

# Public Health Advisory Committee

## Minutes of Meeting

**Meeting:** Tuesday 24 July 2024, 9:30am to 3:30pm

**Location/platform:** 133 Molesworth Street, Thorndon, Wellington

### Attendees

PHAC Members: Kevin Hague (Chair), Jason Gurney, Ruth Cunningham, Peter Crampton, Beverly Te Huia

Secretariat: Rebecca O'Connell, Anna Jackson, Patience Davis, and Hannah Quigan

Guests: Dr Andrew Old, Ross Bell, Aric Naidoo, Parekawhia McLean, Dr Matire Harwood, Bernard Te Paa, Brendon Baker

Apologies: Nil

### Opening of meeting

1. Opening karakia by Beverly.
2. Introductions to welcome Hannah to the secretariat, who will hold the pen on the Social determinants of Health (SDoH) project.
3. PHAC appointments process and notification of late application covered. PHAC agreed to keep their original nominations but noted the obvious strengths of the additional candidate and whether possible for this candidate to "be held in reserve".
4. Meeting with the Minister – Kevin reported back on the meeting including that the Food Report has landed well, and issues with obtaining data on the amount spent on public health.
5. Kevin's response to a letter from the Meat Industry Association regarding PHAC's Food Report.
6. Anna and Patience provided an update on a possible audiobook and podcast for the Food Environment Report, and advice given was to record Kevin's

presentation on food environments at the *Health Coalition Aotearoa (HCA)* event in September. Plan to record presentation and make available online.

7. Kevin has been invited to a healthy homes conference in Christchurch in September.

**Actions:**

- Secretariat to add organising a webinar/podcast launch and audiobook of the SDoH Report to SDoH Project Plan.
- Also investigate the possibility of including hard copies of the report.
- Secretariat to work with Kevin on a presentation for the HCA Conference and how to ensure this is recorded and available for distribution.

**PHA update on secretariat**

8. Ross and Aric from the PHA provided an update on recruitment of an Advisor and Principal Advisor to the PHAC secretariat. The Advisor role has been advertised as part of the Ministry's internal EOI process. The PHA will work with the PHAC to develop the JD for the Principal Advisor role.
9. PHAC members asked Ross further questions for clarity.

**Actions:**

- PHAC to work with and assist the PHA on recruitment of the PHAC Principal Advisor to progress the appointment to this role.

**Professor Ilona Kickbusch – HiAP presentation (recording) and discussion**

10. The committee watched a recording of a recent presentation given by Prof Kickbusch at the University of Otago on social determinants of health given its relevance to PHAC's work programme.

**Actions:**

- Secretariat to share recording with PHAC.

**HMAC work programme and conceptualising the social determinants of health**

11. The PHAC were joined by the Parekawhia McLean (Chair, Hauora Maori Advisory Committee (HMAC)), Matire Harwood (HMAC member), Brendon Baker (Manager, Māori-Crown Engagement) and Bernard Te Paa (Group Manager, Māori-Crown Relations)
12. Parekawhia McLean and Matire Harwood gave a presentation on HMAC's role, members, and work programme.
13. A discussion followed the presentation on opportunities for the committees to connect on relevant work and how to support each other. There was agreement that HMAC priorities fit together well with the SDoH project.

**Actions:**

- Continue to connect with HMAC. HMAC will send an invite for PHAC.
- Share early draft of the SDoH project with HMAC.

### **PHA and health sector update**

14. Dr Andrew Old provided an update on relevant work and highlighted 4 key topics, including delivering on the GPS and 5+5+5 prevention work, as well as the recent announcement about Health NZ and financial constraints.
15. The PHAC sought Dr Old's advice on the best approach to progress the % Vote Health request from the Minister.

**Actions:**

- Agreement on sending a letter to the commissioner Prof. Lester Levy.

### **Social determinants of Health**

16. Ruth and the secretariat led this session on SDoH. They provided a progress update on the project and sought the committee's feedback on the draft conceptual framework, report structure and next steps.
17. This led to a discussion which included a conversation about the values underpinning the report. Key decisions were recorded in the *Drafting Notes* document. Regarding the report structure, the need for a clear skeleton under each section of the report was raised and agreed to. The PHAC agreed that the

report should be around 60–70 pages, a similar length to the Food Report and the sections on individual determinants around 3–4 pages.

**Actions:**

- Secretariat to update framework.
- Secretariat to begin writing the values and visions sections, as well as overview of individual “new” determinants with Ruth’s oversight.
- Agree to key informant interviews.
- Ruth will contact Ann Sears about her slides.

### **Effectiveness of spend on public health**

18. Rebecca discussed the data that she had received from Manatū Hauora Finance group. This would need to be expanded on to be useful for the project.
19. Discussed the outline of the project – PHAC suggested a quicker project was to be undertaken and that phase one could proceed without the data from Te Whatu Ora.
20. Phase one would look at: case for investing (cost effectiveness), from overseas evidence–how much should we spend (or how much do comparable countries spend?), how to commission (best practice), what data are we looking for (what would be included in the definition of public health spending)

**Actions:**

- Literature review on effectiveness of public health spend.
- Reframe project into Phase one and Phase two.

### **Next steps**

21. Confirmed a change to the meeting date in September to the 25<sup>th</sup> September.

**Actions:**

- Invite Corina Grey and Kristie Carter to the next meeting.
- Invite Andrew Old to all PHAC meetings

**Next meeting:** August 2024 via Microsoft teams