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Federation States its Support for the World Health Organisation's Declaration of Astana

The newly elected Board of the Federation of Primary Health Aotearoa New Zealand (the Federation) met for its first meeting this week and immediately stated its support for the Declaration of Astana issued at the World Health Organisation's Global Conference on Primary Health Care in October 2018.

Hon. Steve Chadwick, whose appointment as independent Chair of the Federation was ratified at the start of the meeting, stated "The Board unanimously agreed with the full Astana Declaration which speaks directly to the purposes of the Federation. It's really hard to argue with the general principle of high quality and sustainable primary health care being available and accessible to all. We must now ensure that the principles of the Declaration are underpinned by the actions of our Government and the Ministry of Health."



Sector-wide collaboration from the outset. The new Federation Board - Standing (left to right): Norma Lane, Peter Larmer, Dr Angus Chambers, Andrew Gaudin, Dr Harley Aish, Dr Helen Francis (RN), Donovan Clarke, Martin Hefford, Arish Naresh. Sitting: Dr Jeff Lowe, Hon. Steve Chadwick (Chair), Karen Guilliland.

The Board received a formal handover from the Federation's Establishment Board which had been in place since its first meeting in April 2018. The Board then made significant immediate progress which included:

- Ratifying the appointment of Hon. Steve Chadwick as Chair of the Board
- Agreeing shortlisting arrangements for the position of Chief Executive Officer

- Ratifying the co-optation of Norma Lane and Arish Naresh onto the Board
- Agreeing arrangements for the selection of the Board's Consumer representative(s)
- Ratifying a number of recommendations from the Establishment Board including minor revisions to the Constitution, the Board's Terms of Reference, a Board Charter and a proposed Governance Handbook
- Commencing discussions with regards strategic planning and immediate priorities on behalf of members

Highlighting the Federation's early input into New Zealand's future health strategy, Hon. Steve Chadwick continued on to say "There was an incredible level of collaboration, common purpose and agreement around the table. I am delighted we were able to move so quickly through our initial agenda with the full support of the Board and, more importantly, to be able to start to apply our influence into the Government's Health and Disability System Review through our engagement with its Chair, Heather Simpson, to whom we are grateful for being able to attend such a large part of our meeting."



National influence: The Board share their aspirations for a sustainable, multi-professional, integrated and patient focused primary health sector with Heather Simpson, Chair of the Government's review of the New Zealand Health and Disability System.

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Note to editors:

• ***The Current Board members are:***

1. *Hon Steve Chadwick: Independent Chair*
2. *Dr Harley AISH: GP and Chair of ProCare*
3. *Dr Angus CHAMBERS: GP, Chair of Christchurch PHO and Chair of the Primary Health Alliance*
4. *Donovan CLARKE: Chief Executive of Manaia Health PHO*
5. *Dr Helen FRANCIS RN: Independent Consultant at College of Nurses Aotearoa New Zealand*
6. *Andrew GAUDIN: Chief Executive of the Pharmacy Guild of New Zealand*

7. *Karen GUILLILAND: Chief Executive of the New Zealand College of Midwives*
8. *Martin HEFFORD: Chief Executive of Tū Ora Compass Health*
9. *Norma LANE: Director of Clinical Operations for St John*
10. *Assoc Professor Peter LARMER: Chair of Arthritis New Zealand and Associate Professor & Head of the School of Clinical Sciences at AUT*
11. *Dr Jeff LOWE: GP and Chair of General Practice New Zealand*
12. *Arish NARESH: Board Member – Allied Health Aotearoa New Zealand, Chair – New Zealand Dental and Oral Health Therapists Association*

- **The Chair of the Federation is:**

Hon. Steve Chadwick: *The Honourable Steve (Stephanie) Chadwick has been Mayor of Rotorua since October 2013. Steve's career previous to the Mayoralty started in the health sector before moving into the local and national political arena.*

Steve is a qualified Midwife, whose career in midwifery began at Hutt Hospital and extends beyond New Zealand to include senior nursing roles in London and Papua New Guinea. Most of her nursing career was spent at Rotorua Hospital, where she held a variety of positions including Manager of Women, Child and Family Services and Client Services Director at Lakeland Health Crown Health Enterprise. Her community achievements during this time include establishing the first family planning clinic in Rotorua, helping to establish the first Women's Refuge in Rotorua, and the Rotorua School for Young Parents.

Steve's career in national politics began in 1999 when she ran a successful campaign for the New Zealand Labour Party and became the Member of Parliament for Rotorua. Her career in Central Government spanned twelve years, including three years as a List MP. During this time, she held the portfolios of Associate Minister of Health, Minister of Conservation and Minister of Women's Affairs. Her proudest achievements include sponsoring the Smoke free Environments Act and securing funding (\$72 million) for the clean-up of Rotorua lakes.

Since becoming Mayor of Rotorua, Steve has been a strong influence on Rotorua Lakes Council's new way of doing business through the Rotorua 2030 Vision. Under her leadership, significant programmes are underway to encourage sustainable living, revitalise the inner city, create economic growth, provide outstanding places to play and support Rotorua's creative communities.

Just recently, Rotorua Lakes Council has been awarded LGNZ local governance excellence awards for the Inner City Revitalisation, Mountain biking, Te Aka Mauri - the library and children's health services hub rebuilding. Rotorua has also been a LGNZ Supreme Award winner for governance and strategy for the last two years running.

- **The current members of the Federation are:**

1. *Allied Health Aotearoa New Zealand*
2. *Arthritis New Zealand*
3. *Auckland PHO*
4. *Central PHO*
5. *Christchurch PHO*
6. *College of Nurses Aotearoa New Zealand*
7. *Comprehensive Care*
8. *Cosine Primary Care Network Trust*
9. *Eastern Bay Primary Health Alliance*
10. *East Health Trust (PHO)*
11. *Family Planning New Zealand*
12. *General Practice New Zealand*
13. *Health Hawke's Bay (PHO)*

14. *Heart Foundation*
15. *Home and Community Health Association*
16. *Kidney Health New Zealand*
17. *Kimi Hauora Wairau (Marlborough PHO)*
18. *Manaia Health PHO*
19. *Nelson Bays Primary Health*
20. *New Zealand Association of Optometrists*
21. *New Zealand Asthma and Respiratory Foundation*
22. *New Zealand Breast Feeding Alliance*
23. *New Zealand College of Midwives*
24. *Pegasus Health*
25. *Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand*
26. *Pharmacy Guild of New Zealand*
27. *Primary Health Alliance*
28. *ProCare*
29. *Rotorua Area Primary Health Services*
30. *Rural Canterbury PHO*
31. *St John*
32. *Te Awakairangi Health Network*
33. *Te Tai Tokerau PHO*
34. *Total Healthcare PHO*
35. *Tū Ora Compasss Health*
36. *WellSouth Primary Health Network*
37. *West Coast PHO*
38. *Western Bay of Plenty PHO*
39. *Whanganui Regional Health Network*

- ***The World Health Organisation's Global Conference on Primary Health Care*** was held in Astana, Kazakhstan in October 2018 and endorsed a new declaration emphasising the critical role of primary health care around the world. Further details and the declaration are available here: <http://www.who.int/primary-health/conference-phc/declaration>
- ***Further information will be available and updated shortly on the Federation's interim website at www.fph.org.nz***