**Community Health Council**

**Highlights from meeting 1st June 2023**

**Chair Lyneta Russell**

1**. Patient letters- Southern Blood and Cancer**

Southern Blood and Cancer requested support from the Community Health Council in writing a template letter for patients. A Council member will work with staff to develop the template.

2. **Community Health Council 2023/2024 Workplan**

The Community Health Council commenced work on a draft workplan for the next 12 months. Further work is required to ensure recently identified priorities are included and to ensure recurring work is included.

3. **Disability Strategy**

The Council received an update on current disability issues from the Chair of the Disability Working Group outlining progress in the development of a new training programme based on Enabling Good Lives principles. The Disability Working Group is currently interviewing for new members. He also informed the Council that accessibility training was held recently for the Capital Works Team at Dunedin Hospital.

4. **Key Community Health Council Member Issues**

Each meeting CHC members outline the key issues in their communities. Of note were issues with people in rural communities travelling for appointments that were cancelled after their arrival, and issues involving first responders in rural communities.

5. **Te Whatu Ora Updates**

Hywel Lloyd provided an update to the Council and responded to questions.



8th July 2023