

# Board meeting summary



## Summary of Board meeting no. 6

13 May 2021

### Agenda items approved

The Board discussed and approved the:

- Statement of Performance Expectations 2021 / 22
- Health and safety policy
- Gift and hospitality policy
- Koha policy
- Social media policy and Social media community guidelines, and
- a submission from the Commission on the Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Amendment Bill.

### Agenda items noted and discussed

Several reports on business were taken as read:

- a report from the Acting Chief Executive
- a report on Statement of Performance Expectations 2020 / 21 deliverables, and
- the establishment programme report.

The Board considered a draft position statement on Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The draft was approved, in principle, to progress into the next stages of development, including engagement with key stakeholders. A draft supporting matrix describes how the position statement will be put into action through the Commission's work. The matrix will be developed in collaboration with staff. The Board will consider the position statement for approval after engagement with stakeholders and development of the matrix.

Strategy papers were considered in the series of papers to inform the development of organisational strategy. These were about: the key features of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission Act 2020 and the current budget and appropriation.

An information paper was discussed about the differences between Office of the Director-General of Mental Health Annual Report 2017 and the 2018 and 2019 combined report.

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## Guests and presentations

Guest speakers were the Director-General of Health, Dr Ashley Bloomfield, followed by the Director of the Health and Disability Review Transition Unit, Stephen McKernan, and the Manager of the Transition Unit.

The Director-General spoke about the shared obligation and objectives of the Commission and the Ministry of Health in seeking a better mental health and wellbeing system for the public. Ongoing review is an important aspect of this, and the Commission and the Ministry both have a role. Working together in the leadership space should be collegial. There will be times where the Commission should rightly be assertive. Different views will be managed through appropriate process.

The Board and Director-General had an open discussion covering He Ara Oranga and how it is viewed, reporting on He Ara Oranga, and the development of the Ministry of Health's Mental Wellbeing Long-Term Pathway. The context of change under the Health and Disability Sector Review was discussed. Part of the change wanted is about a shift from health to a broad, cross-government approach. The Director-General is a member of the Social Wellbeing Board and will facilitate bringing the Commission in.

The Transition Unit provided an update on their work plan, which is moving at a fast pace, following the announcement of key decisions. Mental health is a key area of focus, transferring into the new organisation, Health New Zealand. The important role of the Māori Health Authority was discussed, as well as the opportunity to improve the social determinants of health. The Transition Unit welcomes the opportunity to work with the Commission and the Commission will be actively looking to participate and ensure the focus on mental health is sustained.