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IWI RESPONSE PLAN - 2021

Background

Further to internal Iwi discussions held since 19th August 2021, the response to Covid Delta Pandemic in Aotearoa, with members of Iwi and Maori Health Providers, MidCentral DHB, Ministry of Health and associated organisations and NGO's, attached please find a copy of the Iwi Response Plan 2021.

Current position.

Ngā Kaitiaki Inc. the Iwi authority of Feilding again appreciates being involved with these important Maori Health and wellbeing matters, especially post Covid 19 lockdowns levels from August 21.

We recognise that our current workforce of four (4) are primarily in mental health and whanau ora navigation services. We do not employ registered nurses or health care assistant workers at present.' However, our proposal is premised on the following

1. *Ngā Kaitiaki Inc* provided key leadership and support and overall performed admirably post lockdowns for Covid 19 lockdowns for ten (10) full weeks last year.
2. Using the IWA – Iwi Whanau Approach based on our Iwi Whakapapa lines, were able to assist and help many of our Whanau, koroheke, kuia, Pakeke, rangatahi, tamariki me mokopuna hoki, through distribution food, hygiene and sanitation packs.
3. We produced a comprehensive accountability report called "*Kia Ngawha Te Ngakau..... Be stout hearted about support the needs of our people*". We also participated in an hour-long documentary named "*Ka Puta, Ka Ora*" and which was formally launched at the Regent on Broadway recently.

The Response Plan:

The key objectives for **Ngā Kaitiaki Inc** are as follows:

- whānau Māori, hapū, iwi and local communities are enabled to access the vaccine services with ease
- wrap-around holistic support is provided with the delivery of vaccinations
- whānau Māori, hapū, iwi and communities are enabled with a choice to access kaupapa Māori vaccinators
- reduction of competition and duplication through collaboration between local providers and MidCentral DHB
- that resources are maximised in the local Feilding and Manawatū district communities
- services are tailored at the most local level and innovative approaches are enabled.

COVID-19 ROLE POSITION

To enable Ngāti Kauwhata Iwi achieve this Plan, a Vaccine-coordinator will:

- ensure all whānau receive the vaccine services that meets their cultural expectations and best fits their needs i.e., on site at the Iwi premises, at a clinic or mobile drive through service
- respond to whānau enquiries and queries regarding vaccination sites
- maintain up to date knowledge and understanding of local and regional vaccination sites and their availability
- connect and engage whānau with their preferred vaccination site
- ensure good logistical use of local and regional vaccination sites
- undertake administrative tasks specific to the vaccine roll-out to whānau

- provide and promote accurate, accessible information on the COVID-19 vaccine to address any vaccine hesitancy.

In addition to the above wrap-around services for COVID-19 vaccinations, the role will also provide support services to:

- improve influenza vaccination coverage for Māori whānau eligible to receive funded flu Influenza vaccinations
- improve measles vaccination coverage for Māori whānau eligible to receive funded measles vaccinations.

CONCLUSION

Finally, we wish to thank Te Arawhiti, the Prime Minister and Cabinet for allowing us the opportunity to table this proposal and are available for further discussions between us.

Nga mihi ake

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Emery', written in a cursive style.

**Dennis Emery –Co - Chairperson
On behalf of the Management Committee**
