



Health and Disability NGO email update for November 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.

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

- the outcome of the Working Group elections
- the next National Forum
- update from the October Working Group meeting
- update on the NGO Working Group primary health care project.

This newsletter is a bit shorter than usual due to rules that apply to the public service immediately prior to an election.

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. The next Forum will be in Wellington on Thursday 29th March 2012.

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 - [NGO email updates](#).

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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.

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 e-newsletter: In the [November DSS Newsletter](#) Anne O'Connell, Group Manager, Disability Services outlines some of the major initiatives this year including:

- The demonstration of the "New Model for Supporting Disabled People." Four local area coordinators have completed training and are now working in their communities in the Western Bay of Plenty/Tauranga area.
- Supporting self-assessment is now being offered as an option for newly eligible people or people at the point of reassessment by the local Needs Assessment Services Coordination (NASC)
- A project to increase the number of people accessing individualized funding which has seen 1000 people enrolled by September and is continuing to grow. The number of individualized funding host organisations has also increased from 1 in 2010 to 12 in 2011
- A trial of new ways of making respite more accessible is about to begin in Nelson in November
- Following significant consultation with the disability sector we are about to commence a demonstration project: Choice in Community Living, in Auckland and the Waikato.

Health Workforce New Zealand News

See the Health Workforce New Zealand Annual Review [here](#) and the October newsletter [here](#). Included in this newsletter is information about the DHBs' development of their workforce strategies.

New Ministry publications since the last email update

Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2011 including the Director-General of Health's Annual Report on the State of Public Health. This [Annual Report](#) outlines the Ministry of Health's key achievements for the 2010/11 financial year, including the Ministry's output performance and financial summary. It includes the Health and Independence Report, which provides a snapshot of the overall functioning of the health and disability system in New Zealand. Progress is discussed against the six health targets, followed by sections corresponding to the four intermediate outcomes in the Ministry's outcomes framework. A summary is provided of our organisational development and capability. The report includes the Audit Report, and the Financial Statements and schedules for the year ended 30 June 2011, for departmental and non-departmental expenditure. The Health and Independence Report the Director-General of Health's Annual Report on the State of Public Health, includes high-level indicators of the overall health of the population that show New Zealander's health is continuing to improve, and indicators of how well the health system is performing.

An Implementation Plan for the Guidance for Improving Supportive Care for Adults with Cancer in New Zealand. The Ministry of Health contracted with Health Outcomes International (HOI) in April 2010 to develop a plan to implement the Guidance for Improving Supportive Care for Adults with Cancer in New Zealand. The recommendations outlined in the implementation plan will be prioritised and used to inform the Ministry, Regional Cancer Networks, District Health Boards and NGO annual work plans over the next five years. See the report [here](#).

Bone Marrow Transplant Services in New Zealand for Adults – Service Improvement Plan. Bone Marrow Transplants (BMTs) are provided by five District Health Boards (DHBs) in New Zealand (Auckland, Waikato, MidCentral, Capital and Coast, and Canterbury DHBs). Recently there has been significant growth in demand for BMT services, most evident at Auckland DHB. This Service Improvement Plan is the start of a process for increasing capacity and improving the delivery of BMT services in New Zealand. It has been developed to assist DHBs to plan for adult BMT services over the next 3-5 years. See the report [here](#).

OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Ministry of Social Development Annual Report (October 2011):

The Annual Report shows the progress and the results MSD has achieved for clients and stakeholders in the previous 12 months that contribute to the outcomes in the Statement of Intent. [Read the 2010/11 Annual Report](#).

Office for Disability Issues

Read the latest news from the Office for Disability Issues and related disability matters at [ODI - what's happening](#). Find out about the employment innovation fund (more on this later in this newsletter).

The Electoral Commission

The Electoral Commission has resources designed to help make it easier for disabled people to vote in the general election and referendum. Go to the [Electoral Commission](#) website.

Department of Labour

Summer is a time when many businesses either close down or manage on skeleton staffing arrangements so that staff can spend Christmas and the New Year celebrations with family and friends. During this period staff often take annual leave, as well as public holidays. Now is the time to think about how your business is going to manage staff holiday entitlements and pay. For more information and help visit the Department of Labour's website [annual closedowns](#)

Families Commission

'Thriving' is an account of the 'doing it differently together,' that is social innovation. The resource charts the relational journey made by a group of social innovators comprising staff from the Families Commission, and four social service organisations, who came together to undertake an 'action inquiry,' to learn more about what we have come to call a family-whānau-centred approach. Download 'Thriving' from [here](#).

Health Promotion Agency

The Minister of Health has confirmed the appointment of the Health Promotion Agency (HPA) Establishment Board. The Establishment Board is chaired by Dr Lee Mathias, with members Katherine Rich and Professor Grant Schofield. The existing Chairs of ALAC and HSC, Rea Wikaira and Hayden Wano, are also members of the Establishment Board. Profiles of all members are listed below. The Establishment Board's Terms of Reference will be available once they are confirmed. The HPA is being established under the Crown Entities Reform Bill, currently before the Government Administration Select Committee, to take on the functions of the Alcohol Advisory Council of New Zealand (ALAC), Health Sponsorship Council (HSC) and relevant functions from the Ministry of Health. For further information click [here](#).

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.

REQUESTS FOR SUBMISSIONS

Information Governance in the NZ Health Sector

The [Information Governance in the NZ Health Sector discussion document](#) is now open for feedback and comment. A group of stakeholders have already provided feedback over a two-week period and the IT Health Board is now opening the revised framework for wider comment. We welcome feedback from a wide range of stakeholder groups and individuals, and from those with strong interest and expertise in the information governance area. Responses are due by 30 November 2011 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.

Guidance for Integrated Paediatric Palliative Care Services in New Zealand

The Ministry of Health is consulting on the draft document, Guidance for Integrated Paediatric Palliative Care Services in New Zealand. Feedback and comments received electronically through completion of the submission form will be considered as part of the analysis of submissions and will inform the implementation of the Guidance. All submissions must be received no later than 5 pm on 28 November 2011. For more details go to [guidance document](#). The draft Guidance proposes a national framework with the Starship Paediatric Palliative Care Team as the national specialist service. In each DHB, nurse coordinators and lead paediatricians would lead service development, and link local providers with the national specialist service. The Guidance advocates the development of coordinated, responsive and locally appropriate services.

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.

Human Rights Commission Inquiry

In response to concern over low wages in aged care sector the Human Rights Commission is carrying out an *Inquiry into the Equal Employment Opportunities Issues in the Aged Care Sector*. In the next six months meetings in Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Wellington, Nelson, Christchurch, Dunedin and Southland will allow members of the public to have their say. The Commission is holding public and face-to-face meetings; visiting rest-homes and hospitals; speaking with providers and DHBs; and talking with as many people as possible interested in this sector, in residential or home-based care. The Commission is also seeking written submissions from those interested in the inquiry, but unable to attend the meetings. Submissions close December 31, 2011. For more information visit [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](#).

Te Pou training grants for disability support services

Te Pou is administering grant funding to promote access to training and leadership development opportunities for the disability workforce funded by the Ministry of Health. The following grants are currently available:

- Training grants - to assist employers with costs arising from their employee's participation in a Ministry of Health approved national certificate or diploma. Applications for the next round will be open from 1 November to 9 December 2011, for training to be undertaken in 2012.
- Consumer conference attendance sponsorship - Sponsorship to attend a disability related conference in New Zealand may be available from time-to-time for a disabled person or family/whanau member.

The Disability Innovation Fund

The Innovation Fund is looking for innovative proposals from:

- employers to retain current employees who have an existing disability or who have acquired a disability (including chronic health condition or mental health condition) while employed
- employers to employ disabled people

- the NGOs and disabled people's organisations DPOs to support disabled people into self employment

The fund recognises that while disabled people want to work, and can with the right support, their employment rate is about half that of non disabled people. The disabled people that the Fund is designed to assist must not be able to access existing employment programmes and assistance from Work and Income or ACC. The Fund is available to employers, NGOs and disabled people's organisations. The disabled people don't need to be receiving a benefit. Applications for the fund opened on November 14 2011. For more information on how to apply go to www.msd.govt.nz

United Way NZ Funding Grants

2012 Funding Applications are invited from small to medium-sized community-based human welfare charities operating in Greater Auckland, Manawatu/Horowhenua, top of the South Island, Canterbury, Otago or Southland areas. Priority areas are: helping children and youth succeed; strengthening and assisting families; supporting the vulnerable and elderly; and promoting wellness, independence and self-sufficiency. Application forms must be completed online at: <http://www.unitedway.org.nz>. Closing date is 31 December 2011.

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

The Henry Rongomau Bennett scholarships are a tribute to Henry Rongomau Bennett's life and work as the first Māori psychiatrist in Aotearoa. The purpose of the scholarships is to provide support for: leadership in Māori health, competence in te ao Māori, and excellence in health. The scholarships are offered to Māori undergraduate and postgraduate ākonga and kaimahi who work or aspire to work in leadership roles in Māori health (health, mental health and addictions). [Information and Application Booklet](#).

Social Housing Funds

The Social Housing Unit, Te Wāhanga Kāinga Pāpori, has released detailed information about four new funds to support increased social and affordable housing. There is \$37.35 million available for allocation to social and affordable housing providers during 2011/12. The overall aim is to encourage significant growth in the sector, through funding and also by facilitating partnerships involving surplus housing stock or land. Summary information about the funds has been posted on the [Social Housing Unit 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

To view the latest news from Careerforce, go to [eChat](#). The September eChat includes a link to new Careerforce videos which provide greater insight into workplace training in the health and disability sectors. As well as being on [YouTube](#) these videos can also be viewed on the Careerforce website.

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.

Every Body In – an inaugural conference on Disability Studies – 27-30 November 2011, University of Otago, Dunedin

An inaugural conference on Disability Studies is being planned. The theme is Every Body In. The aim of the conference is to provide a forum for people from diverse backgrounds and life experiences to share their knowledge and research with others. [For more information on the conference](#)

Tonic conference 2011 'Strengthening the Sector' – 24-25 November 2011, Tauranga

This year's conference presents workshops, information and advice on how organisations can not just survive - but thrive - in the current economic climate. For registration and details: email tracy@exult.co.nz. See the [Exult website](#) for more details.

International Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Conference (1-3 December)

New Zealand Centre for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Massey University is holding the inaugural International Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Conference at its Albany Campus. The Conference theme is *Extending Theory, Integrating Practice*. A special panel will focus on the critical issue of measurement of impact and innovation: issues, problems and solutions. For current conference details see: <http://sierc.massey.ac.nz/conference>.

Creating your Pathway to Boardroom Effectiveness, Massey University, Auckland (5-7 December)

This three-day, interactive workshop examines the many facets of governance and the way that competent board members can contribute. [More](#)

2012 Summer Programme: Social Science Research Methods. Wellington (13/14 February 2011)

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.](#)

Easy Evaluation (Auckland, 5-7 March)

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, 9 & 10 March 2012 (Auckland)

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.

Call for papers: 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. Interested parties are invited to submit a brief proposal to be received not later than 16 December 2011. Papers should address one or more of the conferences themes of:

- 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

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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