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National Addiction Workforce Development

Midland Region He Tipuana Nga Kakano Strategic Planning Days

"Whakapiri: Working Together Towards Wellbeing"

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Who are we?

- 2004: Established when the Ministry of Health contracted the National Addiction Centre (University of Otago).
- 2008: Moved to Wellington, now hosted by Te Rau Matatini (National Māori Health Workforce Development Centre), which provides shared services and governance.
- Overseen by an Advisory Group, made up of addiction stakeholders, which informs and supports Matua Raki to achieve its work programme.
- The name Matua Raki describes the "passion and commitment" of the addiction treatment sector and its drive for excellence.

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Workforce development

- Multidisciplinary approach.
- Targets addiction workforce, and other workforces who offer related services (i.e. Justice, Corrections, CYF).
- Enhances capability and capacity.
- Aimed at individuals, organisations and structures.

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Projects

Include:

- ***Methamphetamine***
  Developing initiatives as part of the Government's Action Plan.
- ***Primary Care***
  AOD resources and training packages developed for primary health service staff.
- ***Forecasting***
  Developing a forecasting tool to accurately predict numbers of workforce needed into the future.
- ***Co-existing problems (CEP)***
  Initiatives aimed at improving services for people with both addiction and mental health problems.
- ***Recruitment***
  Aimed at gaining more qualified and skilled staff, particularly to address the ageing workforce and reflect the ethnic composition of people presenting to services.

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Overview around consumer and peer roles within the addiction sector:

- History based on the self-help groups i.e. Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous
- The addiction workforce acknowledges that many in the sector come from their own experience of addiction
- Limited number of dedicated funded consumer and peer roles within the addiction sector
- Addiction sector understanding of the role of consumer and peer roles

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Consumer Projects:

- Consumer Leadership Group
- Consumer and Peer roles
- Consumer regional forums
- Consumer newsletter

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Consumer Leadership Group

- Purpose to provide strategic advice in the development, implementation and evaluation Consumer Workforce Development Plan
- In the process of utilising the Team Planning Tool (Te Pou) to evaluate the function of the Consumer Leadership Group
- In the process of developing links with NAMHSCA with a view to meeting together in the near future

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Consumer and Peer Roles Discussion Paper:

Focus on the following roles:

- Consumer Advisor
- Consumer Advocate
- Peer Support

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Consumer Advisor:

- Where are they located within the organisation?
- What are the key tasks?
- Who do they have functional relationships with in the organisation?

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Consumer Advocate:

- Where are they located?
- What are the key tasks?
- Who do advocates have functional relationships with?

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Peer Support:

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- What are the key tasks?
- Who do they have functional relationships with in the organisation?

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Regional Forums:

- Hold regional forums throughout the country

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Consumer News:

- Will be included in the Matua Raki News, newsletter

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