

The Journey Forward update from the Leadership Group

This is the first regular update from the Leadership Group on the progress of *The Journey Forward*. (TJF) CCDHB's five year mental health and addictions service development plan.

The leadership group provides innovation, energy, direction and stability to the implementation of TJF. To date we have been meeting on a monthly basis with much of our time thus far being spent on the following:

- Ensuring that the Leadership group membership adequately represents the community
- Establishing the terms of reference (TOR) & membership for the group. You can request a copy of the TOR and membership list through KITES journeyforward@kites.org.nz Kites Trust has been contracted to provide administrative and community development advice to TJF.
- Establishing the following workstreams: Acute & Crisis, Information & Coordination (which has also included the Quality and Evaluation Workstream) & Improving Access to Primary Care and Mental Health Services. For more information on the role of the workstreams visit <http://www.ccdhb.org.nz/aboutCCDHB/reports/webJourneyforwardquestions1.pdf>
- Ensuring that TJF has adequate resources
- Establishing clear boundaries & expectations with CCDHB

Progress to date:

- All three workstreams are up & running with clear terms of reference
- Ensuring adequate resources for TJF is being addressed. A job ad for a Project Leader is attached. Please make this available to your networks.
- Representatives of the Leadership Group had a successful meeting with Margo Mains (CCDHB CEO) & other senior staff

in CCDHB mental health services to establish clear responsibilities around *The Journey Forward*

- We have welcomed new members on to the Leadership Group thus ensuring a more balanced representation. Welcome to John Tovey, Victoria Roberts and Karyn Walker from Central Potential Te Rito Maia regional consumer network.
- Communication links with the community have been a priority and the CCDHB website will be developed to host information about TJF. This will be available in due course.
- In relation to the Acute and Crisis work stream six workshops have been held with service users, whanau and mental health and addiction workers. The aim of these is to identify current barriers to service delivery and possible solutions. This information will assist all the workstreams.
- The DHB has approved the trial **of community based Short Term Assessment and Recovery Service (STARS)**.

Tasks so far this year have focused on establishing structures and processes to form a strong foundation to enable sustainable change.

We plan to provide this updates regularly so if you have questions you would like answered or have any suggestions to make these updates are useful and relevant please let us know by e-mailing the journeyforward@kites.org.nz

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