Introducing the interim Establishment Board for Health, Community & Social Services

David Waters – Chair

David is the current Chief Executive of Ambulance New Zealand, Chief Executive of the Council of Ambulance Authorities, and the President of the Aeromedical Association of Australasia. David has held various leadership positions throughout his career and has significant governance and strategic planning experience. He is also currently a Director of Global Resuscitation Alliance and QA Health Ltd. He is passionate about the health and education sectors and growing the skills of the New Zealand workforce. He has an in-depth understanding of the vocational education sector and was previously a Director of the Skills Organisation. He has provided leadership and governance in the education sector including primary school education through to the delivery of undergraduate, post graduate and Masters Programmes.

Brenda Pilott

Brenda is the National Manager of Social Service Providers Aotearoa Incorporated. She has substantial governance experience with public entities and NGOs and is a member of the Institute of Directors. Brenda has a mix of community and social service knowledge as well as workforce development and Government experience. Brenda has been a driving force and key figure in workforce development activities in the Health, Community & Social Services sectors including establishing a workforce working group with Oranga Tamariki and working with Careerforce NZ to develop a Kai Manaaki plan for the unregulated social services sector. Brenda is a former union leader who has maintained positive relationships with the key unions representing workers in Health, Community & Social Services.

Gill Genet

Gill leads the business development and sector engagement for Careerforce. As a workforce strategist, Gill has achieved new workplace-based training models, respectful assessment, supported governance reforms and ITO mergers, and delivered Targeting Review of Qualification (TroQ) outcomes for health, disability and social services. She believes shaping WDCs so their mahi achieves clarity of the vocational education training outcomes for today’s and tomorrow’s industry stakeholders is her moemoeā; dream come true. Gill believes vocational education and training has a role in reducing inequitable outcomes and improving whānau and community wellbeing. She offers design system thinking, and, as Chair of the Rural Health Alliance, brings a rural voice in to the mix.
Hamish Crooks

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Hamish is the current Chief Executive of Pacific Homecare, having been in the role since 2010. He started out his career as a qualified accountant with a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Otago University and has an MBA in Economic Development from Eastern University in Philadelphia, USA. He has worked in the private, community, and public sectors over the last 30 years, having previously held Trustee roles with several community-based initiatives. He has previously been an active member of the Second Nature Trust Board responsible for the establishment of the Vodafone Events Centre and Vector Wero Whitewater Park in Manukau. He was previous Chair of the Pacific Business Trust, and recently stepped down as chair of Fonua Ola Trust, a pacific social service agency. He is a current member of the Pacific Peoples Advancement Trust, and the Pacific Advance Secondary School board of trustees. Hamish has a passion for community and economic development work in relation to Pacific communities, possessing a broad set of skills and experience to complement his specialties.

Jill Woodward

Jill is CEO of Elizabeth Knox Home & Hospital, Auckland New Zealand. For the past 19 years she has held a variety of management roles across the health environment including surgical services management, CEO Waipuna Hospice and since 2008 has been CEO of Elizabeth Knox Home and Hospital. Her qualifications include a Master of Arts (Applied) in Nursing and Midwifery, Bachelor of Arts (Social Sciences) and in 2009 she completed Eden Alternative training in Australia and is an Eden Alternative Trainer and Board Member. Jill is an energetic advocate for culture change and advocate for the Eden Alternative “where leadership emerges in all parts of our care community and through that leadership, real and sustainable culture change can and does occur”.

Jean Te Huia

Jean Te Huia (Ngāti Kahungunu) is a well-known advocate for Māori health. As CEO of Nga Maia Māori Midwives Aotearoa her expertise in particularly maternal and child health gives voice for Māori Wahine. Her midwifery, health and kaupapa Māori re-integration services are located in Hawke’s Bay. Her participation on national advisory committees has enabled her expertise to influence national policies.
Sean McKinley

Sean has been the General Manager of Te Whānau Tupu Ngātahi o Aotearoa - Playcentre Aotearoa since 2018. His previous roles have included the Chief Executive of the New Zealand Veterinary Council, Chief Executive and Registrar of the Social Workers Registration Board and Executive Director of the New Zealand Psychological Society. Sean is a current Board member of the Physiotherapy Board of New Zealand and the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board. Sean has significant experience across the private, public and non-government sectors and has been involved in statutory regulation, both nationally and internationally, for a number of years. Sean has a demonstrated knowledge of, and experience with, government process and policy.