

Reflection of Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles in the SBHS enhancements programme

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Whakamaua: Māori Health Action Plan 2020-2025 guides the Ministry of Health, the whole health and disability system, and government to give effect to He Korowai Oranga: Māori Health Strategy. Whakamaua is underpinned by the Ministry of Health's Te Tiriti o Waitangi framework – which provides a tool for the health and disability system to fulfil its stewardship obligations and special relationship between Māori and the Crown. Te Tiriti o Waitangi is Aotearoa's founding document that describes Crown obligations and Māori rights. We are committed to ensuring our mahi gives expression to and is built upon Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

The 2019 Hauora report¹ recommends the following principles for the primary health care system to give expression to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and to guide how the system contributes to achieving health equity and wellbeing for Māori. These principles are applicable to the wider health and disability system.

How we apply these principles in the SBHS enhancements programme

Tino rangatiratanga

The programme aspires to support rangatahi Māori and their whānau, hapū and iwi to exercise their rights as Māori to be Māori and have mana motuhake over their health and wellbeing. Te Rōpū Mātanga o Rangatahi (Te Rōpū Mātanga), our Māori youth health sector advisory group (part of Te Tatau Kitenga, our youth health sector advisory group) inform, advise and challenge the mahi we do to ensure we are upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi and are working towards the best outcomes for Māori. Te Rōpū Mātanga will have time independently to reflect on rangatiratanga as part of this programme. It is the role of the Crown to enable the rangatiratanga sought by Māori; we are committed to listening and responding accordingly to advice of Te Rōpū Mātanga in acknowledgement that Māori have the right to rangatiratanga over their hauora and that of their whānau, hapū and iwi.

Equity

The programme has a focus on meeting the needs of rangatahi Māori to enable equitable health outcomes for Māori. Ōritetanga is one of the values in Te Ūkaipō and reflects the importance of equity in this work. This includes recognising that Māori have specific rights under Te Tiriti o Waitangi so equity looks different for Māori as tangata whenua than for our other priority groups.

The programme is an important tool for identifying gaps within current SBHS and addressing inequity. Rangatahi Māori are involved in Māngai Whakatipu,

¹ Waitangi Tribunal.2019. Hauora: Report on Stage One of the Health Services and Outcomes Kaupapa Inquiry. Wellington. Waitangi Tribunal.pp.163-164

our Youth Advisory Group, and their voices and views will be facilitated and focussed on during consultation. Key areas should be identified as part of the programme that can be measured over time as achieving equity between Māori and non-Māori.

Active protection

The programme recognises the importance of protecting Māori health and Māori ways of providing healthcare and is based on Te Ūkaipō as the foundation for the programme, in the way we work, the mahi we produce and the outcomes for young people. Te Ūkaipō was developed by Te Rōpū Mātanga as an expression of:

- Te Ao Māori values and principles
- Mātauranga Māori
- Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles
- He Korowai Oranga (Māori Health Strategy)
- Whakamaua: Māori Health Action Plan.

Te Ūkaipō includes nine kaupapa Māori whanonga pono (values) with corresponding whakataukī gifted as guiding principles. These values shape and influence practice, commissioning, and delivery of SBHS by enabling a Māori centric approach to enhance the experience of young people in SBHS. As we apply Te Ūkaipō we consider the relationship with whānau and the partnerships between services as these are essential to the wellbeing of whānau and their ability to access and engage with services easily. Te Rōpū Mātanga hold the kaitiaki role for Te Ūkaipō.

The service monitoring and evaluation will include analysis by ethnicity so we can identify and respond to impacts on Māori outcomes and equity.

The programme is committed to being clear and respectful on ownership of data, seeking of consents and permissions appropriately, and preparing and disseminating findings in open and mana enhancing ways.

Options

Through Te Ūkaipō and resource allocation that prioritises Māori, SBHS will be supported to deliver high quality and culturally safe services in kaupapa Māori education settings, bilingual units, alternative education centres, providers and mainstream secondary school settings. We recognise the importance of ensuring services uphold and/or embed mātauranga Māori and Te Ao Māori frameworks, methodologies and solutions. Te Reo Māori is a key value of Te Ūkaipō and as part of the programme we will be working through how we can reflect language preference options in the future. Te Ūkaipō guides our programme to ensure students are supported in a way that recognises their whole self, including enabling choice in what and how they receive health services and support. This recognises that ākongā Māori are diverse and have the right to determine the types of services they need, whether these are kaupapa Māori or mainstream services.

Partnership

Te Whatu Ora recognises the importance of establishing meaningful relationships with Māori. We know that whānau often hold their own solutions and so we seek to involve whānau and uphold their voices to achieve the best outcomes for Māori. This includes ensuring that our partners for our various projects are engaged with whānau. We prioritise consultation and communication with Māori in each of our partner and stakeholder groups at all levels of the health system, and on a continuous basis to support improvement of the programme according to whānau Māori hauora aspirations.

We hold a partner relationship with the Māori youth health sector through Te Rōpū Mātanga, who provide guidance, advice and accountability to ensure we are appropriately and effectively engaging with Māori to uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi and embed equity in our approach.

Meaningful partnerships will be sought with Te Aka Whai Ora - the Māori Health Authority, the Māori Education Group with Ministry of Education, and Te Matakahuki which includes Te Rūnanga Nui o Ngā Kura Kaupapa Māori o Aotearoa and Ngā Kura ā Iwi o Aotearoa, in the development of enhanced service delivery models.