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Community Housing Aotearoa (CHA) Newsletter 8 November 2021

Welcome to this week's newsletter from Community Housing Aotearoa Nga Wharerau o Aotearoa (CHA).

Last week we published our refreshed guidelines for [Alert Level 2](#) and [Alert Level 3](#). These will be updated over the coming weeks to reflect the new traffic light system. In the meantime we're interested to hear if there are any additional resources you think need to be included in the guidance documents. Please [email us](#) any questions or feedback on the guidelines.

Message from Chief Executive

Kia ora koutou,

It has been a week where I have once again been thankful for the commitment and agility of our team at CHA as we work on issues ranging from government funding, to regulatory settings, to inclusionary housing policies, to masterclasses, to COVID-19. As of today, we are all called on to adapt again, with the announcement that Auckland will move to Alert Level 3, step 2 at 11.59pm tomorrow.

We have made further inroads into getting some clarity on the vaccine mandate and we will get confirmation either way in the next fortnight. In the meantime, we've been given an address at the Ministry of Health for those of you with questions about how the current health order might apply to you: healthorders@health.govt.nz.

We have also had the chance to take a look at the early draft of the government risk assessment framework – and have reached out to our sector leaders directly for feedback.

As always, get in touch with the CHA team with any feedback you have. We look forward to seeing those of you who can make it at our sector call this Thursday.

Stay safe.

Ngā mihi maioha,

based approaches

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Vic Crockford
Chief Executive
Community Housing Aotearoa

Sector Zoom Call

You are invited to join our fortnightly sector zoom meeting. This week we will be discussing:

- Sector risk assessment framework
- Expectation around self isolation
- Update on last week's Ministers' meeting

As well as any questions or feedback you may have of the officials that are able to join us. Feel free to share this invite with any colleagues who may be interested.

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Support for Members

2021/22 Annual Monitoring Round

The Community Housing Regulatory Authority (CHRA) is beginning to send out its reporting templates for the 2021/22 annual monitoring round. As usual, these will be sent out to you one month prior to your Annual General Meeting (AGM), or one month prior to your audited financial statements being signed off (for providers who do not have an AGM).

They are aware that there may still be some ongoing Covid-related disruptions, especially for providers currently under Level 3 restrictions. If this disruption means that it will not be possible to submit your annual report in the timeframe stated, please [contact CHRA](#) to discuss a new reporting date.

Please note there are two changes to this year's annual monitoring requirements:

Board minutes: CHRA has recently updated its advice on the provision of Board minutes. Board minutes must now cover the 12-month period prior to submitting your annual report, and be unredacted, except for tenant, and now staff, names and personal information.

Budget forecasts: CHRA has previously required three-year budget forecasts as part of annual monitoring. Following feedback from the sector, and to better align with current sector practice, they have revised this requirement. They now require one year of budget forecasts. Forecasts must include statements of income and expenditure, cash flow, financial position, changes in equity (or a reconciliation of opening equity to closing equity), and a statement of the underlying assumptions upon which the budget forecast is based.

The [Guidance Notes](#) available on CHRA's website provide further details on the above subjects.

CHRA recognises the great work being done by registered CHPs to provide much-needed accommodation to their tenants. This has been a particularly crucial service during the trying times brought on by the global pandemic.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the monitoring requirements further, please [email CHRA](#) or call 0800 141-411, or contact your CHRA Relationship Manager. They are always happy to talk through any concerns or queries.

Te Aho Tāhuhu - Free Webinar Series on Progressive Home Ownership



Brought to you by Te Matapihi and Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga - Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Many whānau are priced out of home ownership. Te Aho Tāhuhu is a webinar series that focuses on helping providers and whānau to successfully engage with the Progressive Home Ownership (PHO) Fund and aid people in their journey towards achieving home ownership.

The series kicks off this week and runs through to mid-December. It consists of 10 episodes with each offering insights directly from funders, housing and finance experts to enable more providers and whānau to access the PHO Fund. Time will also be set aside at the end of each presentation for Q&A.

The episodes will cover the following:

1. Te Au Taketake and the Provider Pathway - the purpose of the PHO Fund, who it's for and how to get involved.
2. PHO Products Explained - information about specific PHO products such as rent-to-buy and leasehold.
3. First Home Partner
4. Whai Kāinga Whai Oranga
5. Affordability and Feasibility Tool
6. Working with Whānau
7. Managing Risk
8. Contract Arrangements
9. Managing the Build Process

10. Land Retention

[REGISTER HERE](#) for Episode 1: Te Au Taketake and the Provider Pathway

[REGISTER HERE](#) for Episode 2: PHO Products Explained

HUD Seeking Feedback on Proposed Approach to Long-term Insights Briefing

MHUD is currently seeking feedback on a proposed approach to the Chief Executive's Long-term Insights Briefing, anticipated late in 2022. Long-term insights briefings are a new policy tool introduced in the [State Services Act](#).

MHUD is proposing to explore the long-term implications of our ageing population on the future of housing and urban development in Aotearoa New Zealand [the proposed topic]. General information has been released on their website [here](#), with more detailed context [here](#).

Feedback is sought to LTIB@hud.govt.nz by **12 November 2021**, focused on:

1. Whether the proposed topic a valuable issue to consider; and
2. Whether the scope for the proposed briefing, including aspects of how our ageing population structure interacts with housing and urban systems are the right things to focus on; or are there other implications that we should consider?

Community Housing Aotearoa will be preparing feedback. If you wish to contribute ideas or content please contact us and we will do our best to reflect it in our feedback.

For more information on Long-term Insights Briefings please review the Act or specific guidance prepared by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet [here](#). Note, a number of agencies have completed their first briefings already, and others are underway.

Transitional Housing Invitation to Partner

Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga - The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released an Invitation to Partner on GETS. The Invitation to Partner (ITP) is an open invitation to submit an Application to be appointed to the Transitional Housing (TH) Provider Panel. Providers on the TH Provider Panel can be contracted for TH services by HUD. TH provides warm, dry, and safe short-term housing and support services for individuals and whānau who don't have anywhere to live. HUD need providers with the ability to deliver TH accommodation and support services to individuals and whānau in urgent need of housing while the government and community housing providers increase public housing supply. They also seek providers to deliver a new service for TH accommodation and support services specifically for Rangatahi (TH Rangatahi).

You can subscribe to the notice [HERE](#)

In the News

- [DWC Support Brings Aged Care Housing Project A Step Closer For Greymouth](#)
- [Annual number of new homes consented rises 25%](#)

- [Housing matters for financial stability risks](#)



Abbeyfield Greymouth Committee members at the site of their new development.



Breaking new ground for Abbeyfield's new development in Greymouth. Read the full media release above.

Tenancy Management Community of Practice (CoP)

Please join us this week for the Tenancy Management Community of Practice on Thursday, 11th November from 2:00pm to 3.30pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

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If you would like to be added to the distribution list for the Community of Practice, please email [David Zussman](#)

MSD Online Training Series

CHA and Housing First Auckland in partnership with Ministry of Social Development (MSD) will host the final workshop of the series of online training sessions for practitioners working in the housing and homelessness sector.

The series has been trialled in the Auckland region with the content being delivered by Auckland based MSD staff. Due to the generic nature of the content, the series is intended for all practitioners currently working in our housing and homelessness sector.

Tuesday, 30 November - 9:00 - 10.30am

Session 4: Products and Services to Support Private Rental
Products and services to support private rentals including rent arrears, bonds, supplements and sustaining tenancies.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register for these events.

More information about this series is available [here](#).

HUD Place-based webinar: Improving outcomes for New Zealanders through place-based approaches

Brought to you by Te Tūāpapa Kura Kainga, Ministry of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), CEO Sector Leaders Forum and Community Housing Aotearoa

Thursday 25 November, 9:00 – 10:30AM

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Through a place-based approach HUD is continuously learning about how they can deliver better outcomes for New Zealanders. This presentation looks at examples of how HUD is working with partners to deliver place-based approaches that address housing and urban development needs in the following areas:

- Tauranga
- Waikato
- Te Tai Tokerau
- Rotorua

Presenters will also share insights and discuss how HUD is using a range of data and evidence to inform place-based work. Following the presentation there also will be an opportunity for Q&A. Please note numbers are limited to 100 people so early registration is recommended.

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