**NZCOM Canterbury West Coast**

**Komiti Kawa Whakaruruhau/Cultural Safety Committee**

**AGM Report 2019**

Members of this Komiti are Kate Nicoll, Kelly Dorgan and Claire MacDonald. New members joining are Dani Gibbs and Ali Woodhouse.

The 2018-2019 year has seen the development of the Canterbury Clinical Network Te Tiriti and Equity discussion document which was accepted by the Alliance Leadership Team. The komiti discussed this and recommended to the region that we integrate its recommendations into the regional strategic plan. The region agreed with this and the komiti will meet shortly to begin this process. We will return to the region with recommendations for consideration.

Claire also provided extensive feedback on the draft Canterbury Maternity Strategy, integrating recommendations from the CCN document.

Our plan for the last year included:

1. Investigating resources around how non-Māori health practitioners can work most effectively with Māori to improve health outcomes.

Kelly developed a presentation called ‘*Returning to our unsettled dust*’ about non-Māori practitioners’ impacts on Māori breastfeeding for La Leche League’s Health Practitioner’s Seminar. Kelly’s presentation was subsequently picked up by the CDHB for its breastfeeding workshops.

1. There is currently nothing in the CDHB orientation nor performance appraisal about working with Tangata Whenua. Discuss this with CDHB management.

The komiti wrote to the Director of Midwifery expressing concerns about this. We were advised that the core competency day includes an hour of education on working with Māori and confronting institutionalised racism. Claire later attended the session which was good, but it would still be useful for this to be addressed in performance appraisals and orientation.

1. Work with CDHB to improve the hospital’s ability to facilitate Kaupapa Māori birthing practices as more women integrate these in their birth plans from the Whanau Mai antenatal classes.

The komiti has not yet addressed this issue. We would like to look into this area in the 2019-2020 year.

Expressions of interest for joining this Komiti are warmly welcomed.