Kia ora koutou,

I te marama kua pahure ake nei kua arotahi te tīma Panoni Pūnaha ki te whakarewa i te pūtea āheinga Hunga Whaikaha me ngā Whānau ki MidCentral; te tīmata i te whakaemi raraunga pūtakenga ki MidCentral; te kimi ētahi anō Kaitūhono, arā, he ‘Connectors’; te whakarite mō te whakangungu i ngā tīma e rua; te tono kōrero mai i ngā kaiwhakarato mō ā rātou ratonga; te whanake i te pae tukutuku; te whanake, te whakamātau hoki i ētahi tukanga pakihi, pepa Rūnanga Kāwanatanga hoki e pā ana ki te tāpae pūtea me ētahi take tāke, waeture hoki.

Kia ora koutou,

Over the last month the System Transformation team has been focusing on opening the Disabled People and Whānau capability fund in MidCentral, beginning the baseline data gathering in MidCentral, recruiting for more Kaitūhono or Connectors, preparing for induction for the two teams, seeking information from provider about their offerings, developing the website, developing and testing business processes and on Cabinet papers about funding allocation, tax and regulatory issues.

Nā, he mea whakamīharo kua tuwhera te pūtea āheinga mā te hunga whaikaha, whānau hoki, ā, ka āta akiaki i te iwi ki te whai whakaaro mō ngā tū momo pūkenga e hiahia ana rātou ki te whanake, ā, kia tīmata te tono pūtea. Ka wātea ki aua rōpū tāngata whaikaha me ngā rōpū whānau hoki/rānei he tangata whaikaha ō rātou. Mā aua rōpū te pūtea hei whanake i ngā pūkenga, i ngā āheinga rānei ki tētahi mea motuhake. Me whai hua tētahi rōpū tāngata whaikaha, whānau whaikaha rānei, ā, me noho ki te rohe o MidCentral hoki. Tēnā, ānei e whai ake nei ētahi tauira o ngā momo kaupapa tērā pea ka whiwhi pūtea:

So it’s been really exciting that the disabled people and whānau capability fun is now open and really encourage people to think about what are the sorts of skills that they want to build and to start applying for grants. It is open to groups of disabled people and/or a group of families with disabled family members. The fund is for those groups to build these skills or capability in a particular thing. What you plan need to benefit a group of individuals of disabled people or whānau and the need to be living in MidCentral. So some examples of the sorts of things that might be funded:

* Te whakahuihui i tētahi rōpū whānau ki te wānanga, ki te whakawhitiwhiti whakaaro, ki te whakarite mahere hoki mō ngā rā kei te haere mai mō ā rātou taitamariki whaikaha
* He kaupapa hei whakawhanake i ngā momo tautoko ā-marae mō ngā tāngata whaikaha o ngā whānau, ngā hapū, me ngā iwi tonu
* A group of families coming together for wānanga to share ideas and plan for what their disabled young[?] people can do in the future or;
* A project to develop marae based supports for disabled whānau, hapū and iwi members.

Ka kitea ki te pae tukutuku o Mana Whaikaha, arā, ko ‘Enabling Good Lives’ i raro i ngā whakahoutanga ki MidCentral he kōrero nui anō mō te take o te pūtea, mō te tikanga tono hoki.

You can find a lot more information about what the fund is for and how you can apply on the Enabling Good Lives website under MidCentral updates.

Kua tīmata te rangahau pūtakenga i tēnei wā. Hei tēnei marama, hei muri tata atu hoki pea, ka tae atu te rangahau ki te uiui kia 165 ngā tāngata whaikaha me ētahi mema o ngā whānau. Kua matapōkere te tīpoka tāngata i MidCentral whānui e whai uru ana i tēnei wā ki te tautoko whaikaha. Ko tā te rangahau pūtakenga kaupapa ko te whai mōhio ki ngā wheako o ngā tāngata ki te pūnaha i tēnei wā me te pānga o ēnei wheako ki ō rātou oranga. Ka whakamahia ā rātou kōrero ki te whakamōhio i te whanaketanga o te tauira i te haere o te wā, ā, ka āwhinatia mātou ki te ine i te hua kua puta i ā mātou mahi panoni pūnaha nā te mea ā te tekau mā waru marama kei te tū mai ka taea ai e tātou te hoki whakamuri tiro ai i te wheako, whakataurite ai ki te wheako o mua rā. Ka uiui i ngā kaiwhakarato hoki, kia mārama ai ngā kaupapa ratonga me ngā kaimahi tautoko ki ō rātou wheako ki te kōrero ka hiahiatia ki te whakarite mō te Panoni Pūnaha. Ka noho muna ngā kōrero katoa o te rangahau pūtakenga, ā, nā tērā tē taea te tūtohi i a koe, ā, ka mutu atu te rangahau, ka wātea tērā ki te marea mā te pae tukutuku, mā te Pānui Ngāwari (arā, ko te ‘Easy Read’) hoki.

The baseline study has now begun, which will involve interviews with 165 disabled people and whānau members over the next month or so. People have been selected at random from everyone in MidCentral who’s currently accessing disability support. The purpose of the baseline study is for us to understand how people are experience the system at the moment and what impact this experience is having on their lives. Their information will be used to inform the development of the prototype over time and help us to measure what difference we have made by transforming the system because we’ll be able to go back and look at what is the experience in eighteen months’ time comparing to the experience that was before. We will also be surveying providers, so service organizations and support workers to understand their experience and what information they need to prepare for System Transformation. All of the information is confidential so anybody who was involved in the baseline study none of your information will be identifiable to you and once we’ve completed the study, it will be available on the website and in Easy Read for people.

I kimihia ētahi Kaitūhono, ētahi Connectors hoki, ā, kua kimihia ētahi anō. Nā tērā i kīkī ai ngā tūranga katoa. He mea waiwai ki te whakatutuki i te pūnaha panoni tautoko whaikaha te rapu i ngā tāngata e tika ana mō ngā tīma e rua, kia maha atu ngā whiringa ngāwari, kia hāpai ake i te mana whakatau whakaaro o te hunga whaikaha me ngā whānau ki ō rātou tautoko me ō rātou oranga. Kua whakahaere uiui mātou mō ngā tūranga katoa, ā, ka tīmata te nuinga o ngā tāngata ā te 27 o Hereturikōkā. He tokoiti anō ngā tāngata ka tīmata āmuri atu rā. Kua whakapau kaha mātou ki te whakarite, ki te whakamahere hoki i te kaupapa whakangungu mō ngā tīma e rua. Nā, hei te mutunga o Hereturikōkā tērā ka tīmata, ā, ka haere tonu tae atu ki te 1 o Whiringa-ā-nuku. Heoi anō ka haere tonu, ka haere tonu te whakangungu me te whakawhanake i ngā tāngata i muri i te 1 o Whiringa-ā-nuku kia whakaū ai ka tika ngā pūkenga me ngā āheinga o ngā tāngata kia tutukiti pai ai te pūnaha panoni.

So we had recruited a number of Kaitūhono and Connectors and we have gone out to get a few more. Now we’ve got a full complement. Getting the right people for the two teams, the critical part of being able to deliver on the transformed disability support system, so disabled people and families have more flexible options and greater decision-making over their support and lives. We’ve now interviewed for all roles, most people are starting on the 27th of August with a few people starting slightly later. To be ready for that we’ve been busy preparing and planning a full induction program for the two teams. So that starts from end of August and groes right up to the 1st of October but there will be more training and development for people after the 1st of October and on an ongoing basis to make sure that people have the right skills and capabilities to be able to deliver on the transformed system.

Kātahi anō mātou ka tono atu ki ngā kaiwhakarato ki te tuku kōrero mō ngā ratonga, mō ngā tautoko ka taea e rātou te whakarato atu ki te hunga whaikaha me ngā whānau i te pūnaha hou. Ka whakairihia ēnei kōrero ki te pae tukutuku, ā, ka whai wāhi tērā ki te kōrero ka wātea atu ki te hunga whaikaha me ngā whānau ina whai whakaaro ai rātou ki ngā whāinga mō ō rātou oranga me ngā tautoko ka hiahiatia kia tutuki ai ērā. Kei te whakawhanake tonu mātou i ngā tukanga pakihi, ā, ka whakamātauria ēnei ki te taha o ētahi tāngata whaikaha, whānau hoki ā ngā wiki ruarua e tū mai ana.

We’ve just gone out to ask providers to provide information about what are the offerings, the supports that they can provide to disabled people and whānau in the new system. This information will be posted on the website and will be part of the information available to disabled people and whānau when they’re thinking about what they are wanting to achieve in their lives and what support they need to get there. We are continuing to develop business processes and we’ll be testing these with disabled people and whānau over the next couple of weeks.

He nui te mahi whakawhanake pae tukutuku, whakarite ihirangi hoki kia tae atu ai te kōrero ka hiahia te tangata ā te 1 o Whiringa-ā-nuku.

A lot of work is underway with developing the website and getting content ready so that people have the information they need on the 1st of October.

Hei whakakapi ake, kua whakaarohia e te Rūnanga Kāwanatanga ngā puka e rua. Mō te tukanga tāpae pūtea tētahi, ā, ko tērā atu mō ngā take waiture e pā ana ki te tāke me te māraurau ki te āwhina anō ā-kāwanatanga ka wātea atu kia mutu ai te whakawhiti ki horanga kē. Ka wātea atu tērā i mua i te 1 o Whiringa ā-Nuku. Waihoki e mahi ana mātou ki te taha o ētahi Minita mō te pūtea ka whakawhitingia mai nō tari kāwanatanga kē ki te pūnaha tautoko whaikaha, ā, ko tō mātou hiahia ka kawea tērā ki te Rūnanga Kāwanatanga ā te whā wiki e haere mai nei.

Finally Cabinet has now considered two papers. One was the funding allocation process and the other one on regulatory issues about tax and eligibility to other government assistance and that information will be available after we have finished translating it into different formats. That will be available before the 1st of October. We’re also currently working with Ministers on what funding from other government agencies will transfer into the disability support system and we’re expecting to take that to Cabinet in the next four weeks.

Tēnā koutou katoa.

Thank you.

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