



Memorandum of Understanding between MidCentral District Health Board and Manawhenua Hauora Iwi Consortium

Background

The New Zealand Public Health & Disability Act 2000 requires District Health Boards to establish and maintain processes to enable Māori to participate in and contribute to strategies for Māori health improvement. These, and related requirements, are imposed in order to recognise and respect the Treaty principles and to improve the health status of Māori.

Section 4 of the Act states that:

To recognise and respect the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi, with a view to improving health outcomes for Māori, part 3 provides for mechanisms to enable Māori to contribute to decision making on, and to participate in the delivery of health and disability services.

Manawhenua Hauora was established in 1991 as the Treaty Partner Collective to MidCentral District Health Board.

Introduction

MidCentral District Health Board and Manawhenua Hauora are committed to establishing a formal relationship to work to achieve the best health outcomes for Mā ori people residing in Manawatū , Horowhenua, Tararua and Ō taki.

The Parties

MidCentral District Health Board is a body corporate owned by the Crown with perpetual succession. The objectives of MidCentral District Health Board are outlined in Section 22 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000.

Manawhenua Hauora is a consortium of iwi in the Manawatū , Horowhenua, Ō taki and Tararua. The iwi are:

- Ngā ti Raukawa ki te Tonga (Horowhenua, Manawatū , Ō taki)
- Muaū poko (Horowhenua)
- Rangitā ne (Manawatū , Palmerston North, Tamaki Nui ā Rua)
- Ngā ti Kahungunu (Tamaki Nui ā Rua)

The primary aim of Manawhenua Hauora is the advancement of Mā ori health.

Fundamental Principles

MidCentral District Health Board and Manawhenua Hauora share the fundamental principles of:

- a common interest and commitment to advancing Mā ori health,
- building on the gains and understandings already made in improving Mā ori health,
- applying the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi to work to achieve the best outcomes for Mā ori health & disability, and
- partnership and mutual regard.

Roles and Responsibilities

To give effect to the principles (outlined above) each party will accept various roles and responsibilities.

For its part MidCentral District Health Board will:

- continue to recognise Mā ori health as a priority area in line with the Government's strategic policy guidelines,
- undertake a needs assessment of its geographical region, determining, among other things, the health needs of Mā ori,
- prioritise and allocate funding according to the government's and district's Mā ori health priorities,

- implement a consultation and/or engagement process with appropriate parties,
- deliver on the Mā ori health priorities for the district through health service delivery,
- provide Mā ori health reports giving progress against the Government's priorities and local Mā ori health & disability strategies, and
- monitor and audit those services funded by MidCentral District Health Board.

For its part Manawhenua Hauora will:

- provide co-ordinated leadership for Mā ori health & disability within the DHB region,
- provide guidance to MidCentral District Health Board on Mā ori health & disability needs and priorities,
- contribute to strategies for Mā ori health & disability,
- monitors Mā ori health & disability gains in the district through the impacts of MidCentral District Health Board's health service delivery and investment, and
- provide expert advice and counsel on important Mā ori issues which are appropriately considered at a governance level.

Implementation

- MidCentral District Health Board and Manawhenua Hauora will jointly ensure that appropriate strategic policies and processes are in place to govern the relationship and to ensure there is joint ownership for Mā ori health & disability priorities in this district.
- MidCentral District Health Board will consult Manawhenua Hauora regarding Mā ori representation on the MidCentral District Health Board's Statutory Committees.
- MidCentral District Health Board will provide Manawhenua Hauora with minutes (Part I) of Board and Statutory Committee meetings.
- Manawhenua Hauora will provide MidCentral District Health Board with minutes of its meetings.
- Manawhenua Hauora will be represented at Board strategic and annual planning sessions.
- Meetings will occur between the Chair and Chief Executive of MidCentral District Health Board and the Chair and Deputy Chair of Manawhenua Hauora, at no less than six monthly intervals.
- The Board of MidCentral District Health Board and Manawhenua Hauora will meet from time to time.

- Notwithstanding other lines of accountability both parties will foster a close relationship with the DHB Executive Management Team, Internal Mā ori Reference Group, and where necessary other senior management.
- MidCentral District Health Board and Manawhenua Hauora will jointly agree the District Health Board related tasks and the annual cost of resourcing Manawhenua Hauora to undertake those tasks.
- MidCentral District Health Board, through its Internal Mā ori Reference Group, will provide regular reports giving updates on Mā ori health & disability progress in the district.

Tenure

This is a 36 month memorandum and will be reviewed three-yearly as agreed between the two parties unless either party seeks an earlier review date.

Signatures to this agreement

MidCentral District Health Board
Dorothy McKinnon
Chair

Rangitā ne o Manawatū
Oriana Paewai
Chair, Manawhenua Hauora

MidCentral District Health Board
Brendan Duffy
Deputy Chair

Rangitā ne o Manawatū
Danielle Harris
Deputy Chair, Manawhenua Hauora

Ngā ti Raukawa ki te Tonga
Paddy Jacobs

Ngā ti Raukawa ki te Tonga
Robyn Richardson

Muaū poko
Matt Matamua

Ngā ti Raukawa ki te Tonga
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Muaū poko
Diane Rump

Ngā ti Kahungunu ki Tamaki Nui a Rua
Adele Berquist

Ngā ti Kahungunu ki Tamaki Nui a Rua
Stacey Hape

Signed this day of 2018