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Feedback on the Public Engagement and Consultation Policy

1. Tena koutou.
Thank you for the opportunity for the Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS) to provide feedback to the Public Engagement and Consultation Policy.
2. The primary contact point for this submission is:

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1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

3. ARPHS supports the overall principles of the policy document and its intentions of providing a best practice guide of engagement and consultation with Auckland communities and stakeholders.
4. However, in providing feedback ARPHS make the following recommendations based on the need to clarify ADHB's Treaty commitment to working with manawhenua, and that this model of working with Treaty partners also be adopted for working with other community groups of Auckland region.
5. ARPHS recommends the inclusion of He Korowai Oranga 2002 and Whakataatanga Tuarua the Maori Health Action Plan 2006 -2011 strategies under the 'Associated Documents' section.
6. ARPHS recommends that Ngati Whatua (manawhenua) be included in the definitions table.
7. ARPHS recommends the correct spelling of ADHB's Vision Statement from "He oranga tika mo te iti mei te rahi" to "He oranga tika mo te iti me te rahi".
8. ARPHS recommends that the policy be reviewed for its use of Te Reo Maori by ADHB Chief Advisor of Tikanga/Maori General Manager.
9. ARPHS recommends that ADHB provides an evidence based position statement which outlines it's advancements towards achieving whanau, hapu and iwi ora/health gains for the people of the Auckland region.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

10. In this submission, ARPHS describes the importance of the Auckland District Health Board's (ADHB) policy which outlines and acknowledges its responsibility toward public engagement and consultation.
11. ARPHS then highlights some key issues for the region as a whole and offers comment specific to the ADHB Public Engagement and Consultation policy (the Policy.)

3.0 GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE POLICY

12. ARPHS, through its experience, acknowledges that the response to the policy appears not to have a perspective from specific community groups ie, Pacific Peoples, Asian communities, non Maori. ARPHS believes that culturally specific feedback on the draft policy could also come from ADHB specific Cultural Advisory Boards.
 13. ARPHS recognizes that whanau, hapu and Iwi need to be actively involved in the process of public engagement and consultation.
 14. Whanau, hapu and iwi, hold public engagement and consultation in high regard and is seen as a core value of whanaungatanga (relationships). Active public engagement and consultation will provide opportunities for the people of Auckland to contribute towards achieving positive and sustainable health outcomes that support addressing health inequalities.
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15. ARPHS endeavours to work in a model of partnership, protection and participation with manawhenua.
16. In order to achieve its vision for public health in the Auckland region, ARPHS and its stakeholders (including Mana whenua, health professionals, DHBs, funders, researchers, Iwi health service providers, central and local government, and communities), engage/consult on a range of public health initiatives.

4.0 SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON THE POLICY

Associated Documents

17. ARPHS recommends the inclusion of He Korowai Oranga 2002 and Whakataatanga Tuarua the Maori Health Action Plan 2006 -2011 strategies under the 'Associated Documents' section.

Definitions:

18. ARPHS suggests that manawhenua be included with the appropriate definition. Manawhenua. An iwi or nation who 'possesses' land is said to hold or be manawhenua of the area and hence has the power and authority to produce a livelihood for the family and the people from this land and its natural resources.¹

ADHB's Principles:

19. ARPHS recommends stronger statements around the achievement of positive mana whenua health gains/outcomes including:
 - ADHB will work collaboratively with whanau, hapu, iwi to identify whanau, hapu, iwi health needs in order to address and prevent disease.
 - Ensuring the active participation of whanau, hapu and iwi in decision making, planning, development and delivery of health and disability services.

Policy Statements:

20. ARPHS recommends correcting the spelling of "Mei" in the Maori translation of ADHB's Vision Statement to "Me" so that it reads "Healthy Communities, Quality Healthcare, He Oranga Tika Mo Te Iti Me Te Rahi" as reflected in previous policies of ADHB.

¹ Williams' *A definition of the Maori Language*

5.0 CONCLUSION

21. ARPHS would like to acknowledge the ADHB for giving the opportunity to ARPHS to provide feedback on the Draft ADHB Public Engagement and Consultation Policy.

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