

Community Health Council

Key Messages of the Meeting held Thursday 2 August 2018

1. *CHC Community, Whānau and Patient Engagement Roadmap*

The implementation of the Community, Whānau and Patient Engagement Roadmap is continuing with pleasing uptake from staff who are contacting the CHC Facilitator about specific projects where they want community, whānau and patient engagement.

At the same time people in our communities are expressing an interest in becoming a community, whānau and patient advisor. A summary of where advisors are working on projects across the system will be published in the coming weeks for all stakeholders.

The CHC has continued to work on developing their toolkit and have spent time at this meeting focusing on defining the role of CHC support person to the advisor and the process in which this happens.

The CHC will have foyer displays at Dunedin, Southland and Lakes hospital sites for the week 10-14 September. This is an opportunity to provide information to the general public who may be passing by about the work the CHC is doing and how people can become involved.

2. *Dunedin Hospital Rebuild*

The CHC welcomed Hon Pete Hodgson and Dr David Perez to discuss developments around the hospital rebuild.

Pete Hodgson provided an overview of the Southern Partnership Group and how this had formed as well as its relationship with the Ministry of Health and other stakeholders in the Southern community.

Hon. Pete Hodgson said that engagement with the community and other partners had been ongoing since commencing in his role and he expects this to continue in a transparent manner.

3. *Ophthalmology Service*

Concerns were raised by some members of the CHC with regards to patients and whānau accessing Ophthalmology services at the DHB and asked if work around improving access to this service had been addressed. Members were informed that at their next meeting they would be hearing from the team that is progressing changes to models of care for this service. The project team is also looking for ways of engaging with patients, whānau and communities.

Next meeting: Thursday 30 August 2018

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