

NGO Council Election Results – April 2019



The 2019 elections for the NGO Council are now complete.

Eleven individual candidates were nominated for six positions and the results are as follows.

Disability Support Services

One nomination was received in this category, so the person re-appointed to this role is:

- **Sonia Thursby**, Executive Member, NZ Federation of Disability Information Centres Inc

Māori Health

27% of the 107 eligible NGOs voted in this category. There were two candidates in this category.

Maria Baker, CEO Te Rau Ora (formerly Te Rau Matatini) – 17 votes, elected

Paora Te Hurihanganui, CE Te Papa Tākaro o Te Arawa Trust – 12 votes

The highest polling candidate appointed to the NGO Council is:

- **Maria Baker**, CEO Te Rau Ora (formerly Te Rau Matatini)

Mental Health

39% of the 143 eligible NGOs voted in this category. There were three candidates in this category.

Leilani Maraku, Manukura (CE) for Mana o te Tangata Trust – 24 votes, elected

Rob Warriner, CEO, Walsh Trust – 17 votes

Barb Long, CE, Corstorphine Baptist Community Trust – 14 votes

The highest polling candidate appointed to the NGO Council is:

- **Leilani Maraku**, Manukura (CE) for Mana o te Tangata Trust

Pacific Health

One nomination was received in this category, so the person re-appointed to this role is:

- **Pesio Ah-Honi**, National Director Pacific Services, Mapu Maia, Problem Gambling Foundation

Personal Health

25% of the 116 eligible NGOs voted in this category. There were two candidates in this category.

Graham Walker, President of MS Taranaki Inc – 11 votes, elected

Kirsty Walsh, National Director Operations, Deputy CE, Family Planning NZ – 8 votes

The highest polling candidate appointed to the NGO Council is:

- **Graham Walker**, President of MS Taranaki Inc.

Public Health

25% of the 110 eligible NGOs voted in this category. There were two candidates in this category.

Jason Myers, Chief Executive of the New Zealand AIDS Foundation (NZAF) – 19 votes, elected

Liz Dutton, Service Development Manager, Diabetes NZ – 8 votes

The highest polling candidate appointed to the NGO Council is:

- **Jason Myers**, Chief Executive of the New Zealand AIDS Foundation (NZAF)

Any questions about the [registration, nominations or voting processes](#) can be directed to the NGO Secretariat: e-mail secretariatngo@gmail.com

THE NGO Council acknowledge with thanks the contributions of outgoing members **Donna Matahaere-Atariki (past Chair)**, **Marion Blake**, **Warren Lindberg (past Deputy Chair)**, **Catherine Marshall**.

The newly-elected NGO Council members join the current Council members who are:

Disability Support Services

- **Marese McGee**, Chief Executive, Community Living Trust (*NGO Council Deputy Chair*)

Māori Health

- **Carole Koha**, Pou Kaihautu (CEO), Te Waka Whaiora Trust (Porirua) and Te Menenga Pai Trust (Newtown)
- **Beverly Te Huia**, Manager, Kahungunu Health Services (*NGO Council Chair*)

Mental Health & Addictions

- **Barbara Disley**, Chief Executive, Emerge Aotearoa

Pacific Health

- **Silao Vaisola-Sefo**, Chief Executive, South Seas Health Care Trust

Personal Health

- **Frances Blyth**, Chairperson, Dementia Wellington

Public Health

- **Trevor Simpson**, Deputy Executive Director, Health Promotion Forum of NZ

Network membership

Membership of the NGO Health & Disability Network is free and open to any non-profit New Zealand health or disability provider that receives Vote Health funding (ie: funding from the Ministry of Health and/or a DHB).

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