

Briefing

Progress report on Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission

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Purpose of report

1. You are meeting with the Chair of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission, Hayden Wano, and the Chief Executive, Karen Orsborn from 3:30pm – 4:00pm on 4 July 2022. This briefing provides information to inform your discussion with the Commission.

Key points

2. The Commission proposes the following items for discussion:

- Publication of the Statement of Intent 2022-2026 and Statement of Performance Expectations 2022-2023
- The He Ara Āwhina framework and next steps
- Our advocacy agenda programme
- Nau Mai te Ao lived experience discussion paper.

Recommendations

We recommend you:

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| a) note the contents of this briefing and the proposed items for discussion on 4 July 2022 | Yes / No |
| b) note the Commission intends to proactively release this briefing as part of our proactive release policy | Yes / No |



Karen Orsborn
Chief Executive
Date: 21/06/2022

Hon Minister Andrew Little
Minister for Health
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Background

The Commission last met with you in May 2022 [BN2022-003 refers] and spoke about the consultation phase of He Ara Āwhina, our Māori name and our quarter three progress report.

Statement of Intent 2022 – 2026 and the Statement of Performance Expectation 2022 - 2023

3. We provided you with our Statement of Intent 2022 – 2026 and Statement of Performance Expectations 2022 – 2023 [BN2022-005 refers], for your consideration.
4. We outlined the consultation approach and feedback received on the documents and provided you with a process and timeframe for the tabling of the documents. We are awaiting your instruction before we finalise our printed and PDF versions for the next step in the accountability process.

He Ara Āwhina monitoring services framework

5. Alongside this briefing you will receive a briefing on He Ara Āwhina. The briefing highlights the public consultation process and the 260 submissions that provided valuable input to the framework.
6. Within the He Ara Āwhina briefing package, we attached our communications plan and the finalised conceptual He Ara Āwhina framework. This framework will be published on 30 June 2022.

Launch of Te Hiringa Mahara and brand story

7. We have confirmed the date for the launch of our te reo Māori name, Te Hiringa Mahara on 5 July 2022, at Wharewaka.
8. We have invited a small number of guests that include representatives from mana whenua, Tātou designers we worked with, members of our expert advisory group and our Mātanga Māori roopū.
9. There will be a full board presence alongside our staff. We intend to have a small-scale launch event and will make the event available via a live stream link, to enable a wide range of stakeholders and communities to participate.

Quarter Four Report and our Annual Report 2022

10. We are beginning to work on our quarter four report and our annual report for 2022. We are proud of the work we have achieved over the last year, with special mention of the enduring but fledgling relationships, we are forging with mana whenua. Our audit visit is scheduled for two weeks in September 2022. This is subject to change and is based on the availability of auditors to do the work.
11. We will keep you abreast of our progress with the current plan scheduled to be tabled (Annual report) in Parliament by mid-November 2022.

Grounding our work in Te Tiriti o Waitangi

12. Our Te Tiriti o Waitangi Position Statement is a living document that supports our Te Tiriti o Waitangi work plan. This plan looks to strengthen our relationships and engagement with Māori with particular reference to iwi, hapū, whānau Māori and their supporting communities/groups.
13. We have focused on understanding what we need to do to lift our engagement capability in this area and are working on lifting our competency levels in applying a te ao Māori worldview to our work.

Advocacy Agendas

14. We have defined an advocacy agenda programme which seeks to accelerate transformation in key areas toward system change. The core agenda is 'Transformation of mental health and wellbeing, in line with, and beyond He Ara Oranga'. We intend to actively promote changes in these areas and will publish insights papers and speak on these topics. This work is still being finalised.
15. Three key sub-agendas have now been identified.
 - a. Transforming from a coercive to a choice-driven mental health system
 - b. Grow Te Ao Māori services
 - c. Improved youth wellbeing and services
16. Transforming from a coercive to a choice-driven mental health system includes changes to the Mental Health Act, expanding acute options and growing the lived experience workforce.
17. Grow Te Ao Māori services includes expanding and growing Kaupapa Māori services, aligning commissioning with Te Tiriti o Waitangi, valuing Mātauranga Māori and cultural safety of all services.
18. In the next twelve to eighteen months, we are prioritising advocacy actions that contribute to all three key agendas identified above.

COVID-19 Insights series

19. COVID-19 has had and will continue to have an enormous impact on people, whānau and services. The Commission is planning a programme of work to understand the wellbeing effects of COVID-19 and the responses by many groups across Aotearoa.
20. The programme consists of approximately eight brief insight reports exploring the impacts of COVID-19 on our priority populations' mental health and determinants of wellbeing. These short reports will focus on challenging existing public narratives.
21. The work will utilise existing academically rigorous research and is intended to have practical recommendations or implementation capabilities. This will be supported by highlighting success-stories in the research, with the aim to share and spread positive community responses. The foundational report, exploring the extant public narrative is near completion, and confirming topics, approaches, and collaborators is underway.
22. Given the expectation of ongoing and regular insights, we aim to release the first in August 2022, with subsequent releases approximately every month (with no release expected for December 2022 and January 2023).

Current activity

23. At present we are consulting with lived experience communities/groups/peer supports on a discussion paper called Nau Mai te Ao. This discussion document and its name reflects an intention to provide clarity and illuminate a way forward in working with lived experience communities.
24. Nau Mai te Ao is currently being shared through targeted engagement with lived experience networks and communities during June. These insights and subsequent community feedback will form the foundation for drafting a position statement on understanding and working with lived experience.
25. Once developed, we intend to share this resource with other government agencies and services to support good practice. Our plan is to publish this Position Statement on or before 30 September 2022. We will keep you abreast of our progress in this area.

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