

**TO: Members
Canterbury District Health Board**

SOURCE: Chairman

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Report Status – For: Decision Noting Information

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

This is a regular monthly update from the Chair.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Board:

- i. notes the Chair's Update.

3. DISCUSSION

This will be a particularly demanding year for the Canterbury DHB and Board members with a significant number of issues requiring our attention and action:

1. District Annual Plan/Primary Care Business Case/Statement of Intent

An update on budget direction and key outputs will be given at today's meeting. A Board forum is being held on 17 February 2010 with a presentation on the first draft of the District Annual Plan, the 2010/2011 Budget and the Primary Care Business Case. Final drafts will then be presented to a Special Board Meeting on 1 March 2010. At that Special Board Meeting, the first draft of the Statement of Intent will also be presented for feedback, and a final draft will come to the 12 March Board meeting for approval. Further consideration of the District Annual Plan and Statement of Intent will occur subsequent to formal feedback from the Ministry of Health.

2. District Strategic Plan

The Board has resolved to replace our current District Strategic Plan which will in due course require the consent of the Minister of Health. The level of community consultation must, at the least, be that required of Local Government in regards to Long Term Council Community Plans. A report will come to the Board on the process of preparing the District Strategic Plan and public input. PHO's will need to be involved, particularly in terms of the District Strategic Plan reflecting changes arising from the Primary Care Business Case. Board members will be required to attend community meetings and engage with our many communities in this process.

3. Facility Development Project

The establishment of a Board Committee and approval of Terms of Reference is on today's Board agenda for consideration. This will continue to be significant work for the Board with the development and completion of the business plans this year.

4. Kaikoura Hospital

Board consultation with the Kaikoura community will take place next month and there will be a verbal update at today's Board meeting. The involvement of as many Board members as possible would be appreciated, and it is important for that community for Board members themselves to receive their feedback and comments on the options to be presented.

5. Other issues

Other issues that will require our attention and action include:

- a. Review of the Memorandum of Understanding with Manawhenua Ki Waitaha, including the establishment of a Maori Advisory Group, including Nga Maata Waka and Taura Here.
- b. Development of a Board Governance Manual and a review of Standing Orders.
- c. Ongoing collaboration with the West Coast DHB and South Island Regional Planning.
- d. With the establishment of the National Health Board and Shared Services Agency, the implications for our DHB, with the potential development of some services from the Ministry of Health to DHB's but also some "back office" functions being part of the Shared Services Agency.
- e. Rural Health Issues: Board members have requested a forum on Rural Health and further consideration of rural issues. The Board will need to review progress relating to Darfield and Akaroa Hospitals in conjunction with those communities.
- f. Health of older persons, including aged care, is of increasing importance with our increasing ageing population. The end of life care forum was valuable and Board members requested that the Board be updated on progress, including the establishment of an ethics service.
- g. Elective Surgery and Health Targets. For 2010/2011 there will be a change in some health targets, new indicators and/or modified indicators. The Minister of Health is expecting Board compliance. Concern has been raised in regard to delivery targets for cardiac surgery and this will require Board consideration.
- h. Financial sustainability.
- i. Improving the Patient Journey and Quality of Care.

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