

WHĀNAU ORA PARTNERSHIP GROUP - KEY POINTS OF MEETINGS

Meeting 3 April 2017

The first of four annual Whānau Ora Partnership Group meetings for 2017 was held on 3 April 2017.

Strengthening Whānau Ora implementation across government and iwi

The Partnership Group agreed to the recommendations of three strategic discussion papers submitted to the meeting on data analytics, co-investment in Whānau Ora, and the development of mechanisms to strengthen regional government agency uptake and iwi involvement in Whānau Ora.

These papers, aiming to strengthen Whānau Ora implementation across government and iwi, were developed by a wānanga of iwi and government advisors and officials. They followed up recommendations arising from the nation-wide strategic consultation with iwi about Whānau Ora, carried out by the Whānau Ora Iwi Leaders Group in 2016 and the data hui and social investment approach discussions that Senior Ministers and officials have been engaged in

Further development of the three strategic discussion papers is to be reported back to the next Partnership Group meeting on 29 May 2017 with consideration of the specific Data Analytics and Co Investment issues raised by the Iwi Chairs. Ongoing work on mechanisms to strengthen regional government agency commitment and iwi participation in and leadership of Whānau Ora will be reported to the following meeting on 24 July 2017.

Strategic Iwi/ Māori Involvement in Oranga Tamariki

The importance of Iwi/ Māori involvement at a strategic level in Oranga Tamariki (Ministry for Vulnerable Children) , will include; setting the outcomes for Māori children and whānau, co-designing services and interventions and developing and implementing their own practice models and was discussed by the Partnership Group. It was agreed that officials of Oranga Tamariki will meet with Whānau Ora iwi advisors to consider potential mechanisms to enable Iwi/ Māori input and influence in setting and monitoring the achievement of Oranga Tamariki outcomes for Māori children and in the effective implementation of Oranga Tamariki within the new Ministry and within respective iwi Oranga Tamariki responses.

Mechanisms to report on progress in achieving Whānau Ora outcomes

Development work is continuing to ensure the Partnership Group can receive the specific data it needs to monitor the achievement of Whānau Ora outcomes at a strategic level. This work looks at refining reporting tools and triangulating data from iwi, government and Whānau Ora commissioning agencies.

The Iwi Chairs updated the Partnership Group meeting on its project to test the feasibility of a particular investment and reporting tool. Government officials and the Whānau Ora Strategic Advisors Group will report to the next meeting in July 2017 on

work to strengthen Whānau Ora reporting by government and commissioning agencies.

Review of Whānau Ora Partnership Group terms of reference

An initial review of the terms of reference of the Whānau Ora Partnership Group was reported to the Partnership Group, and a further report is to be submitted to the July 2017 meeting. The current terms of reference was agreed to by Cabinet in September 2014.

The Iwi Chairs reiterated their view that they would like to see Oranga Tamariki come under the Whānau Ora Partnership Group. This is to be considered in the report back to the July 2017 meeting.

Progress of Whānau Ora Commissioned Work

The Partnership Group is introducing a fourth annual meeting in May 2017 to meet with the three Whānau Ora commissioning agencies: Te Pou Matakana, Te Putahitanga o Te Waipounamu and Pasifika Futures. Commissioning agencies reports on the first two quarters of 2017/18 were reported to the Partners at this meeting.

Whānau Ora and Pacific Peoples

The Minister for Pacific Peoples, Hon Alfred Ngaro, attended the Partnership Group meeting to talk about strategic leadership issues in relation to Whānau Ora and Pacific peoples. His attendance provided an opportunity for an in-depth discussion on the Whānau Ora initiatives provided to Pacific peoples across Aotearoa/New Zealand through the commissioning agency, Pasifika Futures.

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Meeting 7 November 2016

The Whānau Ora Partnership Group met on 7 November 2016 in the last of its three strategic leadership meetings for Whānau Ora this year.

Government agencies' response to recommendations of the Whānau Ora Iwi Leaders Group

The Whānau Ora Iwi Leadership Group, which carried out strategic consultation on Whānau Ora at hui-a-iwi around the country earlier in 2016, reported its findings and recommendations to the Partnership Group in August 2016. At this November meeting, a collective Whānau Ora government agency response to the recommendations that were specifically addressed to the Whānau Ora Partnership Group was reported to the Partnership Group.

The Partnership Group has asked Whānau Ora government and iwi advisors to work together on a joint response to these recommendations and report back to the Partnership Group at its next meeting in March 2017.

Review of Whānau Ora Partnership Group terms of reference

The Whānau Ora Partnership Group was established under the terms of reference agreed to by Cabinet in September 2014. The Partnership Group agreed to the membership of a team that will review the terms of reference and report back to the Partnership Group at its March 2017 meeting.

Whānau Ora Partners discussion on strategic issues

A discussion was held by Crown and Iwi on key strategic issues for Whānau Ora. These included matters relating to:

- the Partners' respective priorities for Whānau Ora
- the role of the Partnership Group and its potential role in broader social policy issues, for example Oranga Tamariki
- the monitoring of Whānau Ora outcomes, with particular reference to government reporting.

Progress of Whānau Ora commissioning agencies and Partners' priorities for the 2017/18 year

The Minister for Whānau Ora asked the Partners to provide him with their respective priorities for expectations of the Whānau Ora commissioning agencies for the 2017/18 year. Progress of the three commissioning agencies as at 30 June 2016 was reported to the meeting.

Whānau Ora Outcomes Framework monitoring and progress updates

Te Puni Kōkiri provided a monitoring and progress report to update the Partnership Group on work to measure the achievement of the outcomes in the Whānau Ora Outcomes Framework. The Partnership Group agreed to the report's recommendation for Te Puni Kōkiri to lead a dedicated cross-agency working party to further improve the indicators and data sets that provide a means of measuring the achievement of outcomes at a system-level.

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Meeting 15 August 2016

The Whānau Ora Partnership Group on 15 August held the second of its three strategic leadership meetings for Whānau Ora this year.

Whānau Ora Iwi Leaders Group Strategic Consultation

Findings and recommendations from the Whānau Ora Iwi Leaders Group's strategic consultation with iwi on Whānau Ora were presented to the meeting. Iwi Chairs members of the Partnership Group provided a final report on the regional hui-a-iwi which took place across the country between April and June 2016. The hui aimed to share the work that has been done to develop the Whānau Ora Outcomes Framework and to gain an understanding of the currently reality of Whānau Ora experiences across the country. Crown Ministers on the Partnership Group will now consider the report's recommendations for further discussion and agreement.

Te Pūtahitanga o Te Wai Pounamu

The capability development model of the commissioning agency Te Pūtahitanga o Te Wai Pounamu was the focus of a meeting presentation by the agency's Chief Executive, Helen Leahy. The model has been mandated by the commissioning agency's nine iwi owners across the South Island. Representatives of Awarua Whānau Services in Invercargill, which is contracted by Te Pūtahitanga to deliver services, presented a provider and navigator view of how Whānau Ora works on the ground.

Whānau Ora Commissioning Agencies

Progress of the three Whānau Ora commissioning agencies as at 31 March 2016 was reported to the Whānau Ora Partnership Group meeting. Summaries of each commissioning agency's work at the end of the third quarter of 2015/2016 are provided [here](#). They include:

- an overview of investment approach and commissioned activities
- updates on specific investment activities
- progress against performance for the period and highlights
- recent and upcoming engagements and research and evaluation activities.

The Whānau Ora Outcomes Framework pamphlet

A pamphlet that presents the Whānau Ora Outcomes Framework - and briefly describes its background and how different stakeholders put it into action - was submitted to the Whānau Ora Partnership Group. The pamphlet has been distributed to government agencies and iwi, and is available [here](#).

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Meeting 14 March 2016

- The Whānau Ora Partnership Group met on 14 March 2016, in the first of its three strategic leadership meetings for Whānau Ora this year.
- Five government agencies each tabled reports at the meeting that outlined their planned or current contributions to achieving the Whānau Ora outcomes. They were the Ministries of Health, Education, Social Development, and Business, Innovation and Employment; and Te Puni Kōkiri.
- The Partnership Group agreed to further work to improve access to relevant and timely whānau-related data. This will assist both iwi and the government to plan, monitor and report on progress that has been made to improve outcomes for whānau wellbeing.
- A presentation by Te Rūnanga o Te Whānau showed the approach one iwi it is taking to obtain pertinent iwi and whānau-related data, in order to develop baselines and evidence to inform its planning and investment decision-making.
- Further work was agreed to progress Iwi and Crown co-investment in achieving the Whānau Ora outcomes. It was noted the current priority for iwi is to hold a series of regional hui to:
 - share the work that has been done on the Whānau Ora outcomes framework, and
 - gain an understanding of the current reality of Whānau Ora experiences across the country.
- Te Pou Matakana, one of the Whānau Ora Commissioning Agencies, presented on the key achievements and challenges it has faced in implementing the Whānau Ora approach and practice. One of its Whānau Ora providers took part in the presentation.
- The three Commissioning Agencies provided quarterly summary reports on their performance to December 2015, which were noted by the Whānau Ora Partnership Group.