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NURSE PRACTITIONER FACILITATION (NPF) PROGRAMME UPDATE

Welcome to the NPF May update

The NP Facilitation programme quickly approaches the 12 month mark, and a number of our projects are being finalised. The web pages are well established and continue to be updated, the DVD/ web video nears its final stages. We have NP champions active in the 21 DHBs, and of course the NP innovations funding completed as far as the allocation and assessment of the funds.

NP innovations funding

The NP innovations fund applications are complete, the funds have been allocated to the successful applicants and we now move into the stages of profiling the successful business cases and in time, the evaluation process will begin. The 13 successful applications, listed below were allocated amounts between \$5000 and \$20,000 towards NP employment and support. The applications came from all around the country and from a diverse range of employers.

- Aoraki PHO and Temuka healthcare South Canterbury,
- Hawkes Bay DHB,
- Lakes DHB,
- Masonic Villages Trust Levin,
- Ngongotaha Medical Centre Rotorua,
- Owhata Surgery Rotorua,
- Presbyterian Support Southland,
- Southland DHB,
- Te Tai Tokerau PHO Northland,
- Turanganui PHO Gisborne,
- Upper Hutt health centre Wellington,
- Waitemata DHB,
- West Coast DHB.

A press release will be forthcoming from DHB NZ and the steering group in time for International Nurses day. Thank you to everyone who submitted or supported an application.

Communications

The NP employment web video/ DVD filming is complete and the editing process is now well underway. We hope to have this package complete by the end of June this year. I will keep you updated on progress

NP champions

A major part of the NP champion role is to provide a linkage between the DHBs and the NP facilitation programme. We have contacted all the 21 NP champions over the last couple of weeks to ascertain activity around the NP workforce for each DHB. We are interested to hear about initiatives undertaken in the last couple of months to promote the NP role in the DHBs. NP champions can email our NPF coordinator liz.manning@dhbnz.org.nz with the information.

Please check the supporting web-page on the DHB NZ website for further NPF information and NP job advertising opportunities.

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