

Community Health Council Key Messages of the Meeting held Thursday 3 May 2018

1. The Council reviewed a plan to launch the CHC Community, Whānau and Patient Engagement Roadmap with DHB and WellSouth staff and communities across the Southern district in the coming months. It is proposed the launch will include a series of forums for staff and communities in varying locations. It will be an opportunity for staff to learn about how to involve community, whānau and patients in the work they do and at the same time it is an opportunity for communities, whānau and patients to learn more about how they can actively get involved. The Council plan to hold community meetings in Invercargill, Dunedin and Queenstown at this stage and these will be advertised in the coming weeks.
2. The CHC were updated on the progress of implementing the Primary & Community Care Strategy – specifically around the Health Care Homes (HCH) and the Locality Networks. The Council will provide feedback on the HCH maturity matrix and other aspects of HCH. One Council member has continued to raise the point that naming these HCH is confusing for people who think of ‘care homes’ as applying to people in aged-residential care. Further information around the locality networks is expected to become available in the coming months.
3. CHC members will be involved with the judging for the upcoming Staff Excellence Awards. This is the first time such an event has been held across Southern DHB and CHC members look forward to being a part of this.
4. Council members raised their concerns about the closure of the Roxburgh Health Camps which had provided a valuable service for at-risk youth and their parents.
5. The Council discussed concerns about members of our community who don’t fit the criteria for support from any agency and therefore don’t receive and support, rehabilitation or assistance with reintegration. It was noted a significant proportion of clients through the Probation Service have significant personality disorders which are considered ‘untreatable’ and therefore do not qualify for any support from Mental Health services.

Next meeting: Thursday 7 June 2018

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