

## New Primary Health TAG up and running

The one constant amongst the rapid change in the health sector is the unsurprising focus on Primary Health. The recent Ministry call for Expressions of Interest has set the challenge for the Primary sector to present ideas and approaches for providing greater integration of service between primary and secondary health care.

The new Primary Health TAG will be providing clinical leadership and advice for the DHB on how to make the most of the resources we have in the Bay of Plenty. The Group includes experienced clinicians working in the Primary and Secondary sector.



Joe Bourne, Chair of the new Primary Health Technical Advisory Group

Primary Health Organisations from the Eastern Bay of Plenty region and the Primary health care funders are also around the table.

Chairman, Dr Joe Bourne said he is looking forward to working with the TAG.

“It is great to have such a range of primary care knowledge and expertise around the table at the same time. We are focussed on delivering advice that can be translated into action. I believe that we can make a difference.”

### New Primary TAG:

- First item of business – finalise BOPDHB plan for devolution of services to Primary care.
- Next meeting 12 November.

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### Primary Health Technical Advisory Group members

Andy Humphrey	GP Liaison - BOPDHB
Jane Wilson	Team Leader, Community Occupational Therapy
Neil Graham	Director Clinical Training BOPDHB
Johnny Louie	Portfolio Manager BOPDHB Primary Health
Joseph Bourne (Chair)	GP, Waitangi Family Practice
Kathy Grace	CEO Maori Development Organisation (Poutiri Trust)
Leanne Morehu	Manager Te Ao Hou PHO
Lewis Martin	Manager Kawerau PHO
Michelle Murray	Portfolio Manager BOPDHB Primary Health. Maori Health
Murray Foreman (Deputy Chair)	Pharmacist, <i>PharmacyHealth</i>
Neil De Wet	Clinical Adviser - Population Health
Philippa Jones	Nurse Liaison BOPDHB
Rosemary Minto	Nurse Practitioner Clinical Team Leader, Te Hunga Manaaki Services Practice Nurse- Katikati Medical Centre
Stephen Mann	Manager - EBOP PHO

## Population Ageing TAG

Earlier this year PATAG provided input to the WBOP District Council and Tauranga City Council District Plans and Long Term Council Community Plans (Ten Year Plan).

PATAG's submissions have been focused on social infrastructure and encouraging the Councils to plan for age-friendly communities which influence people's health and wellbeing, and particularly supports the District Health Board's policy of enabling "ageing in place".



Attention is now moving to having input to the health sector especially the DHB's District Annual Plan for 2010/2011.

### Population Ageing TAG:

- A unique partnership between SmartGrowth and BOPDHB

### Meeting highlights 13 October

The scene was set with some information about planning processes and the DHB planning timetable followed by presentations about current issues for health and international trends. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 1 December.

## Child and Youth TAG

### Meeting highlights 14 August

The TAG discussed the District Sexual Assessment Coordination Services in the Bay of Plenty. This service involves cooperation between DHBs and PHOs, primary and secondary care, working together with the Ministry of Social Development, Police and ACC.

Barry Davies provided an update on the Autistic Spectrum Disorder Pilot that is being undertaken by schools and the DHB.

The TAG discussed respite care for disabled/medically fragile children. This initiative was designed to overcome barriers resulting from separate funding streams. TAG members contribute to the cross-sector working party which is looking at meeting on-going needs in this area.

Raewyn Lucas provided an update about the progress of the new Mortality Review Group.

### Looking forward

The next meeting will be looking at progress on the TAG work plan to discuss progress on priorities identified through the Child and Youth Programme of Care. There will also be a presentation on antenatal services.

Next meeting Friday 6 November.

## By the way...

### MSD Whānau Ora Taskforce on Whānau-centred Initiatives

Feedback on the discussion document *Whānau Ora: A whānau-centred approach to Māori wellbeing* is due by 30 November 2009. See the [MSD website for details](#).

### Online discussion Group:

- Contact Su Thomas if you have lost your original email invitation
- A place to ask questions, share ideas and share information.
- Only open to advisory group members.

## Regional planning

### Midland Chronic Conditions Advisory Group

This group met for the first time in October 2008. Diane Newland, Regional Service Plan Implementation Leader said the group provides advice on implementation of the diabetes, renal and cardiac service plans.



Implementation Leader Diane Newland

Diane reports to the General Managers Planning and Funding from the Midland DHBs (Taranaki, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Lakes and Tairāwhiti).

She will be developing an implementation plan for the identified priorities in each of the Service Plan recommendations.

Diane said “Most are issues for the hospitals and some have an impact on primary care for example workforce development for diabetes and chronic kidney disease”.

“While the early work was done by the Advisory Group activity is now happening in two working parties one for diabetes and one for cardiac services and the Renal Network” she said.

### Midland Renal Network

The Renal Network started in April this year. It is reviewing the 2003/4 Midland renal plans and advising about issues related to renal services in Midland. It serves as a link between national, regional and local services. It will propose ways to increase access to renal replacement therapy in Midland to meet both current and future demand.

For more information contact Diane Newland. [diane.newland@bopdhb.govt.nz](mailto:diane.newland@bopdhb.govt.nz)

### Pacific Advisory Group:

- Pacific leaders and health practitioners from eastern and western Bay
- Meets bimonthly
- Next meeting 12 November.

### Pacific Advisory Group.

The Pacific Advisory Group was established earlier this year by the BOPDHB, with its functions managed through the Pacific Islands Community (Tauranga) Trust.

Its role is two-fold: to provide a way for the Pacific community to alert the DHB to key health and disability concerns from within their community; and to provide the DHB with Pacific cultural advice on how best to deliver acceptable services to Pacific families.

The key work to date has been on finding out the views of Pacific families on the priorities they see in health in the BOP.

Access to timely, affordable and culturally acceptable primary health services has been a particular focus. Another issue raised by the DHB has been the high rate of ‘Did Not Attend’ at outpatient clinics by Pacific patients, and exploring potential solutions.

The Group includes Pacific community leaders and Pacific health practitioners from across the western and eastern Bay of Plenty.

For more information contact Brian Pointon, Portfolio Manager, Health Equity [brian.pointon@bopdhb.govt.nz](mailto:brian.pointon@bopdhb.govt.nz)

## Diabetes planning

Members of the Local Diabetes Team will be participating in two November planning events.

### Strategic planning workshop 10 November

This workshop provides an opportunity to review the DHB performance, set sights for 2010 -11 and exercise some creative thinking about how to achieve BOP targets.

### Primary Care Management of CVD and Type 2 Diabetes—21 November

This half day conference features presentations by the multidisciplinary team and Dr Kingsley Nirmalaraj.



Dr Kingsley Nirmalaraj

It will be jointly chaired by Dr Joe Bourne, member of the BOP Local Diabetes Team and Liss Lloyd from the NZNO.

The conference is jointly organized by the Local Diabetes Team, the NZ Nurses Organisation, and Western Bay PHO.

Workshops are delivered in rotation so that you don't have to miss your favourite due to clashing schedules.

For more details contact [Donna McArley](#)/[Philippa Jones](#) on 07 577 3191.

### Primary Care Mgt of CVD and Type 2 Diabetes:

- Half day for GPs Practice Nurses and wider multidisciplinary team
- An opportunity to network and meet colleagues and specialists
- 40 minute rotating workshops.

## DHB Planning Calendar 2010-11

There are no prizes for guessing the DHB is in full swing for District Annual Planning. This is an important time for advisory groups as they focus on priorities for their areas of interest.

Planning workshops have so far been held with the Board, Runanga and CPHAC/DSAC (statutory committee). The hospital (Provider Arm) planning day was also held in October.



Planning Manager Rachael Davie is prompting Portfolio Managers to put forward advice on innovations.

“Resources will be tight for all DHBs next year and we really have to think about new solutions” she said.

Portfolio Managers will be consulting and compiling input by the end of December to be included in the first draft.

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