



Welcome

NGO PRIMHD NEWS aims to share information that will be of use to community organisations required to report to PRIMHD, the national collection of mental health and addiction information. As the project moves into the final stage of implementation, other local communications will develop so we will try not to duplicate these messages and remain useful!

Platform's Role

- Promote the use of PRIMHD within the NGO sector
- Support the activity of the Ministry of Health PRIMHD national rollout team and regional co-ordination
- Provide support to the NGO PRIMHD project
- Linkage to Executive Steering Group (ESG)
- To convene, support and implement actions from the NGO PRIMHD User Group

We have been engaged by the Ministry of Health to do this work and are delighted that [Phillipa Gaines](#) has agreed to help us. Phillipa will liaise with the regional PRIMHD NGO coordinators and the Ministry of Health regarding the following:

- Identifying any emerging 'hot' issues and assisting the sector to resolve them
- acting as a triage point for any 'hot' issues that community agencies are concerned about
- establishing regular national forums for information sharing amongst the regional coordinators

NGO PRIMHD User Group

This has been established with these [terms of reference](#). The group is accountable to the Ministry of Health PRIMHD Executive Steering Group. There will be representatives from NGO regional governance groups and regional coordinators. The PRIMHD NGO User Group exists to support a collaborative and coherent implementation of PRIMHD as it is extended to include contracted NGO mental health and addiction providers and to present a user perspective on implementation future benchmarking and use of data.

Purpose of regional PRIMHD NGO Coordinators

The Ministry of Health has contracted with a lead agency from each region who is responsible for recruiting a regional PRIMHD coordinator on behalf of the region.

- In the North we have **Soledad Labbe-Hubbard** from the NDSA
- In Midland we have **Vivienne Martin** (Lakes DHB)
- and in the Central Region we have **Sandra Murray** until such time as a full time regional coordinator is appointed (Capital & Coast DHB)
- In the case of the South Island, the contracted agency is Otago DHB and the lead contractor is **Dan Mustapic**. The southern region has elected to split itself into four geographical areas which will be coordinated by **Pact (Otago/Southland), Canterbury DHB (for Canterbury and South Canterbury, West Coast DHB and Nelson/Marlborough DHB**. Geoff Dembo (Southland DHB) has also volunteered his expertise and his time to help support the regional group in the South Island.

The role of the regional PRIMHD coordinators is to assist all of those NGO providers identified from Stage 3 onwards to report their PRIMHD data to the Ministry of Health. They will also link

with Stage 1 and 2 providers, especially where collaborative arrangements already exist amongst the NGO providers in each area. The regional PRIMHD coordinators are supported by a shared governance arrangement. These groups have been established to ensure an inclusive and participatory approach to the planning and implementation of PRIMHD. Project activities will involve working collaboratively with DHBs, NGO providers, the Ministry, DHB PRIMHD site coordinators and other key stakeholders.

More information about progress in each region will be included in the next issue of NGO PRIMHD NEWS.

Scope

The PRIMHD Executive Steering Group (ESG) has agreed the following [definition of scope](#) for which NGO services should be included and which could be excluded from reporting through PRIMHD.