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## Consumer Representatives appointed to the Board of the Federation

The Federation of Primary Health Aotearoa New Zealand (the Federation) whose purpose includes ensuring a consumer focus is applied to primary health policy and provision as well as being responsive to consumer needs, has today confirmed the appointment of two Consumer Representatives to its Board.

Announcing the appointments, Hon. Steve Chadwick, Chair of the Federation, said “We were amazed with the level of interest and the high standard of the expressions of interest we received for these positions. To have been able to secure two new Board Directors of Sheldon and Philip’s calibre is a significant achievement and I am very excited about the emerging potential of our Board.”



**Sheldon Ngatai** is of Te Atiawa, Taranaki, Ngati Mutunga o whare kauri, Ngati Maniapoto descent.

A breast cancer survivor, Sheldon has significant experience of the health sector as a consumer and has turned that to good use by becoming involved in multiple consumer panels, co-design and planning committees. With an extremely strong cultural perspective and an additional range of governance skills, Sheldon is impressed with the Federation’s commitment to consumer input, “To be one of two full-voting Board Directors co-opted as Consumer Representatives gives a signal that the Federation really means business! I am delighted to have been appointed to such a Board” she said.



**Philip Chapman** is based in Nelson and is a significant health advocate with a very impressive range of expertise.

He works with multiple disadvantaged groups including family violence networks, survivors of sexual abuse and the homeless. His experience encompasses services provided through the Salvation Army and a range of marae based support services. Philip is a strong advocate for men’s health and has also undertaken research into homelessness and associated issues. His Governance expertise includes tenure as the Consumer Representative on the Board of Nelson Bays Primary Health for 3 successive terms (now completed).

Highlighting the potential of the Federation, Philip said “I am looking forward to working with the Board and bringing a community focus to some really significant population health issues which we will collectively be seeking to address.”

The next meeting of the Federation Board will be held in February 2019 with a subsequent strategic planning day with the full membership of the Federation being scheduled for March 2019.

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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 appointment of the new Consumer Representatives to the Board is subject to ratification at the next Board meeting and they will become full voting, co-opted members of the Board.***

• ***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*

- ***Further information will be available and updated shortly on the Federation's interim website at [www.fph.org.nz](http://www.fph.org.nz)***