
MEMO

To: Board Members
From: Cathy O'Malley, GM Strategy Primary & Community
Date: 22 February 2017
Subject: **DECISION: Primary & Community Health Strategy**

Status

This report contains:

- For decision
- Update
- Regular report
- For information

Background

The Primary & Community Health Strategy outlines a new vision for primary and community health care, and positions general practice at the heart of delivering and coordinating care in a way that is equitable and clinically and financially sustainable.

The draft Strategy was developed with input from a broad range of internal and external stakeholders, and was shared with our community for their feedback through a series of public meetings during October and early November 2016.

Engagement Process

Twelve meetings were held across the region including Waikawa, Blenheim, Nelson, Richmond, Murchison, Motueka and Takaka, and three hui on Marae. At each meeting, two speakers from ToSHA member organisations delivered a presentation using stories to illustrate the six core principles of the strategy, and invited feedback from the audience.

Generally, there were good rates of participation and feedback with more than 120 public participants, 23 electronic feedback forms, 17 hard copy feedback forms, and six written submissions. Feedback about the Strategy was mostly positive, although some elements needed to be added to the strategy, or needed greater emphasis.

Feedback

Feedback confirmed what we had right in the Strategy – people and whanau at the centre, early intervention and addressing the determinants of health, collaboration with other government agencies, extended care teams to relieve pressure on the GP workforce, equity and targeted funding, and navigators.

However, we needed to emphasise health promotion and health protection, specifically include community based organisations, balance the concept of self-responsibility with supported self-management, enhance the visibility of primary mental health care, and strengthen Kaupapa Maori.

The Strategy has been amended in response to community feedback, and is now re-submitted as item 4.1 to the Board for approval.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE PRIMARY & COMMUNITY HEALTH STRATEGY.