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1. Innovation Workshop - a Message from Chris Clarke:

A huge thank you and congratulations must be made to all participants and attendees at the recent inaugural DHBRF Workshop: Innovation for Health. Held at Te Papa in mid-October the workshop, attended by 180-200 people, was a roaring success. Many delegates commented upon the valuable range of presentations, the build of enthusiasm and found the environment to be motivating when returning to work the following week. A highlight was the opportunity to write a letter to our CEOs with thoughts on the workshop and even innovative ideas we had for our own organizations.



As a representative of the Governance Group for the DHB Research Fund I can conclude we all enjoyed ourselves learning, sharing and participating in such an event. We hope to host a follow-up conference in the future and look forward to again sharing in the national health and research sector successes.

If you are interested in future workshops or would like more information about the research fund please visit the [website](#) or contact the HRC DHBRF team at DHBWorkshop@hrc.govt.nz.

Best wishes to all for the holiday season

Chris Clarke
CEO, Hawkes Bay DHB
Chair, DHBRF Governance Group

2. The Maher Challenge:

Dr Lynne Maher, Head of Innovation Practice at the NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement was a truly inspirational keynote speaker. When summarising and closing the Workshop in a talk entitled 'Emerging Themes in Innovation and Improvement', Lynne challenged the audience to address several goals over the following weeks, incorporating themes from throughout the Workshop including:



1. Spread of the fantastic ideas and practices already present in NZ is important.
2. Building relationships is important
3. Innovation is risky
4. Creating a culture for innovation is important
5. Change starts with you
6. Its hard

But: “It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare, it is because we do not dare that they are difficult” -Seneca

[Click here](#) to download Lynne’s full presentation, read her proposed deadlines for reaching specific goals – and to see if you achieved them!

We would love to hear from people if you have ideas to share, or just to tell us what you are doing. Email DHBWorkshop@hrc.govt.nz.

3. Health Innovation Awards People's Choice Winner: Marg Estcourt

Winners of the 2007 New Zealand Health Innovation Awards were announced the night before Marg Estcourt gave her presentation at the DHBRF Workshop. From the ‘Keep me



Smiling’ oral health initiative delivered by practice nurses at Hawke’s Bay medical centres, Marg was pleasantly surprised to be awarded the People’s Choice Award. Having worked and published on innovation in health for many years Marg has a significant background in the area and spoke passionately about her time at the Workshop. To read some of Marg’s comments and feedback taken from her experiences [click here](#).

Visit the [New Zealand Health Innovation Awards](#) website to read more about the 2007 winners.

4. Research Provides an Evidence-base for Practice: Cathy Cooney:

Cathy Cooney, Chief Executive of Lakes DHB spoke at the Workshop on the valuable contribution research can and is making in developing the health sector by providing an evidence-base for practice.



[Click here](#) to read more about the key messages Cathy took from the conference, which highlight themes such as the maturation of the sector and the degree of integration of research into practice, as well as the importance of effective communication and networking both across sectors and within the health sector to maximize the health outcomes to be gained from research.

5. DHBRF Workshop: Poster competition winners:

DHBRF Workshop attendees were invited to present research, projects and initiatives from their organisations in poster format, as an opportunity to showcase and share successful innovations. Posters were on display throughout the workshop with a competition where delegates voted for their favourite presentation. The 2007 winning poster was titled “Pacific Cultural Values and Practices In Health Organisational Tools”, presented by a collaborative team from Massey University and Waitemata DHB.

The poster session was an invaluable tool for encouraging discussion and networking, while sharing creative ideas in a national context. Other poster abstracts can be [downloaded here](#).

6. DHB Research Capability Network – Call for Expressions of Interest:

At the recent DHB Research Fund Workshop in Wellington the representatives of several DHBs’ research offices met to discuss areas of mutual interest, such as consistency of legal documentation for clinical trial agreements. This group was made up of research advisors, research officers, research trust representatives, legal advisors and contracts managers. Additional opportunities for networking were recognised by those present, such as funding opportunities and representation to the MOH and other government agencies. Therefore, we would like get in contact with anyone who works within a DHB who manages research, has an advisory role or contributes to the research capability at a DHB.

Please email Dr Stuart Ryan (stuart.ryan@middlemore.co.nz) at the Centre for Clinical Research and Effective Practice (Counties Manukau DHB) to register your interest.

If you know of other people that might be interested who do not receive this newsletter please forward this message on.

7. Workshop Presentations and Report:

A CD containing the powerpoint presentations from all conference presenters has been posted to all delegates. If you did not attend the Workshop and are interested in this CD please contact the [HRC team](#). A comprehensive written report is also being produced and will be available in the new year.

8. Useful Links:

[DHBRF Workshop](#)

[New Zealand Health Innovation Awards](#)

Workshop sponsors:

[Ministry of Health](#)

[Pharmac](#)

[Health Research Council of New Zealand](#)

[Health Sector Conferences](#)

[Ministry of Social Development](#)

9. Next DHBRF e-newsletter:

The next eNewsletter will be due in February 2008 and contain further feedback from members of this network. If you would like to contribute your comments please let us know.

7 . About the purpose of the DHBRF e-newsletter:

- Provide DHBs with information relevant to DHB core business i.e. funding and planning activities
- Identify research that could inform planning for public health services
- Identify less relevant research which may have more of a biomedical focus
- Monthly communications focus on one of the priority population health goals as outlined in the New Zealand Health Strategy
- Information is taken from an annual HRC report identifying publications produced by New Zealand research teams or funded by the HRC between May 2005 – June 2006

Information included represents highlights of findings of high-quality research, readily available at the time of writing

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