



TE RŪNANGA O
TOA RANGATIRA

Job Description – Āti Awa Toa Hauora Partnership Board

Position Title:	Board Member
Location:	Te Upoko o te Ika
Accountable to:	Iwi and Māori communities within the Te Upoko o te Ika Rohe

Background

On the 23 September 2021 the Minister of Health announced the membership of the interim Māori Health Authority and Health New Zealand as part of the Labour government’s health sector reform agenda.

The Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Bill sets the context for a system that works for everyone, no matter who they are or where they live. The Bill will enable the two entities to become permanent once the reformed health system comes into effect on 1 July 2022.

The Bill also recognises the important role of Iwi-Māori Partnership Boards and Māori exercising tino rangatiratanga and mana motuhake when it comes to planning and decision-making for health services at a local level.

“The Māori Health Authority and Iwi Māori Partnership Boards represent a new way of working to shape the future health system. Our collective challenge is to influence the new system in a way that sustains change, achieves equity of outcomes, and elevates the voice of whanau to be direction-setters not just service users”. Sharon Shea, Co-Chair of the interim Māori Health Authority Board.

Characteristics of the Iwi Māori Partnership Boards

- They do not report to the Crown – they are accountable to Iwi and hapori Māori within their respective coverage areas. The Āti Awa Toa Hauora Partnership Board is inclusive of Te Upoko o te Ika which extends from the Kapiti Coast, Porirua, the Hutt Valley to Wellington.
- they will operate predominantly at the locality level of the health system but will also have a role at the regional and national level. The locality layer of the system is where tino rangatiratanga and mana motuhake are most emphasised.
- they will be closely involved in locality commissioning from assessing needs of whānau, identifying priorities and monitoring service provision

Purpose

The core function of the Āti Awa Toa Hauora Partnership Board is to work at a strategic commissioning level to influence priorities, outcomes, and allocation of the overall locality budget into priority areas. The strategic commissioning role includes:

- engaging with whanau and hapū, and sharing the resulting insights and perspectives with the Māori Health Authority, Health NZ and the wider health system
- assessing and evaluating the current state of hauora Māori in their locality or localities, and determine priorities for improving hauora Māori
- agreeing on locality priorities and plans with the Māori Health Authority and Health NZ
- embedding matauranga Māori within locality plans, which then influences regional and national planning
- monitoring the performance of the health system in their locality or localities, including against the locality plan
- reporting on their own activities to whanau and hapori Māori, and other relevant partners.

Board Members are also required to

- Follow the policies and Board resolutions
- Sign an annual conflict of interest disclosure and update it during the year if necessary and disclose potential conflicts before meetings and actual conflicts during meetings
- Maintain confidentiality about all matters concerning Board matters.

Competencies and Attributes

- Understanding of Tikanga and lived experience of Te Ao Māori
- Understanding of governance and the role of the Iwi Maori Partnership Boards in the new health system
- Experience in community engagement, widely known and active in the community, strong links with iwi, Māori health providers and wider sectors
- Experience in reviewing qualitative data, reports to identify trends and opportunities for hapori Māori and whanau
- Strong financial acumen and decision making
- All members can confidently use technology (including communication technology)
- Clear understanding of the working relationship required with MHA and HNZ.

Time Commitment and Term

Āti Awa Toa Hauora Partnership Board members will serve a term of 3 years to be eligible for re-appointment for one additional term. Initially Board meetings will be held fortnightly and will require a time commitment of one day which includes preparing for the meeting and the meeting time. This time commitment will be reviewed after six months.

Remuneration

Board members will be remunerated and this will be confirmed in due course.

Administrative Support

The Āti Awa Toa Hauora Partnership Board will be supported by a Board secretariat to manage the administrative activities of the Board.