

Community Health Council

Highlights from meeting 3rd August 2023

Chair Lyneta Russell

1. Presentations

One service-related presentation and one community advisor presentation were unfortunately and unavoidably cancelled at the last minute, which left time for some other Council discussion.

2. Strategic Planning

The Community Health Council decided to hold a strategic planning session in place of their September meeting. This will give direction to the overall work of the Council.

3. Promotional Resource

The Council spent time reviewing a PowerPoint for use by Council members to promote the work of the Council in their communities.

4. Disability Strategy

The Council received a brief update on current disability work from the Chair of the Disability Working Group.

4. Key Community Health Council Member Issues

Each meeting CHC members outline the key issues in their communities. Of note this month were concerns about the closure of Oamaru ED overnight, costs for blood tests in rural communities, lack of transport back to Te Anau after an ambulance transfer to Southland ED, and difficulty getting GP appointments for Pacific people which was putting additional pressure on ED's.

5. Te Whatu Ora and Well South Updates

Hywel Lloyd and Andrew Swanson Dobbs provided updates to the Council and responded to questions including providing further information about some of the concerns raised by Council members.

Lyneta Russell

13th August 2023