

Aide-Mémoire

Cross-Agency Clearing House for High Priority Northland Issues

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Details of meeting: 19 April 2024
2-3pm
Waima Room, Tohora House, Hospital Road, Horahora, Whangarei.

You also have a pre-meeting with Graham MacPherson (the Regional Public Service Commissioner/RPSC) who will chair the cross-agency hui, at 4.30pm, Monday 15 April.

Purpose of meeting/proposal: The purpose of this hui is to act as a clearing house for high priority issues in Northland, and to drive successful outcomes by focusing on the social determinants of health. You will be meeting with a tight-knit group of action-oriented, senior regional officials from the following social agencies: Ministry of Health, Ministry of Social Development, Oranga Tamariki, Police, Corrections, Housing New Zealand, Education, and Whangārei District Council.



Simon Medcalf
Deputy Director General

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Purpose of report

1. This Aide-Memoire provides you with a short summary of the background paper (the 'snapshot report') that we are providing to the attendees of the Northland hui (the 'clearing house group'), and the key discussion points from the pre-meet we held with the attendees of this hui.
2. We have also included the agenda (Appendix One) for this hui.

Background and context

3. On March 27, you approved our recommendations for the purpose and logistics of this hui. This included the draft agenda (Appendix One), and agreement to meet with Graham MacPherson, Northland's RPSC who will chair the meeting.
4. Since then, we have worked with the Public Health Agency and the Strategy, Policy and Legislation teams in the Ministry of Health, and the Northland Regional Public Service Commissioner's office to prepare the snapshot report (Appendix Two) for the attendees. We have included a summary of this paper below.
5. On 5 April, following your approval to convene the hui, we met with the clearing house group to convey your expectations, and to identify any issues that you should be aware of.

Snapshot Report

6. We are providing the attendees of the clearing house group with a snapshot report which provides background information. outlines the current health status of Northland. It provides a platform for discussion based on shared understanding of the core concepts and the current status of social determinants and health indicators in Northland.
7. The report provides an overview of:
 - the national strategic/policy context related to the social determinants of health, including the '5+5+5' model and the social investment approach.
 - key indicators of social determinants and health outcomes, and how they are inter-related, highlighting that these determinants mostly lie outside the health sector so cross-collaboration is required.
 - current health led cross-agency responses to address social determinants in Northland, including the Regional Leadership Group (RLG) and its work programme.
 - the potential opportunities and priorities for this group, including the proposed infrastructure projects, and next steps.
 - preliminary insights about the way forward to achieve better health outcomes for people in Northland, including organising work, monitoring progress and how this collaboration can evolve to partner with Māori.
 - potential priorities for discussion which are based on RLG priorities, the available evidence and targeted engagement with participants and wider stakeholders.

Key Messages from the Pre-Meet with Attendees

8. On 5 April, our officials held a pre-meet with members of the clearing house group. It was noted that the hui on 19 April is an opportunity for participants to hear directly from you about your intentions for the group and Northland, and for the members to share what they would like you to know about Northland.
9. They agreed that Chatham House Rules would enable a free and frank discussion.

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16. The Chief Executive of Whangārei District Council (Simon Weston) is unable to attend the meeting on 19 April and on this occasion, Dominic Kula (GM – Planning) will attend in his place. Simon will attend future meetings.

Priorities

17. Drawing on the established RLG priorities, the data and indications from the clearing house group, we have identified a long list of potential priorities:
 - Sub-standard housing and homelessness
 - Water
 - Food security
 - Alcohol and other drugs, particularly meth/P
 - Family and sexual violence
 - Engagement with school
 - Health – immunisation, smoking/vaping, oral health, obesity
 - Youth mental health, including self-harm and suicide
 - Employment

- Optimising the impact of Northland's planned infrastructure projects on social determinants and health.
18. We are proposing that following this meeting, the group develops a phased work programme that responds to your direction and deeper analysis of the data. It would focus on focus on 2-3 priorities at a time.

Agenda

19. The agenda provides an early opportunity for you to speak to the group. They are particularly interested to hear from you about:
- your expectations of this clearing house group
 - potential opportunities related to the social investment approach, including possible funding and whether the RLG should set out the care for critical projects that could be funded via social investment.
 - how this work can support the new government targets.
20. It has been signalled that the group would like to hear your views on social investment. We suggest that you begin by explaining that social investment in practise means that agencies gather, share, analyse, and use data and evidence to identify people who have the greatest needs. This then creates the ability for agencies to design services that can best meet those needs. Once you set the groundwork, we suggest that you then explain how you see social investment playing out in Northland. You may be asked if you want the Health Pou to lay out the critical projects (ahead of the 2025 budget) that they would like to be funded through the social investment channel.
21. Each member has a brief slot (two minutes) to highlight their priorities, barriers and enablers. Following this, you will have the opportunity to respond to their messages.

Appendix One: Agenda

Chair/All	2.00pm	Whakawhanaungatanga (reference bios in the briefing – intros, name and agency).
Hon Dr Reti	2.10pm	Aspirations and expectations for Northland.
Chair	2.20pm	Introduction to the RPSC and RLG – how they work and opportunities to collaborate to progress this work.
Deb	2.25pm	Key points from snapshot report including potential priorities.
All (8 agencies)	2.30pm (2 minutes each)	Agency perspectives on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • key (1 or 2) issues for their agency in terms of how – collectively - we can make the biggest impact on cross-cutting issues? • insights about challenges, opportunities, barriers and enablers.
Chair	2.50pm	Discussion questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • opportunity for the Minister to respond • confirm that the key issues have been identified • how does this fit with the RLG and engaging with iwi? • next (discussions) steps to deliver outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop Terms of Reference, including how this fits with the RLG process, partnership with iwi and engagement with stakeholders - Develop a phased/prioritised work programme, including actions, leads, organising work and monitoring - Develop a reporting mechanism, eg, a dashboard.
Chair	3.00pm	Close