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**Social Wellbeing Board
February Dashboard**

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Hon Carmel Sepuloni, Minister for Social Development and Employment April 2021

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The Social Wellbeing Board is a cross-sector group of Chief Executives that oversees work seeking to achieve outcomes beyond the remit of any one agency. The Board provided the attached dashboard to the Social Wellbeing Committee on 10 March 2021 to update the Committee on the Board's work programme.

This pack contains:

1. Social Wellbeing Board February Dashboard – oral item for the Social Wellbeing Committee meeting on 10 March 2021.
2. Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee: Minute of Decision [SWC-21-MIN-0007].

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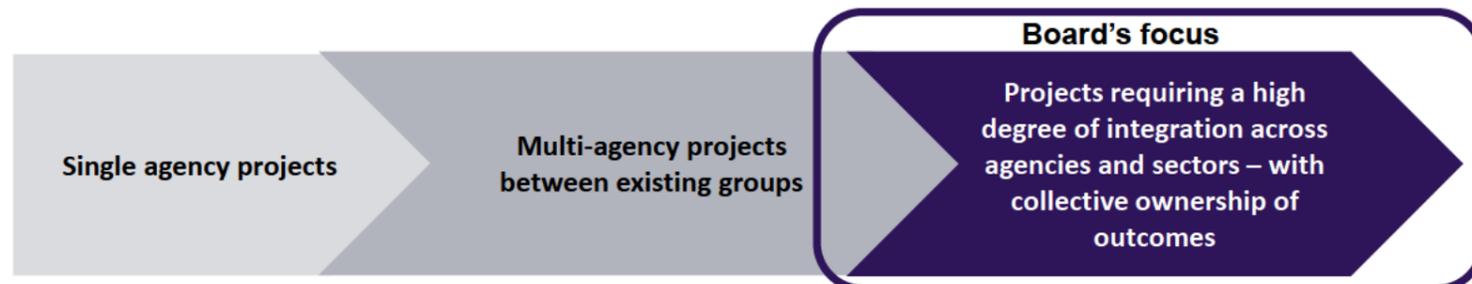
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The Board

The Social Wellbeing Board is a group of social sector Chief Executives coming together to take collective action to improve outcomes and make the biggest difference for New Zealanders. It has specific governance focuses on children and COVID-19 recovery, and plays a supporting role in other government priorities like housing.

Taking a whole of sector view, the Board takes a people-centred, enduring approach to improve social wellbeing.



Board Members

Public Service Commissioner (Chair)	Secretary of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Secretary for Māori Development
Secretary for Social Development	Secretary for Education	Commissioner of Inland Revenue
Secretary for Justice	Director-General of Health	Commissioner of Police
Secretary for Housing and Urban Development	Secretary for Children	Supported by the Social Wellbeing Agency

Note: for the Joint Venture, ACC and Corrections sit on the Board instead of Housing and Urban Development and Inland Revenue

Updates from the Board's work programme

Last meeting: 17 February

In its February 2021 Board meeting, the Board discussed this dashboard, and how future iterations of it could provide the most value to the Social Wellbeing Committee.

The Board agreed to focus their March meeting on their work programme, its alignment with the Government's priorities, and how progress can be monitored.

The Board also discussed public sector performance for Māori, work led by Te Puni Kōkiri in their legislated monitoring function. This will be discussed further in the March meeting.

Updates on key work programmes in the sector were also discussed: the Future of Social Sector Commissioning work (see update in this dashboard) and the Mental Health Strategy.

Coming up:

This is the first iteration of this dashboard, which will continue to evolve over the coming months. The Board will provide this dashboard to the Social Wellbeing Committee each month, showing the recent progress, next steps, and upcoming milestones for each of its specific work items.

The Board also occasionally considers items outside of these specific streams, where collective action is required to achieve better outcomes across the sector. We will include these in our dashboards to give visibility of the integration happening across the social sector.

Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy

A shared understanding of what is important for child and youth wellbeing, government's actions to achieve this, and a framework to align the work of government and others.

The ad-hoc **Ministerial Group on the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy** had its first meeting on 10 February 2021. The PM conveyed expectations that all Ministers and their agencies are fully engaged to deliver on the Strategy outcomes. Ministers were asked to confirm key items for tracking and consider any gaps in the work programme. The next meeting of the Group is scheduled for 15 March 2021.

Child poverty statistics were released on 23 February, capturing the close to full impact of the Families Package. All measures of child poverty have trended down since the 2017/18 baseline. The data does not include COVID-19 impacts or responses nor April/May 2020 income support changes.

Upcoming milestones include a report to Cabinet in April 2021 on Strategy implementation progress, the first annual report to Parliament on 2019/20 progress towards the Strategy's outcomes, and publication of the Child Poverty Related Indicators report (2019/20). In May the annual Child Poverty Report will be released, alongside the Budget.

Oranga Tamariki Action Plan

The Action Plan will set out how Chief Executives will work together to improve the wellbeing of children and young people of interest to Oranga Tamariki. The Action Plan sits under the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy and must give effect to its outcomes.

Children's agencies and other relevant agencies submitted draft material to the Social Wellbeing Board and the Plan Minister (Minister Davis) in late 2020. The Board suggested a focus on three areas: homelessness, school engagement and mental health services.

Minister Davis has since outlined his vision for Oranga Tamariki, focusing on greater devolution of power and resource to Māori and the regions, and taking a whānau ora approach. **9(2)f(iv)**

Future of Social Sector Commissioning

Working to improve the Government's commissioning of social services and lead a collective effort to delivering a more effective and sustainable social sector.

Following agreement by Cabinet on draft Commissioning Principles and 10 key actions in June 2020, MSD and Oranga Tamariki have been working with other government agencies to prepare for targeted engagement with social sector stakeholders (March-June 21), on four of the ten key actions. Government agencies are mapping current/planned activity against the other six actions to demonstrate progress.

Minister Sepuloni wrote to advise her colleagues of the priorities for this work.

Upcoming timeline: Targeted stakeholder engagement and wānanga to commence in Wellington this month including a wānanga on 15 March for Māori partners and the first full sector and partners' symposium on 17 March 2021. An update to Cabinet is anticipated in late June 2021, seeking agreement for broader public engagement on draft policy.

Place-Based Initiatives (PBIs)

The PBIs aim to improve outcomes for at-risk children and their whānau by shifting collective decision making and discretion to the local level. There are two PBIs: Manaaki Tairāwhiti and the South Auckland Social Wellbeing Board (SASWB).

Manaaki Tairāwhiti continues systems improvement work, focusing on Whāngāia Ngā Pā Harakeke re-design, a review of practice in support of the Manaaki Tairāwhiti 'Way of Working', working with new providers of Navigators (working with 127 families on 811 needs), and working with stakeholders to deliver the Tairāwhiti Housing Strategy and action plan.

The South Auckland Social Wellbeing Board is working with Papakura Marae to implement the programme of action funded under the Place-Based appropriation agreed to in late 2020. Insights are emerging from this work and across the SASWB work programme, which will contribute to the five wellbeing indicators identified and will help build understanding of their relevance in a Māori setting.

Upcoming milestones/next steps: Joint Ministers have signed off drawdown of the remaining Joint Venture contingency funding to support both PBIs' family violence prevention work.

Resilience to Organised Crime in Communities

Combining social intervention with enforcement activity to address the harms and drivers of organised crime, through whānau-centred responses, initially focused in Hawke's Bay, and Tairāwhiti.

PGF funding enabled partner agencies, iwi and communities to establish community-based programmes for Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti to improve local outcomes and link whānau to diverse support services. Proceeds of Crime funding established a Partnerships & Harm Prevention team hosted by Police to provide support to communities, regional/centre information flow, and alignment of prevention and enforcement action.

Next steps: DCEs to hold an initial meeting with the BoP Collective Impact Group in March to prepare for meeting with Iwi/community. ROCC aligns with the approach and roll out of Te Ara Oranga (a manifesto commitment). Southern District is the next region for ROCC. **Comment:** Feedback from communities notes concerns about programme funding sustainability and ability to continue work when PGF funding ends.

Joint Venture of the Social Wellbeing Board (Family Violence and Sexual Violence)

The Joint Venture is supported by the Joint Venture Business Unit (JVBU). This section updates on the National Strategy and Action Plans to eliminate family violence and sexual violence.

The Joint Venture is currently holding a series of pre-engagement hui and wānanga with different communities to identify what good engagement looks like for their communities. The first was held on 2-3 February with the Disability Commissioner and members of the disabled community. Next are with diverse communities, Family Violence and Sexual Violence (FVSV) sectors and wānanga (March) to further develop the Māori Crown relationship for the FVSV system. The wānanga acknowledges the mana and work of Interim Te Rōpū.

Next Steps: Minister Davidson will take a paper to the Social Wellbeing Committee in March seeking agreement to engage with Māori and communities to develop the National Strategy and Action Plans to eliminate family violence and sexual violence. It is expected that there will be a broad engagement process and consensus building, led by communities and supported by the Joint Venture during April/May.



Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

Minute of Decision

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Oral Item: Social Wellbeing Board Update

Portfolio **Social Development and Employment**

On 10 March 2021, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee (SWC):

- 1 **noted** the monthly dashboard attached under SWC-21-SUB-0007 and update from the Chair of the Social Wellbeing Board (the Board);
- 2 **invited** Ministers to refer cross-agency social sector issues they become aware of to the Board for further investigation;
- 3 **agreed** that the next monthly dashboard update to SWC will include reporting requirements against the government's priority areas.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Hon Grant Robertson
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Peeni Henare
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall
Hon Aupito William Sio
Hon Meka Whaitiri
Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan

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Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission
Officials Committee for SWC