

Board meeting summary



Summary – Board meeting no. 7

17 June 2021

Agenda items noted and discussed

The Board discussed:

- the current make-up of the Board and two further roles:
 - adding one more Board member that is Māori and brings a te ao Māori perspective to the Commission's work at a governance level, and
 - the formal appointment of a Deputy Chair
- extending the term for one Board member
- people with lived experience of mental health and addiction (or both) and how the Commission includes their views and perspectives on mental health and wellbeing
- the approach that will be taken for the mental health services and addiction services report, which is on track to be published by the end of 2021
- talking with Iwi Māori and listening to their views and perspectives.

Agenda items approved

- privacy policy
- protected disclosures policy
- amending the Board manual – remuneration section
- guidelines for claiming Board fees
- to get the process for appointing an additional Board member underway with the Ministry of Health and the Minister of Health's office.

The Board discussed the progress that has been made developing the Commission's Te Tiriti o Waitangi draft position statement:

- a staff workshop on what the position statement means for staff
- the views and advice from key Māori stakeholders, and
- the position statement will be developed alongside the organisational strategy to keep them aligned with each other.

Tū tangata mauri ora | Flourishing together

The Board discussed papers written about a range of strategic issues that will help the Commission develop its organisational strategy. These included: wellbeing models, frameworks and reporting, and how the Commission can listen to the views of people with lived experience of mental distress or addiction (or both).

Guests and presentations

Guest speakers were from the Office of the Children's Commissioner, including Children's Commissioner, Judge Andrew Becroft; Kaikōmihana Māori | Assistant Māori Commissioner, Glenis Phillip-Barbara; the Director; and the Principal Advisor Māori.

They talked with the Board about:

- how children supported by low income families have greater risk of poorer wellbeing and other outcomes than the rest of the population
- the intergenerational aspect of child wellbeing
- the experiences of parents can affect future outcomes for children
- how to improve systems and social factors, like housing and education, that impact on the mental health and wellbeing of people by investing in children in their early years
- how the two Commissions can work together where they have similar priorities to make sure the views of people with lived experience of mental distress or addiction (or both) are heard
- how the Commissions can use the views and opinions of mokopuna and children to take action.

The two organisations agreed to work closely together on areas of mutual interest.

Then, Synergia presented the project plan, key milestones, and timeline for developing the Commission's organisational strategy.