Forum 2019

The purpose of this forum is to bring people together to reflect on successes, address challenges and shape efforts to deliver a strong and fair public health and disability system in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Around 40 presenters and facilitators from diverse health sector backgrounds will deliver the two days of plenary and concurrent sessions. Attendee input will be encouraged.

Plenary session 1
Ensuring equity: challenges and opportunities

Both in New Zealand and globally, our ability to address equity challenges in health has improved significantly over the past decades. However, persistent disparities in access to quality services and health outcomes remain. In Aotearoa New Zealand, Māori and Pacific peoples and those in low socioeconomic groups are still the most disadvantaged.

We welcome Minister of Health Hon Dr David Clark to open Forum 2019 by outlining the Government’s commitment to addressing health inequities and the work underway to deliver tangible changes with measurable results.

Minister Clark will be followed by Iron Māori founder Heather Te Au Skipworth. Iron Māori is a whānau based fitness movement which has transformed hundreds of lives across the North Island.

This plenary session will be chaired by Director-General of Health, Dr Ashley Bloomfield.

Plenary session 2
Enabling wellbeing

Budget 2019 unveiled New Zealand’s first ‘Wellbeing Budget’, which broadens the focus of the Budget beyond economic and fiscal impacts to include the determinants of wellbeing, such as the investment in human, social, and environmental ‘capital’.

In this plenary session sector leaders will focus on three of the Wellbeing Budget’s priority areas: child and youth health, mental health and primary care. Presenters include:

- Hayden Wano, Te Ātiawa, Taranaki, Ngāti Awa, Chief Executive of Tui Ora health services and Chair of the recently announced Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission.
- Dr Samantha Murton, GP, President of The Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners.
- Dr Jenny Parr, Chief Nurse and Director of Patient and Whānau Experience, Counties Manukau Health.

The session will be chaired by Robyn Shearer, Deputy-Director General Mental Health and Addiction at the Ministry of Health.
Plenary session 3

Future directions

What do we need to do to deliver a public health and disability system that can best meet the needs of our changing population?

What are the expectations and aspirations of Māori?

What is on the horizon for general practice? What does wellbeing mean in this setting?

What does the future look like from a DHB perspective?

These are some of the topics that will be considered by Tāmati Kruger, Dr Jeff Lowe and Kathryn Cook in this plenary session on future directions.

Tāmati Kruger is a Tūhoe leader, Māori advocate and social commentator.

Dr Jeff Lowe is a GP at the Karori Medical Centre in Wellington and Chair of General Practice NZ.

Kathryn Cook is Chief Executive of MidCentral DHB.

The session will be chaired by Nadine Higgins, freelance journalist, newsreader and television and radio host.

Plenary session 4

Health and disability system review

The Health and Disability System Review Interim Report was released by Review Chair, Heather Simpson to the Minister of Health, on September 3.

The purpose of the report is to provide an outline of what the review panel has heard during engagement with the public and sector and to provide an early view of the thinking. The report does not make recommendations but does provide a comprehensive current state and sense of direction.

The key themes emerging from that engagement, and reflected in the report, include:

- a greater role for primary and community care
- the need to deliver better outcomes for Māori and address inequity
- more focus on prevention
- better leadership and planning
- stronger accountability and clearer decision rights
- better service integration across the system.

The session will be chaired by Keriana Brooking, Deputy-Director General Health System Improvement and Innovation at the Ministry of Health. Keriana will be joined by Heather Simpson, Chair of the New Zealand Health and Disability Review and other panel members.
Plenary session 5

Building a fairer and more sustainable public health and disability system

In this closing session, members of the Ministry of Health’s executive leadership team will present key themes from each of the concurrent sessions. There will be opportunity for questions and answers and final closing statements from Dr Ashley Bloomfield, Director-General.

The discussion will be led by the following executive leadership team members:

John Whaanga, Deputy Director-General Māori Health
Deborah Woodley, Deputy Director-General Population Health and Prevention
Anna Clark, Deputy Director-General Health Workforce
Shayne Hunter, Deputy Director-General Data and Digital
Adri Isbister, Deputy Director-General Disability

Concurrent session 1: Wellbeing

In this workshop we will build a shared understanding of how we can work together to support the priorities outlined in the Wellbeing Budget. The workshop will focus on three areas:

1. Children and youth
2. Mental health
3. Prevention (community/primary level care).

Keynote speakers

Hon Julie Anne Genter, Associate Minister of Health: 30 October 10.45am
Paul Hunt, Chief Human Rights Commissioner: 29 October 11am; 29 October 3.00pm
Holly Walker, writer, mother and previous Green MP: 30 October 1.15pm

Presenters

Clare Shepherd and Greg Hamilton, Mana Ake Project leaders: 29 October 11am session; 3.00pm session; 30 October, 10.45am session; 1.15pm session
Te Puea Winiata, CEO Turuki Health Care: 29 October 11am session, 3.00pm session; 30 October 10.45am session, 1.15pm session
Rachel Enosa, Chief Executive of Cause Collective: 29 October 11am session; 3.00pm session
Annie Ualesi, Strategic Partnerships Manager for Healthy Families South Auckland: 30 October 10.45am session; 1.15pm session

Facilitator

Sharlaine Chee, Population Health and Prevention, Office of the Director-General, Ministry of Health
Concurrent session 2: Person-directed support

What is person-directed support and why is it different to people-centred support?

How can person-directed support improve access to health services and improve outcomes?

Why is cross-agency collaboration an important tool in person-directed support?

In this workshop we will consider the opportunities person-directed support presents for our work and identify associated challenges and ways to overcome them. There will be a special emphasis on disability and mental health users’ access to the health and disability system.

Keynote speakers

Hon Jenny Salesa, Associate Minister of Health: 30 October 10.45am session

Philip Patston, Managing Director of Diversity New Zealand: 29 October 11am session, 3.00pm session; 30 October 1.15pm session.

Presenters/panellists

Dr Tristram Ingham, from the Muscular Dystrophy Association of New Zealand and Te Ao Mārama: 29 October 11am session; 29 October 3.15pm session; 30 October 10.45am session; 30 October 1.15pm session.

Marc Beecroft, Consumer Advisory representative, Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD): 30 October 10.45am session; 30 October 1.15pm session.

Mary Fisher, Paralympic swimming star and world record breaker: 29 October 11am session; 29 October 3pm session; 30 October 10.45am session; 30 October 1.15pm session.

Graeme Norton, Chair of Health Consumer Councils of New Zealand: 29 October 11am session; 29 October 3pm session; 30 October 10.45am session; 30 October 1.15pm session.

Paula Tesoriero, MNZM, Disability Rights Commissioner and former world champion athlete: 29 October 11am session; 29 October 3.00pm session.

Facilitator

Mark Benjamin, Chief Executive, Standards and Monitoring Services, and member of the National Leadership Team at Enabling Good Lives
Concurrent session 3: Equity

In Aotearoa New Zealand people have differences in health that are not only avoidable but also unfair and unjust. Equity recognises different people with different levels of advantage require different approaches and resources to get equitable outcomes in health and wellness.

Having a common understanding of equity is an essential foundation for coordinated and collaborative effort to achieving equitable outcomes. In this workshop facilitated by John Whaanga, the Ministry of Health's Deputy Director-General Māori Health, we will increase our collective understanding of equity and develop ways to use this knowledge across the health and disability system.

Keynote speakers

Hon Peeni Henare, Associate Minister of Health: 29 October 11am
Meng Foon, Race Relations Commissioner: 29 October 11am
Dr Monique Faleafa, MNZM, Chief Executive Le Va: 30 October 10.45am
Haami Piripi, ONZ, Chair of Te Runanga o Te Rarawa: 30 October 1.15pm

Presenters

Yasser El Shall, Kāhui Tū Kaha, victim support volunteer: 29 October 11am session, 3pm session; 30 October 10.45am session, 1.15pm session

Dr Helen Paterson, Te Waka Wahine Hauora: 29 October 11am session, 3.00pm session; 30 October 10.45am session, 1.15pm session

Dr Nina Scott, Waikato District Health Board, Chair of Hei Āhuru Mōwai, the national Māori Cancer leadership Group: 29 October 11am session, 3.00pm session; 30 October 10.45am session, 2.45pm session

Facilitator

John Whaanga, Deputy Director-General Māori Health, Ministry of Health
Concurrent session 4: Health workforce

A strategic approach to planning and development of our workforce is key to ensuring New Zealand’s health and disability system can deliver safe, effective and accessible services to New Zealanders now and into the future. Recent initiatives aimed at strengthening the health workforce include the establishment of a new Health Workforce Advisory Board and the Ministry of Health’s new Health Workforce Directorate.

In this workshop you will:

- find out more about the newly formed Board and provide input into its priorities
- be updated on work currently underway by the new Health Workforce Directorate
- learn how Otago University has achieved proportionality with the population for Māori medical graduates.

Keynote speaker

Professor Judy McGregor, Auckland University of Technology (AUT) and Chair of the new Health Workforce Advisory Board

Presenters

Professor Sue Pullon: Professor of Primary Health Care and Director of the Otago Interprofessional Education Centre (IPE), the University of Otago: 29 October 11am session, 3.00pm session; 30 October 10.45am session, 1.15pm session

Associate Professor Joanne Baxter, Associate Dean for Māori Health, University of Otago, and Director of the Māori Health Workforce Development Unit: 29 October 11am session, 3.00pm session; 30 October 10.45am session, 1.15pm session

Anna Clark, Deputy Director-General Health Workforce, Ministry of Health: 29 October 11am session, 3.00pm session; 30 October 10.45am session, 1.15pm session

Facilitator

Jane George, Associate Director of Allied Health, West Coast District Health Board