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Newsletter of the Social Workers Registration Board

PROGRAMME RECOGNITION

Te Wananga-o-Raukawa, based in Otaki, has recently gained programme recognition through the SWRB, for their degree programme Toiora Whanau. Te Wananga-o-Raukawa provides an education environment that promotes and strengthens an understanding of whānau, hapu and iwi.

The aim of Toiora Whanau is to ensure graduates are able to advance and maintain good health in the Māori community. The programme develops bilingual and bicultural health and social work practitioners in the field of psychological health care for whānau, hapū and iwi, Māori and non-Māori organisations. The degree programme follows on from the Heke Mātauranga Toiora Whānau a one year diploma offered in the social work area.

Future pathways for graduates are:

- o Positions with Māori health providers in the community
- o Social work in the wider community
- o Enhancement of whānau, hapū and iwi structures
- o Further study

For further information on Te Wananga-o-Raukawa go to www.wananga.com

BACKGROUND ON PROGRAMME RECOGNITION

The Social Workers Registration Board publishes and maintains a schedule of historical and current qualifications for

the purpose of establishing one of the criteria for registration. The Board has determined that this will be a Bachelors degree in social work or a postgraduate qualification in social work.

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The recognition process has been modelled on the processes utilised by comparable regulatory bodies.

Our policy on the recognition of programmes has been successfully used to consider social work degrees in polytechnics. This recognition is undertaken in collaboration with the ITP Quality. It has also been used to recognise new and ongoing programmes in the university sector.

Further information on the SWRB Programme Recognition can be found at www.swrb.org.nz or phone our office 04 931 2650

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FROM THE BOARD:

The Hon. Ruth Dyson Minister for Social Development and Employment has confirmed the three new board appointments. I am pleased to introduce our new members to you all and welcome them to the SWRB.

MS TONI HOCQUARD (RSW)

Ms Hocquard (nominated by ANZASWE) is Programme Leader with the Waiariki Institute of Technology and has also been a lecturer. She has also held roles including Professional Advisor with Rheumatology/Rehabilitation Counsellors at QE Health (formerly Queen Elizabeth Hospital) and as a social worker in Papua New Guinea and at Palmerston North Hospital. Through these roles Ms Hocquard has demonstrated leadership and a commitment to clinical standards of practice and professional conduct. Key qualifications: Masters First Class Honours (Rehab); Bachelor of Social Work.

MS KITTY CHIU

Ms Chiu (nominated by Minister of Women's Affairs) works part-time as Associate Director of the Centre for Asian Health Research



and Evaluation at the University of Auckland. She is also a member of the Auckland Social Services Executive Committee and has been a member of the Asian Advisory Committee for the Counties Manukau Police. Ms Chiu has governance experience through her senior roles as Associate Director, marketing and strategic planner and numerous community service roles. Her activities have also shown financial experience through managing contracts and establishing the Centre for Asian Health Research and Evaluation. Key qualifications: Masters of Business Administration; Graduate Diploma in Business Administration; Bachelor of Commerce; Registered General Nurse.

MS MARY MILES (RSW)

Ms Miles (nominated by Minister of Women's Affairs) is National Social Work Advisor for Barnados New Zealand. She has over three decades of experience in the social work field including with the Department of Child, Youth and Family, Department of Health, non-government organisations and private practice. Ms Miles is a member of ANZASWE and is part of the Complaints Assessment Committee for the Social Workers Registration Board. She has obtained a strong understanding of issues across the sector and has a range of skills that includes: developed networks with community and statutory social service sectors; facilitation and advocacy; and policy and guideline development. Key qualifications: Masters (Hons) in Social Work; Bachelor of Arts (Psychology); Certificate of Qualification in Social Work; Visiting Fellow in Social Work.

Robyn Corrigan (RSW)
SWRB Chairperson

PROMOTION CAMPAIGN 2008

Many of you will have received the Wall Posters and Brochures promoting both the registration of social workers and consumer rights when dealing with a Registered Social Worker. Please contact us if you have yet to receive this information or if your organisation requires further copies: info@swrb.org.nz

SPECIAL NOTICE ANNUAL PRACTISING CERTIFICATE

All Registered Social Workers are required to maintain a current Annual Practising Certificate. We would like to draw your attention to the expiry date (as circled on the example right)

An Annual Practising Certificate is valid from the 1 July – 30 June the following year.



FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE/REGISTRAR:

STATEMENT OF INTENT 2008-2009 : KEY POINTS

STRATEGIC OPERATING INTENTIONS

To date the board has remained focused on operating a national registration system that is readily available to eligible social workers who meet the criteria for registration, and on the allied development of policies and standards to support the system.

The four key output areas of the Board are:

- o Managing the Registration of Social Workers
- o Consider Complaints Against Registered Social Workers
- o Enhance the Professionalism of Social Workers
- o Promote the Benefits of Registration

Through fulfilling our statutory functions and continuously adjusting our operational goals in line with our strategic objectives the Board seeks to:

- o create a cohesive and accountable professional status of social workers; that will
- o contribute to public knowledge of the professional status of social workers; and
- o enhance the levels of professionalism evident in social work practice as experienced by New Zealanders of all ages who receive social work services.



The immediate and long term objectives for the Board are to:

- o continue to implement the identified actions arising from the inaugural Operational Review, particularly to simplify the registration process, to improve coverage through limited registration and to work towards reducing the costs of registration.
- o better gear itself to maximising registration levels through opportunities for targeted promotion especially in the DHB and NGO sectors.
- o gain greater public recognition of the actions being taken to enhance the standing of social workers through the implementation of a sustained promotional campaign.
- o continue to develop its capability within carefully managed resources
- o continue to meet its statutory responsibilities and to remain aligned to government and the social development sector's broader strategies.

Please contact the SWRB office if you would like the full copy of the Statement of Intent for 2008-2009

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sean McKinley'.

Sean McKinley
SWRB Chief Executive

REGISTRATION

To apply to register please request a registration pack by contacting our office via email to info@swrb.org.nz or telephone (04) 931 2650

COMPETENCE ASSESSMENTS

All registration applications require provision of completed documentation, including a competence assessment.

The recognised provider for competence assessment is:

ANZASW, PO Box 14230,
CHRISTCHURCH

Phone (03) 358 6920 or

email nat_office@anzasw.org.nz

EVENTS

CONFERENCES 09

ANZASW CONFERENCE APRIL 2009 - WELLINGTON

ANZASW is in the process of making preparations for the 2009 ANZASW Conference in Wellington and details will be available soon.

20TH ASIA PACIFIC SOCIAL WORK CONFERENCE

10-13 November 2009, Auckland, New Zealand for further information please refer to <http://www.swinnz2009.org.nz/>

CPD

Maternal Mental Health Workshop Keeping Mothers Healthy, run by the Perinatal and Maternal Mortality Review Committee 29 October 2008 - Waipuna Conference Centre, Auckland

\$95.00 + GST

(earlybird price \$85.00 + GST)

Register at:

<http://www.pmmrc.health.govt.nz/>

CPS - CHILD PROTECTION STUDIES PROGRAMME

CPS is a national charitable trust, dedicated to preventing harm and violence to children in New Zealand. As a strong advocate for the rights of children, CPS promotes, encourages and supports prevention activities and efforts at the local and national level, through individual and community programmes. For course location and information, or to enrol, contact: Michaela - 07 838 3370, michaela@cps.org.nz

SUPERVISION TRAINING

Supervision Training - Course 1 Christchurch

With Margaret Morrell

3-5 November 2008

This workshop suits social workers and other professional practitioners who want to start supervising, and experienced supervisors who want to learn about supervision models and frameworks.

Cost: \$375 (GST incl)

Margaret's website:

www.margaretmorrell.co.nz

For course content or to enrol,

Email: margaret.morrell@clear.net.nz



Building on our Strengths

Central Region DHB Maori Health Development Conference

CENTRAL REGION DHB MAORI HEALTH DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Travelodge Palmerston North 24-25 September

Capital and Coast, Hawkes's Bay, Hutt Valley, Mid Central, Wairarapa and Whanganui District Health Boards are proud to bring you the first Central Regional DHB Maori Health Development Conference which will promote and celebrate the successes, leadership and strengths of Maori Health Development in your region.

Enquires are welcome, please contact: Nicola McPhee 04 803 5819 nicola.mcphee@dhbz.org.nz

NATIONAL DAY FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

Wednesday 24 September 2008

Social Workers throughout Aotearoa New Zealand can take extra pride in their profession this month as they mark the fifth National Social Workers Day.

This day is about building professional pride and professional identity.

If your organisation has a special day planned and would like some further promotional material please contact us here at SWRB.



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Supporting and Protecting

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