

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

Introduction

MidCentral District Health Board and Manawhenua Hauora are committed to establishing a formal relationship to work to achieve the best health outcomes for Maori people residing in Manawatu, Horowhenua, Tararua and Otaki.

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 Manawatu, Horowhenua and Tararua. The iwi are:

- ❑ Ngati Raukawa (Horowhenua, Manawatu)
- ❑ MuaUpoko (Horowhenua)
- ❑ Rangitane (Manawatu, Palmerston North, Tamaki-nui-a-rua)
- ❑ Ngati Kahungunu (Tamaki-nui-a-rua)

The primary aim of Manawhenua Hauora is the advancement of Maori health.

Fundamental Principles

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

- ❑ a common interest and commitment to advancing Maori health,
- ❑ building on the gains and understandings already made in improving Maori health,
- ❑ applying the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi to work to achieve the best outcomes for Maori health, 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 Maori 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 Maori,
- ❑ prioritise and allocate funding according to the government's and district's Maori health priorities,
- ❑ implement a consultation and/or engagement process with appropriate parties,
- ❑ deliver on the Maori health priorities for the district through health service delivery,
- ❑ provide Maori health reports giving progress against the Government's priorities and local Maori health strategies, and
- ❑ monitor and audit those services funded by MidCentral District Health Board.

For its part Manawhenua Hauora will:

- ❑ provide co-ordinated leadership for Maori health within the DHB region,
- ❑ provide guidance to MidCentral District Health Board on Maori health needs and priorities,
- ❑ contribute to strategies for Maori health,
- ❑ monitors Maori health 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 Maori 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 Maori health priorities in this district.
- MidCentral District Health Board will consult Manawhenua Hauora regarding Maori 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 Maori 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 Maori Reference Group, will provide regular reports giving updates on Maori health 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
Ian Wilson
Chair

Ngati Raukawa
Ihakara Miratana
Chair, Manawhenua Hauora

MidCentral District Health Board
Ann Chapman
Deputy Chair

Rangitaane o Manawatu
Ruth Harris
Deputy Chair, Manawhenua Hauora

MuaUpoko
Ewen Paynter

Rangitaane o Manawatu
Wiremu Te Awe Awe

MuaUpoko
Gina Lomax

Rangitaane Tamaki nui a Rua
Stephen Paewai

MuaUpoko
Marokopa Wiremu-Matakatea

Ngati Kahungunu Tamaki nui a Rua
Linette Rautahi

Ngati Raukawa
Mary Sanson

Ngati Kahungunu Tamaki nui a Rua
Kahu Pene

Ngati Raukawa
Mason Durie

Signed this 18th day of July 2006