

Board meeting summary



Summary of board meeting no. 3

3 and 4 March 2021

Agenda items approved

The following items were considered and approved:

- Board manual
- Conflict of interest policy
- Procurement policy
- Property, plant, equipment, and intangible assets policy.

The Board agreed that work be started to develop an organisation strategy and agreed the general approach. There was discussion about how to involve the mental health and addiction sector in the development of the strategy. A combined approach of targeted (sector) and wider (more public) consultation was discussed as a preferred approach.

Agenda items noted and discussed

There were one key presentation from Commission staff:

- The Acting CE gave a presentation on the Initial Commission's progress report, Mā te rongo ake: Through listening and hearing, and discussed planned communications. [This report has subsequently been released by the Minister of Health and is published on the Commission website: <https://www.mhwc.govt.nz/assets/Ma-Te-Rongo-Ake/Ma-Te-Rongo-Ake-Initial-Commission-Report.pdf>.]

The Board noted that part-time capability had been contracted for mental health and addiction services, a Specialist Advisor Māori, and a lived experience specialist. The Board agreed that a position statement on Te Tiriti o Waitangi be developed.

Guests and presentations

The Acting Deputy Director-General Mental Health and Addiction Directorate of the Ministry of Health gave a presentation and had an open discussion with the Board.

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There was agreement on working positively together, ensuring that discussions are free and frank and open to manage the relationship directly. The Ministry acknowledge the Board's role in leadership.

Discussion followed about the development of the Ministry of Health's Mental Wellbeing Long-Term Pathway, including opportunities for the Commission to participate. [The Commission subsequently met with the Ministry on the topic and completed a submission.]