

## Board Talk

Many of you will have heard about the initiative to reshape four Hutt Valley Primary Health Organisations (PHOs) into one for the whole Hutt Valley.

I'm pleased to announce that this process is on track. Primary care funding for general practices will flow through the new Te Awakairangi Health PHO from 1 July 2011. I signed the funding agreement with PHO chair Sally Webb last week.

Ropata remains involved with the new PHO, though they aligned with the Cosign network in Karori shortly before this consolidation process started.

The benefit of working with a single PHO is the ability to share excellent practice across the Valley, and avoid duplication, particularly in management.

The new Chief Executive of the new PHO is Michelle Meads, who has a long history of successful management in the health sector, most recently as the Chief Executive of the Rural General Practice Network. Michelle has held senior management and governance roles in primary care, including former Trustee of the Greater Wellington Health Trust, the Board of WIPA (now CompassHealth) and Kapiti PHO.

I'd like to thank the out-going PHOs for the excellent work they have done, and their willingness to share this in the interests of our wider population.

I understand the amalgamation process has involved robust debate, to ensure that innovative projects and the focus on those who need services most is not lost. I look forward to regular reports on the progress of the new PHO, and the DHB, in improving the health of our population.

Dr Virginia Hope  
Board Chair



## Public Notices

### HUTT VALLEY GP INFORMATION

General practices taking on new patients with no waiting list:

- Gain Health Centre (04) 528 5353
- Hutt City Health Centre (04) 576 2009
- Silverstream Health Centre (04) 527 7376
- Upper Hutt Health Centre (04) 920 1800

General practices taking on new patients but have a waiting list:

- Epuni Medical Centre (04) 567 1217
- Manuka Health Centre (04) 939 1299
- Petone Medical Centre (04) 939 9868
- Ropata Medical Centre (04) 920 0800
- Waiwhetu Medical Centre (04) 569 2436
- Whai Oranga O te Iwi Health Centre (04) 564 6966

General practices taking on new patients within their immediate community:

- Pomare Union Health Centre (04) 567 6414
- Stokes Valley Medical Centre (04) 563 8200
- Taita Medical Centre (04) 939 7390

General practices taking on new patients between 10 – 24 years old:

- Hutt Valley Youth Health Centre (04) 566 0525

### BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board Meeting  
1.00pm Friday 5 August 2011  
Capital & Coast DHB Boardroom

Community & Public Health Advisory Committee  
9.00am Monday 18 July 2011  
Hutt Valley DHB Boardroom

Disability Support Advisory Committee  
1.00pm Monday 18 July 2011  
Hutt Valley DHB Boardroom

Hospital Advisory Committee  
1.00pm Friday 24 June 2011  
Hutt Valley DHB Boardroom

Members of the public are welcome to attend these meetings. Meeting agendas are available on our website.



## Signed, sealed, delivered

Hutt Valley DHB Board Chair Virginia Hope and Te Awakairangi PHO Board Chair Sally Webb signed the Primary Health Organisation (PHO) funding agreement this month.

This agreement enables PHO funding to flow through to the new Te Awakairangi PHO. This is an important milestone for Te Awakairangi PHO, as they work towards establishing a single PHO in the Hutt Valley.

PHOs are funded by district health boards to support the provision of primary health care services through general practices.



## Staff living it UP!

Live it UP! is Hutt Valley DHB's new workplace wellness programme. The aim of Live it UP! is to create a workplace environment and culture to make it easier to be healthy and well while at work.

Staff recently participated in a Live it UP! Ready Steady Kai cook off where teams had to create a healthy meal in under 20 minutes.

Some of the meals which staff prepared have been served in the hospital cafeteria for lunch. The cafeteria is also redesigning their menu to make choosing healthy food easier.

## Healthy People

## Healthy Families

## Healthy Communities



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