

Board meeting summary



Summary of Board meeting no. 4

31 March 2021

Meeting overview

The Chair and Acting CE talked about their meeting with the Minister of Health, Hon. Andrew Little, held on 30 March 2021. The meeting with the Minister set a foundation for a positive working relationship. A wide range of topics were discussed with the Minister.

The Minister is looking to the Commission to contribute to the future vision for the mental health and addiction sector. He considers the Commission has an important role in connecting to people – to be the “eyes and ears”, especially for people with lived experience of mental distress and addiction.

Agenda items approved

The Board approved considered and approved:

- Official Information Act policy
- Proactive release of information policy
- Communications policy (and key messages)
- criteria for deciding who will approve specific policies – e.g. the Board, Acting Chief Executive, Finance, Audit and Risk Board sub-Committee)
- a submission on the Ministry of Health’s Mental Wellbeing Long-term Pathway
- the appointment of the external member to the Finance, Audit and Risk Board sub-Committee.

The Board considered feedback from monitoring agencies on the Statement of Intent 2020 – 2024 and Statement of Performance Expectations 2020 / 21 and agreed the next step in the development of the documents, which is consultation with the Minister of Health under the Crown Entities Act 2004.

A newly developed Statement of Performance Expectations 2021 / 22 was also approved for consultation with the Ministry of Health (acting on behalf of the Minister of Health) under the Crown Entities Act 2004.

Tū tangata mauri ora | Flourishing together

A significant step for the work programme of the Commission was consideration of the He Ara Oranga wellbeing outcomes framework, developed by the Initial Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission (the Initial Commission). Managers, along with the team who worked on the framework, gave a presentation about the work to develop the framework.

The Board agreed to adopt the He Ara Oranga wellbeing outcomes framework, developed by the Initial Commission. The framework will be used for assessing and reporting on the wellbeing of all people in Aotearoa New Zealand. Next steps are development of indicators and a baseline report.

Agenda items noted and discussed

The Board discussed a paper to inform the development of an approach for the organisation to be grounded in Te Tiriti o Waitangi and endorsed the next step, the development of a Te Tiriti o Waitangi position statement for the Commission.

The Board also considered papers to inform an organisational strategy – these were an international scan of Mental Health and / or Wellbeing Commissions in other countries and an analysis of the Health and Disability Sector Review.

Guests and presentations

No guests attended the meeting and no external presentations took place.