



Manawhenua ki Waitaha

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Tena koutou katoa

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge our previous Chair Wendy Dallas-Katoa for all the mahi she has done during her time as Chair and for the relationships forged over those years.

This has been a tumultuous and challenging first year as the Chair of Manawhenua ki Waitaha. I would like to thank in particular my Deputy Chair for her support on various matters and the rest of the Board for their overall support of myself as Chair. I would also like to mihi to Ruth Chisolm, our Kaiawhina who is the face of our relationships, who keeps us on task and kindly manages us to complete our mahi. This year we have managed to make some significant inroads into our mahi.

COVID19 took us by surprise and it saw us at home in bubbles, working electronically and watching as the world was caught up in this devastating pandemic. We are yet to experience the full force of the fallout of COVID19 globally. Mental distress, economic disruption, poverty, unemployment, business failures and deaths will all take their toll on our health system and will require extra resources particularly in supporting people's mental health. This pandemic has not slowed down as we witness a global resurgence. New Zealanders response to this pandemic was amazing and certainly saved lives. We have learnt a lot from this virus, particularly around a pandemic response. While the voice of manawhenua was missing in the planning of a pandemic response we have addressed this issue and we now have Dr Erihana Ryan on the CDHB Pandemic response group. If we have further community transmissions may we continue, as a country, to react in a way that minimises the devastating effects of the Novel Corona Virus, COVID19. Thank you to our Board members who adapted to a whole new way of holding meetings and completing tasks.

This year our relationship with the Executive team at the DHB has seen us more involved in DHB plans and processes. I was invited to attend the Induction and Orientation of the new CDHB Board members in February.

This is the first year we have been asked to input into the CDHB Annual Business Plan. This has been a busy time advocating for some significant changes to the way in which the Board and Executive see and respond to our Treaty partnership responsibilities. Our areas of focus were competency training for the Board and Executive team, building capacity and capability of Papatipu Runanga to manage their own hauora, accelerating the spread and delivery of kaupapa Maori services, identifying bias in decision making, reduction of health inequities and whanau ora. I was also asked to write a foreword for the Annual Business Plan. We will also be a part of the recruitment process for the new CEO and recently I met with the recruitment consultants to korero with them about the ideal CEO.

As the Chair of MWCT I currently sit on the Community and Public Health Advisory Committee/Disability Support Advisory Committee, the Hospital Advisory Committee and the Clinical Board.

Wendy Dallas-Katoa sits on the Alliance Leadership Team with a new Chair Don Elder. I was involved in the recruitment process for the new Chair of the Alliance leadership team.

Our new representative on the Facilities Development Committee is Toriana Hunt. Toriana has done a great job supporting this group in the new build at Hillmorton Hospital. The narrative provided by Puamiria Parata-Goodall was well received by the committee and this has been used in design and planning. The narrative has been circulated amongst the relevant staff and this has brought about a lot of discussion about the area the hospital is



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situated in and its history pertaining to Maori. In August the new Acute Services Building was blessed by an ope from Te Ngai Tuahuriri.

In 2019 the previous Board set up a small working party which included both the Chairs and Deputy Chairs of both MWCT and the CDHB and the executive Director of Maori and Pacific health to review our MOU. We were to meet with both Boards to ratify any changes before getting sign off from the Chairs of nga Papatipu Runanga. This is the normal process we would go through; however we did not manage to complete this process before the new Board was established. This year the task has been allocated to the Deputy Chair of the DHB who has met with the Chair and Deputy Chair of MWCT. A new relationship document, in the form of a strategic partnership, has been drafted and will be presented to the Board as a paper by the Deputy Chair. This is still in progress and we will request that we are able to speak to the paper or be present when it is presented to the CDHB Board members

- MKWCT has three contracts to deliver on behalf of Canterbury DHB (CDHB). **Scholarships, governance and training and appointments.**
- In April 2018 MKWCT was charged to facilitate the **appointments** of 18 CCN work stream SLA groups. We continue to build a register of interest for those who wish to continue this appointment process and we are always looking for representatives. Up until June 2020 MKWCT has only needed to recruit required 3 Maori representatives on to the Canterbury Clinical Network work stream/SLA groups.
- **Scholarships** for 2020. 46 successful recipients were awarded a contribution towards their studies
- We will negotiate with the CDHB around our training contract to enable us to deliver marae based education around nga Papatipu Runanga so our leaders in CCN gain more understanding of the population they are responsible for.

As the environment changes we must continue to be able to be flexible in our response and to advocate for our positioning as Manawhenua ki Waitaha and continue to push to ensure our expectations, outlined in the Annual Business plan, are implemented and not shelved or forgotten in amongst all the other “noise”.

We must continue to assert our rights as the Treaty partner to a 50/50 partnership and continue to assert our influence on the Board and the wider health system in order to continue the fight for equity for our people within this very complex system. We must be even more vigilant within our monitoring role to ensure the gains made in Maori health over the years are not compromised by the current issues facing the Executive Team and Board.

It is truly a time of change and we need to be ready to respond and adapt in order to fulfill our obligations and responsibilities to our Maori community.

Atawhaitia ki te tangata

Nga mihi mahana
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