

Update for Central Region DHB CEOs and Boards - March 2009

Introduction

A new RCSP steering group is in place and the group met for the first time late February. Initial planning for implementation has commenced with a project on vulnerable services and a clinical leadership group is being established.

RCSP Steering Group

A new project sponsor was required to replace David Meates following his departure from the region in December. Murray Georgel, CEO MidCentral DHB, has been appointed to this role.

A nomination process for the multidisciplinary steering group and project director was completed in December 2008 and CEOs appointed the following members.

Project Director: Mike Grant, GM Funding Division, MDHB

Steering Group Member	Position / Area	DHB
Bridget Allan (Chair) Tracey Schiebli Sandra Williams (back/up)	General Manager Planning and Funding	HVDHB WDHB
Warwick Frater Lareen Cooper	Chief Operating Officer	HBDHB MDHB
David Grayson Ken Clark (back/up) Robert Logan (back/up)	Chief Medical Advisor	HBDHB
Helen Pocknall Cheyne Chalmers (back/up) Toni Dal Din (back/up)	Director of Nursing	WAI DHB
Peter Kennedy	Chief Financial Officer	HVDHB
Brian Woolley	Chief Information Officer	MDHB
Matt Watson	MoH	N/A
Vicki Noble	Primary Health	CCDHB
Stephanie Turner Tracee Te Huia (back/up)	General Manager Māori	WAI DHB

Subsequently, the steering group have invited a Tertiary Hospital Provider representative (Chris Lowry, CCDHB) and a Human Resources representative (Bruce McGregor, WAI DHB) to join the group. A consumer representative will be appointed very soon.

Clinical Leadership Group

When CEOs established the steering group they emphasised the importance of clinical leadership in RCSP planning and implementation. Forming a clinical group was seen as the best way to achieve this and achieve a broad base of clinical participation. Draft terms of reference are being circulated to the regional executive groups for feedback and then expressions of interest will be called for. The group is expected to meet by May.



Programme team

The programme team was to consist of existing TAS team supplemented with DHB membership to ensure appropriate and wide DHB input and ownership. The process was not successfully completed late last year due to insufficient expressions of interest and the steering group are now considering how best to approach this over the next few months. Reallocation of TAS resources may present an opportunity to employ staff.

Getting started on the RCSP work programme

The initial work programme for the planning phase of RCSP implementation is in three areas; vulnerable services, clinical networks and seeking stakeholder feedback on the draft plan from DHB staff and district communities.

Vulnerable services: The aim of this work is to reduce the risk of service disruption or failure across the Central Region and to provide greater clarity to regional planning. The project scope was approved at the February steering group meeting and the project will deliver a 'whole of region' view of vulnerable services and regional risk management processes and plans to respond to this. The project will be completed over 2009 and the scope will focus on hospital services first.

Chief Operating Officers have been approached to identify a person to be the central point of contact for project work in the DHB. This person will liaise with the project manager and stakeholders across the DHB. The first step will be to define vulnerable services and determine criteria followed by a stocktake. Work on vulnerable services has also been initiated by the Ministry of Health and this will be included in the regional scope.

Clinical networks: The MoH are completing work on clinical networks as part of the Long Term Systems Framework (LTSF). Regional work on evaluation of existing networks and establishment of new ones will commence in parallel with the national approach.

Stakeholder engagement: Meetings and presentations with staff took place in most DHBs over November and December last year. DHBs did this in different ways, some choosing a targeted approach with senior clinicians and managers while others held open forums. A communications strategy for internal and community engagement will be developed over the next months.

Bringing together the regional work programmes

The RCSP structure presents an opportunity to have an umbrella for all regional work thus providing a mechanism for identifying synergies and prioritising the work programme. The regional service development initiatives (RSDI) steering group was disestablished in November and the network programmes (cardiology, renal and plastics networks) have transferred across to the RCSP programme. Similarly, liaison with the executive groups e.g. COOs, CFOs, CIOs and others has begun so the whole regional work programme can be looked at in its entirety. Updates on the Cancer and Mental Health networks will also be included.

The RCSP steering group will meet monthly to ensure progress and momentum is maintained.

Key Contacts

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More information on the RCSP can be found on the project website: www.rcsp.org.nz