

# Public Health Advisory Committee

## Minutes of Meeting

**Meeting:** 10 April 2025, 9:30am to 3:30pm

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

### Attendees:

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

Secretariat: Clair Mills, Catriona Murray, Kitty Truell

Guests: Tā Mark Solomon, Andrew Old

Apologies: Faumuina Professor Fa'afetai Sopoaga and Dr Caroline McElnay

### Opening of meeting

Opening karakia by Jason

- Register of interests. Updates by Committee to send to secretariat
- Minutes of March 2025 meeting were approved by PHAC.
- Activities since last meeting given by Chair and secretariat.
  - Meet with HMAc 21 March (Kevin, Jason, Clair). Agreed to share agendas and work priorities.
  - Chair met with the Minister of Health 25 March, PHAC will hear back from Minister re; next work programme.
  - Secretariat update on key informant interviews, development of report data update, OIA request and GeoLab contract.

### Adrian Te Patu - presentation and Q&A

- Adrian Te Patu presented on behalf of Emma Rawson-Te Patu (sent apologies due to sickness).
- Joined by Tā Mark Solomon from the Hauora Māori Advisory Committee
- Discussed areas of interest for the PHAC determinants report:
  - Indigeneity as a protective factor and a positive determinant of health

- Commercial determinants of health – Emma has a role as an advisor to the WHO on the commercial determinants.
- IWG will be giving an alcohol policy statement at the 2025 World Health Assembly.
- Interest in connecting into the World Congress Public Health – will be hosted by Aotearoa in 2028.
- Discussion on the Māori economy – in report as a positive and often hidden contributor.
- Discussion of screening and race vs needs based criteria.

**Actions:**

- Secretariat to send out Emma’s slides and presentation to PHAC and HMAAC.
- PHAC to reconnect in as needed with commercial determinants and consider following up with Emma and/ or the Indigenous Determinants of Health Alliance
- Secretariat to send PHAC/HMAAC the Alcohol policy statement and the Working Definition on Decolonising Public Health when published in May 2025.

**Shaping recommendations for the Determinants Report**

Discussions on:

- 2040 framing – 200 years from the signing of te Tiriti o Waitangi- helps keep te Tiriti at heart of the report.
- Length of sections, framing with Tōtara model, current content and direction, report structure and which sections to emphasize.
- Incorporating WHO megatrends.
- Recommendations/ levers section.
- Discussion on role of the state in the report – resourcing and enabling communities, obligations and action on silos.

**Actions:**

- Frame as 2040 for the future date.
- Incorporate PHAC feedback above and via written emailed feedback.
- Ensure recommendations consistent with the PHAC food environments report.
- Secretariat to book meetings with PHAC members before the next meeting for further iterations of the report.
- PHAC to apply bedrock framing/ discussion above to provide feedback to 5.3

- Secretariat to send Indigenous determinants of health paper to PHAC.

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

Dr Andrew Old.

Secretariat absent.

### **Closing**

Karakia by Beverly.

**3:30 Meeting finished.**

**Next meeting: Thursday 22 May via Microsoft teams**