



The Journey Forward Leadership Group Update

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Findings of the Process Mapping workshops are available on the website or in hardcopy by contacting journeyforward@kites.org.nz

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WEBSITE LAUNCHED www.ccdhb.org.nz

The Journey Forward programme now has a website. Visit www.ccdhb.org.nz and click on the Journey Forward logo  to the right of the page.

The website provides information about The Journey Forward programme and its implementation. There are details on the work streams that have been established to date, who is involved, and work plans. Findings of events and workshops are contained here along with a Jargon Buster. We will be adding to the site regularly and ensure progress for the various workstreams are reflected.

What are your views about the website?

Let us know at journeyforward@kites.org.nz

New Appointment

Katie Weastell has joined the team as a Project Co-ordinator. Katie was born and raised between Auckland and Taihape and joins The Journey Forward team having recently commenced study towards a Masters in Psychology through Massey University. Katie is enthusiastic about advocating for, and ensuring effective youth participation within The Journey Forward. She brings with her experience as a youth consumer of mental health services and a strong passion for the development of promotion & prevention within the mental health & addiction sector.

Acute and Crisis Workstream update – A “Plan, Do, Study, Act” workshop has been held based on the Process Mapping Workshop findings. This process will enable solutions that were proposed to be prioritised and tried. We will be keeping a record of developments and they will be available through these bulletins, and the website.

Community Based Enhanced Mental Health Services (CBEMH)

As from January 2007, three houses, located in Whitby, Titahi Bay and Kapiti, have opened. These are residential services supporting four people, (also known as Acute Recovery Houses). On average people stay between 10 and 15 days. This is significant as there are now more options and choices for people experiencing acute mental distress.



Thank you to the people who provided feedback following our previous newsletter. We welcome your feedback and have incorporated changes as suggested. This newsletter should be quicker to download now after we received helpful advice in reducing the size of the logo. We will also ensure we do not disclose the e-mail addresses of all in the data base as we did last time.

Congratulations to Stephanie McIntyre from Downtown Community Ministry who has received a Churchill Grant to research wet houses overseas. For more information visit www.dcm.org.nz

Improving Access Workstream update This work stream has been very busy developing its first working draft of a proposal for an integrated framework (A model of ensuring primary and secondary mental health services are accessible and effective). This was reviewed by the Leadership Group who were generally supportive of the proposals. Suggestions for improvement have been made and the recognition of the need for more korero with stakeholders.

Information, Co-ordination, Quality and Evaluation Workstream update

This workstream have been identifying mental health information collection and reporting needs for the C&C DHB Electronic Health Records Project. This is in line with the vision of developing an integrated system across all mental health services and General Practice.

C&CDHB Appointment of Group Manager Local Mental Health

As part of the DHB's organisational realignment, Hugh Norriss has been confirmed in the role of Group Manager local mental health services, effective from 7th March 2007. In this role Hugh, together with Murray Patton as Clinical Director, will be responsible for both mental health funding and local mental health operations.

Participation of the Unions

In the previous newsletter we welcomed Stephan Caldis from the PSA to the Leadership Group. In support of the essential relationship between The Journey Forward implementation and the workforce, union delegates are now involved in every work stream.

Policy development

A number of policies have been developed to ensure the implementation of The Journey Forward programme remains consistent and transparent. These include a membership policy, chairperson's role description and payment to people who are not supported by an organisation to attend meetings.

A communication and engagement plan is currently being developed.

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