

# Briefing



## Quarterly progress report

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**To:** Hon Andrew Little, Minister of Health

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## Purpose of briefing

1. You are meeting with the Board Chair of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission (the Commission), Hayden Wano and the Chief Executive, Karen Orsborn, and the Commission's officials from 11:00am–11:30am - Monday, 2 May 2022. This briefing provides information to inform your discussion with the Commission.

## Key points

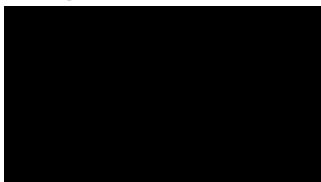
2. The Commission has provided detail on the following topics in the briefing:
  - 'Te Huringa', the Mental Health, and Addiction Services Monitoring Report 2022
  - He Ara Āwhina Framework consultation
  - Te Reo Māori name and brand for the Commission
  - He Ara Oranga wellbeing outcomes framework
  - Letter of Expectations 2022, SOI 2022-2026 and SPE 2022/23
  - Quarter three progress on SPE 2021/22.

## Recommendations

We recommend you:

- a) **note** the content of this paper provides an outline for our discussion with you
- b) **note** the Commission intends to proactively release this briefing as part of our proactive release policy.

Signed:



Karen Orsborn

**Chief Executive**

**Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission**

Hon Andrew Little

**Minister of Health**

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## Background

3. The Commission last met with you in February 2022 [BN2022\_001 refers].
4. We discussed key findings from our recent publications, Report on the Access and Choice Programme, Te Rau Tira Wellbeing Outcomes Report, and our work programme for the next year. We also discussed the pre-release copy of Te Huringa that had been provided to your office.
5. We highlighted the timeframe planned for the consultation phase of the He Ara Āwhina framework.
6. This briefing follows on from that discussion and provides our progress and highlights in the quarter to 31 March 2022.

## Quarterly activity

### **Te Huringa – Change and Transformation**

7. The Commission released Te Huringa – Change and Transformation. Mental Health and Addiction Services Monitoring Report 2022 (Te Huringa), on 22 March 2022.
8. Te Huringa was reported in most main media outlets, with outlets either seeking interviews with the Commission leaders or running content from the media release. Eleven interviews were conducted by the Board Chair, Chief Executive, and a Board member collectively.
9. The key themes in media coverage were access to youth and child mental health services, the impact of COVID-19 on mental health staff and services and on people's mental wellbeing, the inequitable use of coercive treatment and solitary confinement (seclusion) for Māori, the need for more investment in specialist services and the demand for mental health support amongst Asian New Zealanders particularly since the beginning of the pandemic.

### **He Ara Āwhina Framework**

10. The Commission is currently consulting on He Ara Āwhina, the framework that we will use to monitor the mental health and addiction system, including services, from 2023. Public consultation on the conceptual framework closed 19 April. We have provided many ways for people to give feedback to ensure the framework is accessible to everyone, especially our priority population groups.
11. We are achieving good engagement from Māori, people with lived experience, whānau, communities, and sector organisations. More than 70 meetings or hui have been held about the framework and the consultation process. We have also received a significant number of submissions by email and through our online form.

12. Through a dedicated Māori engagement team, we are achieving strong input by Māori, tāngata whaiora, whānau and kaupapa Māori supports and services. This feedback has been very supportive of the framework, and helpful in identifying concepts that could be strengthened or included.
13. Overall, the feedback on the conceptual framework so far has been positive with useful comments to improve the framework and we are on track to publish the final framework in June 2022. There are high expectations for the next 'methods and measures phase' where we will work with technical experts across the system to develop 'how' we will monitor services using the final framework. This phase of work will include further consultation.

### **Te Reo Māori name for the Commission, branding and our Pou Rama design**

14. The Commission is currently working with [REDACTED], a communication, marketing & engagement agency. Their role has been to provide a strong cultural perspective in developing our brand, designing a Pou Rama and support us to find a Te Reo Māori name for the Commission. This work has involved several wānanga seeking participants' views, goals, and perceptions of the Commission from internal and external stakeholders.
15. From our last update, design concepts focused on the design of the tōhu and finalising an overall direction (brand territory). The final decision was based on feedback generated from hui held and stakeholder input. This led to robust discussion from a collective expertise ropū on te ao Māori and Māori perspectives.
16. In conclusion, Mātanga Māori ropū respectfully advised that 'Kaitiakitanga' be the brand territory that [REDACTED] should proceed and progress with.
17. The name of the Commission and the Pou Rama will be designed from this brand territory, and we will discuss this with you when we meet on the 2 May 2022.

### **Draft SPE 2022/23, draft SOI 2022-2026 and priorities**

18. We received your Letter of Expectations on 5 April 2022. Our draft SOI and SPE reflect our legislative mandate, Te Tiriti o Waitangi position statement, organisational strategy, your expectations, and feedback from our engagement with people and organisations across the mental health and wellbeing system. We welcome the opportunity to discuss these priorities and the deliverables we have chosen for the upcoming year.
19. Both documents have been reviewed by the Ministry of Health, the Commission's finance, audit and assurance committee, our Audit organisation and by the Board. We will send a near final to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) and will send the final to you, later in May when we have received the Ministry's final feedback.
20. As mentioned to you in our last meeting, we are working with the Ministry to secure sustainable funding through a bid in Budget 2022.

21. To date, we have not been formally advised as to whether we have been successful or not. We have had approval to continue with our contingency approach using prior year surplus in 2022/23.

### **He Ara Oranga wellbeing outcomes framework**

22. We have previously briefed you on the process used to develop He Ara Oranga wellbeing outcomes framework in 2020/21. This framework was developed in collaboration with communities, and with guidance from experts in wellbeing and mental health.

23. The framework was designed to be one of the tools to shift the way the wellbeing system is working towards an outcome-orientated approach. It is intended to be a shared framework that multiple partners can use to guide their collective effort to improve wellbeing, such as influencing investment decisions, service design and policy.

24. In your letter of expectations, you asked us to work collaboratively with other agencies, particularly the Ministry of Health, Health NZ, and the Māori Health Authority to align our efforts on mental health and wellbeing. You also asked us to work with other agencies to consolidate measurement of wellbeing.

25. The He Ara Oranga wellbeing outcomes framework is one of the tools for us to deliver on your expectations. For example, we are planning to facilitate positive change via a series of results-focused workshops with key partners in the 2022/23 financial year.

### **SPE deliverables 2021/2022**

26. All the deliverables in our current work programme are tracking well and the quarter three report has been forwarded to the Ministry in April 2022.

### **Next steps**

27. We look forward to our meeting with you on 2 May 2022 and to discuss our work plan further with you.

**ENDS**