MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

MIDLAND IWI RELATIONSHIP BOARD and MIDLAND REGION GOVERNANCE GROUP

Ngā Rōpuu - The Parties

The MRGG is the collective of Chairs from the Bay of Plenty, Lakes, Tairāwhiti, Taranaki and Waikato District Health Boards.

The MIRB comprises of the five elected Chairs of each mandated Midland DHB lwi group collective being: Bay of Plenty – Māori Health Runanga; Lakes District - Te Rōpu Hauora o Te Arawa and NgātiTuwharetoa; Tairāwhiti - Te Waiora o Nukutaimemeha; Taranaki - Te Whare Pūnanga Kōrero Trust and Waikato - Iwi Māori Council.

Ngā Tikanga – Values

We recognise the following unifying values that underpin our partnership:

Manākitanga; Rangatiratanga; Kotahitanga; Mahi Tahi; Kaitiakitanga; Whakapakari; Tautoko and Whakawhanaungatanga

Ko te Whakawhanaungatanga – Our Relationship

Te Tiriti o Waitangi (The Treaty of Waitangi) is acknowledged as the foundation and guidance for the relationship between MIRB and MRGG.

The following principles apply:

- Partnership: we will work together to develop strategies for Māori health gain and appropriate health and disability services.
- Participation: that requires Māori to be involved at all levels of the health and disability sector, including in decision-making, planning, development and delivery of health and disability services.
- **Protection:** which involves the Crown working to ensure Māori have at least the same level of health as non-Māori, and safeguarding Māori cultural concepts, values and practices.
- To influence change at a strategic level that will achieve better health outcomes for Māori.
- To determine, participate and influence national and regional Māori health strategic goals.
- That the MIRB and the MRGG commit to work together within an environment of trust and respect.
- That the MIRB are mandated representatives of and accountable to their respective lwi collectives and that the MRGG are the Appointed Chairs of their respective DHBs.
- That MIRB exercises its Tino Rangatiratanga in its responsibilities to its members through pursuing raising the health profile of Māori and that MRGG exercises its governance duties by making decisions that reduce and eliminate health inequities for Māori.
- That together the MIRB and MRGG have a commitment to Māori health and wellbeing.
- That together the MIRB and MRGG recognise and respect the roles and functions of each other.
- In partnership we share responsibility in decision making on all matters related to fulfilling the purpose of this partnership.
- We are committed to applying the approaches and pathways within the Pae Ora Framework (2015) to accelerate the elimination of Māori health inequity through:
- Mauri Ora healthy individuals; Whānau Ora healthy families; Wai Ora healthy environments

Signed on Friday 7 June 2019:

Midland Iwi Relationship Board

Chair, Bay of Plenty,
Māori Health Runanga

Chair, Lakes District Te Rōpu Hauora o Te Arawa

and Ngāti Tuwharetoa

Chair, Tairāwhiti -

Te Waiora o Nukutaimemeha

Chair, Taranaki -Te Whare Pūnanga Kōrero Trust

Chair, Waikato - Iwi Māori Council

Midland Region Governance Group

Chair, Bay of Plenty DHB Board

Chair, Lakes DHB Board

Chair, Hauora Tairāwhiti Board

Chair, Taranaki DHB Board

Chair, Waikato DHB Board



















