care in the Community (June 2011)

The Ministry of Health has just released a new booklet, [Better, Sooner, More Convenient Health Care in the Community](#). This booklet looks at a new policy direction for health, introduced two years ago, which creates an environment where health professionals in the community are actively encouraged to work with one another, and with hospital-based clinicians to deliver health care in a co-ordinated and co-operative manner so that more services are delivered in the community, people wait less for services and are kept healthier in the community.

Treatments which were once hospital-only are increasingly being performed in the community by GPs and practice nurses who have received additional training from hospital specialists. Examples you'll see in this booklet include intravenous antibiotics to treat the serious skin disease cellulitis, surgery to remove skin lesions and giving GPs direct access to diagnostic imaging (instead of having to refer patients to hospital for that imaging).

Professional boundaries are also changing, enabling tasks to be done in a way which frees up the time of our most highly trained professionals and our hospital services to focus on patients with the most complex needs.

The booklet includes examples of the innovation and ingenuity which community-based health professionals have already brought to this new approach to health - things they are now able to do to provide better, sooner and more convenient health services to the people of this country.

National Reference Group for New Model for Supporting Disabled People.

The Ministry of Health has confirmed the membership of the National Reference Group as its national point of reference for strategic input into the work on its New Model for Supporting Disabled People. The New Model seeks to improve the way disabled people get information and individual support, bringing more choice, control and flexibility.

The National Reference Group will enable disabled people and disability organisations to support the New Model by providing strategic input during the planning and implementation of the demonstration project and the development of the New Model. It will also provide a link for communication between the Ministry's Disability Support Services and a wider national audience. The Group is committed to working with MOH to ensure disabled people/whānau have easier access to a wider range of resources to improve quality of life and community engagement.

Sixteen people have been selected. They provide a diverse mix of people with varied life experiences as disabled people and families/whanau. The group includes disabled people and family/whanau (or representatives) with experience of physical and intellectual disability and sensory impairment, complex conditions and Maori and Pasifika members. Alongside them are people experienced in disability services: in Needs Assessment and Service Coordination, Supported Living and Disability Information and Advisory Services.

Members of the group are: Richard Buchanan, Tony Blackett, Mary Butler, David Corner, David Darling, Bronwen Foxx, Matt Frost, Paul Gibson, Latoa Halatau, Dale Johnson, Philip Patston, Lorna Sullivan, David Tamatea, John Taylor, Maaka Tibble and Anne Wilkinson.

Details of the [New Model](#) and updates on the work can be found on the Ministry's website.

For further information contact: **Inclusion Aotearoa** Ruth Gerzon Ph (07) 3124191 and (0274) 308 149 or inclusionaotearoa@gmail.com

Health Workforce New Zealand E-booklets 31 May 2011

HWNZ has developed two e-booklets about its workforce innovations programme and retention initiatives. Whilst they are not focussed specifically on the NGO sector, you may find them interesting.

- [Workforce Innovations \(PDF, 372.05 KB\)](#)
- [Retention Initiatives \(PDF, 354.34 KB\)](#)

Use of Information technology to improve outcomes (from the IT Health Board web site)

TXT2Remind dramatically improves immunisation rates. Raukura Hauora O Tainui is now a top performer as immunisation rates shift from 55 to 98 percent in just over a year. Raukura Hauora O Tainui, an iwi charitable trust PHO with more than 20,000 clients, has dramatically improved its immunisation rates by utilising a common technology in an innovative way. [Read more.....](#)

NGO INFORMATION

Community Sector Taskforce – latest weekly updates

For updates on what's happening in Tangata Whenua, Community and Voluntary Sector. [Te Harakeke - week ending 27 May 2011](#)

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 27 May 2011](#)

[Mental Health Foundation 3 June 2011](#)

New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services (NZCCSS) – latest Policy Watch update.

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. Items of interest in the [latest NZCCSS Policy Watch](#) newsletter includes:

- Opportunity to Reduce Inequality – Closer Together Whakatata Mai
- Treasury is worried about the gap between the 'haves' and the 'have nots'
- He hath filled *the rich* with good things; and *the hungry* he hath sent empty away
- Welfare reform for whom?
- Are we looking after our older people (sort of)...
- ... at the expense of our young people?

Not-For-Profit News – latest news

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

Volunteering NZ

Volunteer Awareness week kicks off on Sunday 19th June. For the latest news from Volunteering NZ, check out their website <http://www.volunteeringnz.org.nz/>

IHC Hot Issues

For IHC hot issues including, “less with less”, “honey – I shrunk the government” and “the only growth area – inequalities” see [IHC hot Issues](#)

We Care! A campaign for carers

Carers NZ and the NZ Carers Alliance have launched a social and political awareness campaign for carers. Go to <http://www.wecare.org.nz/> for more information.

Careerforce eChat

For the latest news from Careerforce, go to [May eChat](#). This edition includes information about development of a new online dementia resource, supporting employers to meet trainee literacy needs, the skills for Growth subsidy and more.

Disability Workforce Development e-newsletter

Disability Workforce Development at Te Pou is a programme dedicated to supporting workforce development for frontline disability support staff. Their job is to support and facilitate access to leadership and training resources for the sector. A key aim is national consistency and regional responsiveness. In partnership with the [Ministry of Health](#) and [Te Pou](#), Disability Workforce Development provides independent training coordination services and administers training grants. It also supports the existing Disability Support Services Leadership Development and Consumer Leadership Development initiatives.

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

Access Tourism New Zealand – News & Updates

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.

Go to www.accesstourismnz.org.nz for the latest news about Access Tourism in New Zealand, Asia-Pacific, and the world.

REQUESTS FOR SUBMISSIONS AND FEEDBACK

Draft National Disability Plan for Maori 2011 to 2015 (www.moh.govt.nz/disability)

The Ministry of Health, Disability Support Services is holding three hui to gather the views of disabled Maori and their whanau or family about its draft National Disability Plan for Maori. The plan is in its draft stage and the Ministry is keen to hear your views and answer any questions you may have about the draft plan. Three hui are going to be held in the following places:

Hamilton, Thursday 9 June, Te Kohinga Marama Marae
Auckland, Friday 10 June, Nga Tapuwae Community Centre, Manukau
Invercargill, Monday 13 June, Invercargill Workngmans Club

It is important that you register if you would like to come along, so the Ministry has set up a special 0800 phone and text number for you, along with a dedicated email address. Please use the phone and email to raise any questions – e.g. if you need help with equipment or interpreters on the day.

Email: MOHFORUM@nzfdic.org.nz
Free phone: 0800 MOH FORUM (0800664367)

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

Community and Voluntary Sector Minister Tariana Turia is inviting New Zealanders wishing to undertake research overseas to apply for a fellowship from the New Zealand Winston Churchill Memorial Trust.

“Churchill Fellowships enable New Zealanders to benefit their communities by undertaking research overseas and bringing that international knowledge back home,” says Mrs Turia. “I am particularly keen to see more Maori and Pasifika people apply.”

Fellows are granted up to 80 per cent of their travel costs and can spend between three weeks and three months overseas. The average grant is between \$5000 and \$7000.

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.

Vodafone NZ Fellowship in Youth Health Leadership

Youth researchers and practitioners with strong leadership skills are being urged to apply for a Fellowship in Youth Health Leadership offered by The Vodafone New Zealand Foundation in association with SYHPANZ (Society of Youth Health Professionals Aotearoa New Zealand). The fellowship, worth \$90,000 over a 12-month period, has been established for promising mid-career researchers or practitioners with proven leadership in the youth sector to complete study, research or undertake a sabbatical. For more information visit: <http://foundation.vodafone.co.nz/what-we-fund/youth-health-fellowship/>

CONFERENCES, EVENTS AND TRAINING

Office for the Community and Voluntary Sector - Good Practice in Action seminar on 17 June to explore innovative ways to resource community activities

People power and money are the key ingredients needed to sustain most community groups and activities. While many groups struggle to attract volunteers, government is often the first port of call for funding. In these constrained economic times, new approaches are needed to support Kiwi communities. This Good Practice in Action seminar on 17 June profiles three innovative ways of getting real results for communities:

- How social media and cellphone technology mobilised Canterbury youth after the Christchurch earthquake - presented by Sam Johnson, Student Volunteer Army
- How the VolunteerNet website is changing the way event organisers recruit and manage volunteers - presented by Natalie Clark, Ministry of Economic Development
- How social lending to social enterprises can make money go further, and NGOs more effective - presented by Sue Cooper, Prometheus Finance.

Public servants and community sector agencies are encouraged to attend this no-charge event together in order to explore how they might change or adapt these approaches to help achieve their shared projects/goals. [More details](#)

Seminar to be held at the Deloitte Lounge, WestpacTrust Stadium, Wellington, Friday 17 June 2011, 9:00am - 2:45pm. To book rsvp to e-mail ocvs@dia.govt.nz or phone 04 494 5710

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. Please diary **Wednesday 27 – Friday 29 July 2011** and register your attendance as soon as possible. Click here to view the programme and register ... <http://www.confer.co.nz/VictoryForum/>

Mark Brown and Kindra Douglas from Victory School & Community Centre, along with the Families Commission and *Inspiring Communities*, invite you to join them in Nelson for an extended national conversation and dialogue, bringing together a group of innovative school and community leaders and practitioners, and representatives from local government, central government, support agencies, service providers, philanthropic organisations and NGOs. Experience Victory's approach - school based, family centred, community-led development. Deepen your understanding of new ways of working, and plan together for further success and tangible progress. Connect with cutting edge examples of community-led development with strong inter-agency relationships.

Streams topics:

- Schools
- Local Government
- Young People/Rangatahi
- Early Childhood & Young Parents
- Environment
- Hapu/Whanau
- Health and Wellbeing
- Recreation/Culture/Arts

Workshop topics:

- Evaluation, reporting
- What we're learning about Community Led Development
- Economic Development & Enterprise
- Working between sectors
- Lived Experience
- Applied Research Examples
- Ways of Connecting: Tamaki Inclusive Engagement
- Funding Sustainability

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."

NZHHA are planning a stimulating and challenging conference, focused on challenges ahead, current and future trends in home-based, disability and community care, local and international thinking, models and innovation. Conference sessions will include:

- Re-ablement
- Integrated and shared care models
- Nursing clinical oversight
- Disability leadership
- Chronic condition management
- Quality assurance – measuring outcomes.

The programme will be of particular interest to providers of health and disability services including home-based support providers, primary health care providers, health and education sector staff in central government and District Health Boards, political representatives, academics and thinkers, service and product providers. The Hon Tony Ryall, Minister of Health, will open the conference and host a pre-dinner function in the Parliamentary legislative chamber.

Registrations open on 1 March 2011. For more information go to www.nzhha.org.nz/conference.

Public Health Law and Public Health Ethics, University of Otago, distance based, July 2011

The distance based paper **PUBX 710 Public Health Law and Public Health Ethics** is offered by the University of Otago Department of Public Health (Wellington) paper and will begin on 10 July 2011. This paper will equip participants with an understanding of the framework, scope and content of public health law in New Zealand, and the impact of international law. The paper will also analyse concepts of public health ethics and apply them to particular public health topics.

The paper will run in the second semester of 2011. The paper is distance based, with two block courses at the Wellington campus, each of two days. The paper begins on 10 July (a Sunday).

No examination: internal assessment.

This paper will be valuable for health workers, public health practitioners, policy staff in government agencies (central and local) and non-government organisation, as well as those lawyers keen on extending their skills in the health sector. Access to a computer will be required to enable access to Blackboard (through the web). Blackboard participation will not be 'real-time'. **For more information: contact** Louise Delany who will be coordinating the paper, Louise.Delany@otago.ac.nz

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.

Participation is invited from doctors, specialists, nurses, medical students, allied health professionals, researchers, health sector employers, unions and government officials. The 3 day conference programme includes professional streams with plenty of opportunities for networking and shared insights. More information is available at www.hohp.org.nz.

Keynote speakers include: Prof Neill Piland - *The Economic Impact of Ill Health in the Healthcare Workforce*; Dr Lester Levy - *Dysfunctional workplaces*; Prof Erica Franks – *Why should we be healthy?*

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.

Sands national biennial conference, November 2011

Sands have been operating in Wanganui since the late '80's. Formerly Stillbirth and Newborn Death Support, they now known just as Sands and offer FREE support and practical help to all bereaved parents, family and whanau suffering the loss of a child, no matter the age, gestation or cause of death.

In the 25th year of Sands presence in New Zealand, and their eighth biennial conference, they are inviting parents, sands volunteers, health and caring professionals, community leaders, educators and anyone interested in pregnancy, baby loss or grief, to submit abstracts for their November 2011 conference.

The theme is 'Let's talk about it', encourages presenters to delve into areas that may be overlooked, and new perspective, as well as exploring areas that encourage dialogue among parents and professionals, creating a greater understanding of the impact on families around the tragic loss of a baby. Closing date for abstracts *31st March 2011*, email Catherine Bronnimann at contact@sandswanganui.com.

Mental Health Law Conference

Buddle Findlay and the Australian and New Zealand Association of Psychiatry, Psychology and Law (ANZAPPL) are pleased to present a full day Mental Health Law Conference in five centres across the country. It is intended that the conference be used as 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. For more information and registration go to ... [more about Mental Health Law Conference](#)

Mark Cabaj Workshops 13 and 15 June. Communities Leading – working together in place

- Monday, 13 June, at Te Papa in Wellington
- Wednesday, 15 June, at Karapiro in the Waikato

The interactive workshops are for change-makers, community leaders, policy makers and community-led development practitioners from all sectors: central and local government, Iwi, business, tertiary education and research, consultancies, community sector and local communities. They will focus on the knowledge and skills needed to work effectively “in place” with local people leading – including:

- Designing and supporting collaborative, community-led initiatives
- Recognising and working with simple, complicated, complex and chaotic issues - what's useful to know and what do we need to do differently?
- How to understand and measure community change and results.

The workshops are being provided by *Inspiring Communities* working together with local partners in Wellington, the Waikato and the Bay of Plenty. Places will be limited and to help cover costs there is a charge for these workshops. To register please email to Tania.Austin@inspiringcommunities.org.nz

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

The Big Event™ World of Possibilities, Disabilities, Healthy Aging and Independent Living Expo is coming to Auckland this year, and will be held on 2 and 3 December 2011 at ASB Expo Centre, Greenlane.

The Expo will provide an opportunity for you 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 us at adpnexpo@gmail.com. Sponsorship opportunities exist but are filling fast. Limited commercial space is available. Bookings for Exhibitors open on April 1st, 2011. Email requesting a layout plan and rate sheet. All community enterprise exhibitors will be required to attend a 2 hour ADPN Forum covering how to make your exhibition at an Expo of this type work for your organisation.

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](#)

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

Budget Announcement: Tony Ryall (19 May, 2011): \$2.2b extra to boost public health services

Budget 2011 is delivering an extra \$2.2 billion to public health services over the next four years, including an additional \$585 million in initiatives in 2011/12.

“Vote Health is the biggest recipient of Budget 2011,” Health Minister Tony Ryall says. “This demonstrates the Government's strong commitment to protecting and growing our public health services, despite the difficult economic times. In the next financial year, we are providing \$585 million for health initiatives – made up of \$420 million of new money, plus around \$165 million from savings going straight back into healthcare.”

District Health Boards will receive around \$400 million - \$350 million in population-based funding plus over \$50 million for service contracts from the Ministry of Health. The \$2.2 billion extra over four years will fund new initiatives including:

- \$18 million for 40 extra medical training places – part of the Government's promise to boost the number of medical training places by 200 over five years.
- A further \$54.5 million for maternity initiatives to improve safety and quality, and extra WellChild visits, with a particular focus on first time mothers. [For more.....](#)
- \$80 million for widened access to medicines. It is expected around 32,000 patients in the first year will benefit from this extra funding.
- \$68 million for more elective surgery, continuing the record increase of 4,000 extra operations a year, and reducing waiting times.
- An additional \$40 million for dementia care, which is expected to provide almost 200 extra beds over the next two years and extra respite care. [For more.....](#)
- \$40 million for mental health, including \$4 million for dementia-related respite care.
- An extra \$130 million for disability support services to meet rising needs and costs. [For more.....](#)
- \$80 million extra from DHBs for GP visit subsidies and \$14 million for more people qualifying in programmes such as very low cost access and free under sixes.

“Budget 2011 acknowledges the importance of protecting and growing our public health services,” Mr Ryall says. “Despite the serious economic environment, this Government will have invested an additional \$1.5 billion of new resources into health in its first three years in office to meet our commitment to a strong and enduring public health service.”

Tony Ryall, Steven Joyce 24 May, 2011 Broadband boost for healthcare services

Healthcare services will make huge gains thanks to the government's ultra fast broadband (UFB) initiative. The UFB will make the transfer of information and services much simpler and faster, says Health Minister Tony Ryall.

The government has today awarded the final two contracts for the roll out of ultra fast broadband around New Zealand and the award last month of a contract for the roll out of broadband in rural areas.

Steven Joyce, the Minister for Communications and Information Technology, says the government has prioritised healthcare centres for the roll out. “We know that this technology will transform healthcare in this country, so we've committed to providing access to all registered healthcare centres by the end of 2015.”

While some larger hospitals currently use fibre, overall very few health premises have access. The government's plans will see more than 6,000 health premises able to access broadband speeds of 100 Mbps plus.

Mr Ryall says the uses for ultra fast broadband in the health sector are endless. “The UFB will give medical practitioners anywhere in New Zealand access to the world's leading research and specialists, without leaving their own practice. Tele-health technologies will allow patients to self-monitor their health at home with appropriate medical oversight – including the ability for doctors to inspect visually with high-definition, two-way conferencing”.

“Another enormous benefit will be the ability to email MRI scan in seconds, rather than relying on a courier, which will save precious time and money and, ultimately, lives,” says Mr Ryall.

OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Ministry of Social Development – contract mapping.

Ever wondered how much government funding reaches your region, where it comes from and who receives it? The answers are now little more than a mouse click away following launch of the government's Contract Mapping website. Contract mapping uses Google Maps to create a real-time picture of government-funded social services provided in each community. It allows anyone with an internet connection to see who gets funding, how much, what for and how you can contact them. Previously, this information was tucked away in annual reports and to access it you had know what to ask for. To access the website go to <http://www.contractmapping.govt.nz/>

Office for Disability Issues

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

Charities Commission

Read the latest news from the Charities Commission on <http://www.charities.govt.nz/>

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