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## **Mental Health and Addictions Consumer Leadership and Workforce Development Project**

**Information Sheet #2 – February 2011**

Greetings, kia ora mai rā,

The Mental Health & Addictions Consumer Leadership and Workforce and Service Development Project has two main aims:

- To develop Consumer Leadership Groups that provide high quality leadership, advice and guidance to the health sector of the Capital & Coast and Hutt Valley region
- To develop a framework for consumer workforce and service development for the Capital & Coast and Hutt Valley region.

The project is in Phase Two - Implementation. The purpose of Phase Two is to develop a ***consumer leadership and workforce development action plan***.

The project continues to build on increasing leadership capacity of consumers who live in the Capital and Coast and Hutt Valley District Health Board catchment areas.

At the end of Phase One last June Kites provided a Project Report to Capital and Coast and Hutt Valley DHBs. The report provided recommendations on implementation for consumer leadership across the sector and actions for consumer workforce development:

- Foster an immediate emphasis amongst providers to support development of a consumer tāngata whaiora led workforce and foster a culture that promotes consumer tāngata whaiora participation and leadership.
- Undertake additional work to identify why there has been a limited application of the Mental Health Commission's Service User Workforce Development Strategy<sup>1</sup> in our region.
- Prepare a Leadership Options paper and hold targeted consultation to gather views from specific groups such as youth, Māori and Pacific Peoples to provide a solid foundation for the development of consumer tāngata whaiora leadership group/s in the future.

The report, "*Consumer Tangata Whaiora Leadership and Workforce Development in the Wellington Region July 2010*" is available [here](#) or on the home page of our website [www.kites.org.nz](http://www.kites.org.nz)

Kites' role for Phase Two is:

- facilitate consultation and processes to collect information, perspectives and opinions to inform an Action Plan
- write the Action Plan
- undertake actions that have been prioritised from the consultation
- complete the project's final report by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

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<sup>1</sup> Mental Health Commission. (2005). *Service user workforce development strategy for the mental health sector 2005–2010*. Wellington, New Zealand.



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## Implementation

The implementation phase includes further consultation with the sector and allows for the sharing of information and expertise from the project. This includes continuing with the Working Group that was set up in Phase One.

We have undertaken consultation focused on the development of Leadership Options and priorities for consumer workforce developments. We contacted people to consult directly and provided a consultation questionnaire via email in December. The questionnaire aimed to maximize opportunities for people to participate during a busy time of year in the lead up to the holiday season.

The information we gathered will inform the writing of the action plan. To being with, a draft plan will be provided to the DHBs. Once the draft is agreed to and the Action Plan is finalised Kites will commence work on the preferred leadership options and workforce priorities. This is expected to be from the end of February 2011.

## The Project Working Group (at December 2010)

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