

Community Health Council (CHC) Key Messages of the Meeting held Thursday 6 June 2019

1. Community Health Council members were shown the new Southern Health website which has involved CHC members throughout the development process. The development of a more patient focussed website as well as encompassing the whole Southern health system (not just DHB services) was something that was recommended by CHC members at one of their first meetings.
The Council is excited to hear that the new site will be launched officially in the next few weeks. Members of the public do have the opportunity to place feedback on what they think of the website over the next month and the CHC encourages people to do this.
<https://www.southernhealth.nz/>
2. The CHC met with Hon Pete Hodgson (Chair of the Southern Partnership Group) to hear about developments with the build of the new Dunedin Hospital.
Karen Browne (CHC Chair) informed him that community engagement is commencing through the CHC process of community, whānau and patient engagement whereby CHC advisors will be working on the Facilities in Transformation (FiT) groups, alongside staff and clinicians to ensure the patient/whanau voice is a part of the decision-making. This will be a long-term project for CHC advisors but hopefully a rewarding and constructive project to be a part of. The CHC will be providing support for advisors through the course of this project.
The CHC is still looking for CHC advisors to be involved in specific groups – if you are interested please contact the CHC Facilitator Charlotte Adank on chc@southerndhb.govt.nz
Alongside the engagement at the operational level, there is a CHC member Paula Waby and CHC advisor Martin Burke sitting on the Clinical Leadership Group (CLG) who are communicating to the CHC on points of interest.
3. The CHC is in the process of recruiting for a new Southland member and an appointment is expected to be announced in early July.

Next meeting: Thursday 1 August 2018

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