

BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

Election of seven (7) Members



Verna OHIA-GATE

Ngati - Pukenga

Ko Mauao te maunga, Ko Tauranga te Moana. Ko Ngati Pukenga, Ngaiterangi, me Te Arawa oku iwi. I was born and raised in Tauranga.

1970 I moved to Wellington, returning to Tauranga in 2006. I currently live with Dad (87) and Mum (82). I am married with three adult children.

My 15 years health sector experience: Public Health Commission; Ministry of Health/Maori Health; Public Health; ACC; part time for SLGROUP the business unit for Te Kaunihera o Nga Neehi Maori, Nga Ngaru Hauora and Te Roopu Mate Huka.

Iwi is important to the economic, social, health and well-being of Maori in Tauranga Moana.

If elected, my commitment will be ensuring the three iwi have equal partnership, equal participation and the values and principles of iwi are protected in all relationships with the DHB.

Ko te Aroha te mea nui o te Ao.

Conflict of Interest Statement

I hereby disclose the following conflict of interest with the Bay of Plenty District Health Board at the date of my notice of consent to being nominated as a candidate:

I am a member of the health portfolio team for Ngati Pukenga iwi Ki Tauranga Trust.

My Mum is a trustee on Whaioranga Trust.

I hereby disclose the following conflict of interest with the Bay of Plenty District Health Board that may arise in the future:

Conflict of interest may occur in the future if Ngati Pukenga iwi Ki Tauranga Trust are successful tenders to the DHB.