

Community Health Council

Highlights from meeting 2nd November 2023

Chair Lyneta Russell

1. Presentation on Hokonui Locality

Bronnie Grant provided an update on the Hokonui locality, and an overview of national locality progress. She described the Hokonui locality as a high functioning locality. The biggest challenge has been getting cooperation between local services. There has been a greater focus on consumer participation since the locality has been formed and they have employed someone for further community consultation which led to the development of a plan outlining local priorities.

2. Clinical transformation Group update

Jack Ruddenklau provided an update on the work of the Clinical Transformation Group (CTG) and the current priority to establish a user group. This user group will work with Jack and Marie Wales, the two Community Advisors on the CTG, to bring the community voice to the CTG, and to feedback information from the CTG to the community. Community Advisors have been invited to complete an Expression of Interest (EOI) if they are interested in being part of the user group.

3. Post strategic planning

Work continues to ensure the ideas and issues identified at the October strategic planning session are not lost, and that they are incorporated into the Workplan of the Community Health Council

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 colonoscopy and endoscopy wait lists, social sector concerns about the impact of a change in government, the positive opportunity that Polyfest provides to engage with youth in our community, concerns about the lack of support provided when GP's ask patients to complete their Advanced Care Plan (ACP), the difficulty CHC members have engaging with GP's in their communities, and the ongoing problem of letters continuing to be sent to people with vision difficulties and the lack of reference to "flags" that advise of accessibility issues such as poor visibility.

5. Te Whatu Ora and Well South Updates

Unfortunately, updates were not available this month.

Lyneta Russell 4th November 2023