

# Whānau Ora Update for District Health Boards

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## From Te Kete Hauora Deputy Director-General Teresa Wall

**Tēnā rā tātou katoa.**

Welcome to our final Whānau Ora newsletter for the year. We'll be back in late January with more information aimed at keeping District Health Boards (DHBs) informed of Whānau Ora implementation progress.

The first Whānau Ora Governance Group meeting of 2012 is set for mid-February, and we'll inform you of key decisions made at this, and future Governance Group meetings, as soon as we are able.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your hard work and commitment to Whānau Ora. Significant progress has been made in the change process to put whānau-centred practice into action – a testimony to the efforts of many individuals and organisations, including DHBs.

DHBs will continue to play a crucial role in this programme, particularly in the active participation of regional leadership group work and future strategies.

Finally, on behalf of Te Kete Hauora, I'd like to wish you all a restful and happy festive season. We're looking forward to working with you again in the New Year.



## Tumu Whakarae endorses Whānau Ora

**'For Māori general managers in District Health Boards, endorsing a kaupapa like Whānau Ora is a no brainer – it's an easy one to support.'**

That's according to Bernard Te Paa, the outgoing chair of the National Reference Group of Māori Health Strategy managers within District Health Boards – Tumu Whakarae.

Bernard chaired the two-day Tumu Whakarae meeting in Tauranga last month, which had Whānau Ora as one of the hot topics for discussion.

Representatives from Te Puni Kōkiri, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Social Development

took part in the Whānau Ora discussions. Integrated contracts, regional leadership groups, and how to accelerate Whānau Ora within the DHB environment were some of the discussion themes.

Bernard – the Counties Manukau DHB general manager for Māori health, said he was pleased with the information sharing session.

'A really important part was the willingness of all the parties to assist in the delivery of Whānau Ora, not just with policy but in a way that maintains strong communities,' Bernard said.





‘It was acknowledged that Whānau Ora is based on the need for good relationships with our communities and as general managers Māori, we want to be ongoing conduits for that type of mahi to be continued.

‘The attendees at the conference unanimously endorsed the need to continue progressing the implementation of Whānau Ora’.

The new chair of Tumu Whakarae is Riki Nia Nia (Capital and Coast DHB). Janet McLean (Bay of Plenty DHB) is the new vice-chair.

## Governance Group gives green light to 10 more business cases

The Whānau Ora Governance Group recently made a number of decisions on 10 business cases submitted by Whānau Ora collectives.

The 10 collectives whose business cases were considered at the Governance Group’s November meeting were:

- Hawke’s Bay Hauora Collective
- Ngāti Whātua o Ōrākei Māori Trust Board
- Te Arawa Collective
- Ngā Mataapuna Oranga Kaupapa Māori PHO
- Te Hau Āwhiowhio o Ōtangarei
- Te Pū o Te Wheke
- Te Tai Tokerau Whānau Ora Collective
- He Waka Kotuia ō Araiteuru

- Hā o Te Ora o Wharekauri Trust
- Taranaki Ora.

Governance Group decisions included recommending that Te Puni Kōkiri (TPK) funds an investment package for each of the 10 collectives. This funding – from the TPK-managed Whānau Ora appropriations – would focus on building collectives’ capacity and capability to help them achieve Whānau Ora objectives and improve the health of whānau.

TPK and the 10 collectives will begin a negotiation and contracting phase, based on the Governance Group decisions.

A total number of 18 collectives have now had their business cases considered by the Governance Group. More business cases are expected to be tabled over the coming months.

### In brief

#### Success stories

Do you have any Whānau Ora successes or story ideas you would like to share with other DHBs through this newsletter?

Please email [Marama\\_Ellis@moh.govt.nz](mailto:Marama_Ellis@moh.govt.nz) with your ideas. ◆

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# New project manager for Whānau Ora team

Many DHB staff with Whānau Ora responsibilities will be familiar with their Te Kete Hauora counterparts who are also working on Whānau Ora implementation.

Recently however, a new project manager was appointed in Te Kete Hauora's (TKH) Whānau Ora team.

**Kelly Bullen** brings a strong DHB perspective to the project manager's role, having spent more than four years working as a portfolio manager in the Bay of Plenty DHB's Māori health planning and funding team.

She began working for TKH in May this year. In the six months before moving to Wellington, Kelly's DHB work focused on primary care and Whānau Ora. Kelly can be contacted at:

[Kelly\\_Bullen@moh.govt.nz](mailto:Kelly_Bullen@moh.govt.nz)

Other key Whānau Ora team members are:

- Lead advisor **Anne O'Brien**, who has worked at the Ministry since 2004, spending the past two years as a senior policy analyst for TKH; [Anne\\_O'Brien@moh.govt.nz](mailto:Anne_O'Brien@moh.govt.nz)
- Māori health policy manager **Gabrielle Baker**, who manages TKH's Whānau Ora team. Gabrielle joined TKH in 2005; [Gabrielle\\_Baker@moh.govt.nz](mailto:Gabrielle_Baker@moh.govt.nz)



Back row from left: Anne O'Brien, Kelly Bullen and Gabrielle Baker.  
Front row: Eugene Rewi and Paula Searle.

- TKH research manager Paula Searle, who is leading the Ministry's input into the Whānau Ora action research project. Paula joined TKH in 2002; [Paula\\_Searle@moh.govt.nz](mailto:Paula_Searle@moh.govt.nz)
- TKH Māori participation and business unit support manager **Eugene Rewi**, who is leading the Ministry's input into the Whānau Ora Information System Strategic Plans project. Eugene has worked in TKH since 2009. [Eugene\\_Rewi@moh.govt.nz](mailto:Eugene_Rewi@moh.govt.nz)

## Action research plans starting to come through

More action research plans are starting to move through the assessment process.

During the past month, Ministry of Health and DHB staff have evaluated five action research plans. These were from Ngāti Whātua o Ōrākei Māori Trust Board, Waikato-Tainui Te Ope Kōiora, Te Arawa Collective, Kotahitanga and Taranaki Ora.

Five more due to be assessed are from: Hā o Te Ora o Wharekauri Trust, Te Whare Maire o Tapuwae, Hawke's Bay Hauora Collective, Pacific Islands Safety and Prevention Project and Pacific Care Trust.

More are expected before Christmas.

DHBs will continue to be asked to contribute to the action research assessments process as more plans come in.

Action research is the approach being used to gather evidence of whānau-centred service delivery and development.

Action researchers have been contracted by Te Puni Kōkiri to work with Whānau Ora collectives.