

## Waikato DHB Kaumatua Kaunihera Research Sub-committee meeting dates for 2009

**Please note:**

1. The WDHB Kaumatua Kaunihera Research Sub-committee will not be considering applications in January 2009.
2. It is the aim of the sub-committee to assist applicants to meet the Northern Y Regional dates by giving applicants adequate time to make any amendments to applications as the sub-committee recommends.
3. Meeting dates for the sub-committee is now scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month, except in December.
4. Meetings start from 9am in the Manager's office of Te Puna Oranga, Hockin Building, Level 1.

<b>Waikato DHB Kaumatua Kaunihera Dates</b>		<b><i>Northern Y Regional Dates</i></b>	
<b>AGENDA CLOSES</b>	<b>MEETING DATE</b>	<b><i>AGENDA CLOSES</i></b>	<b><i>MEETING DATE</i></b>
<b>3 February 2009</b>	<b>17 February 2009</b>	<i>9 January 2009</i>	<i>27 January 2009</i>
<b>3 March 2009</b>	<b>17 March 2009</b>	<i>5 February 2009</i>	<i>24 February 2009</i>
<b>7 April 2009</b>	<b>21 April 2009</b>	<i>6 March 2009</i>	<i>24 March 2009</i>
<b>5 May 2009</b>	<b>19 May 2009</b>	<i>9 April 2009</i>	<i>28 April 2009</i>
<b>2 June 2009</b>	<b>16 June 2009</b>	<i>8 May 2009</i>	<i>26 May 2009</i>
<b>7 July 2009</b>	<b>21 July 2009</b>	<i>5 June 2009</i>	<i>23 June 2009</i>
<b>4 August 2009</b>	<b>18 August 2009</b>	<i>10 July 2009</i>	<i>28 July 2009</i>
<b>1 September 2009</b>	<b>15 September 2009</b>	<i>7 August 2009</i>	<i>25 August 2009</i>
<b>6 October 2009</b>	<b>20 October 2009</b>	<i>4 September 2009</i>	<i>22 September 2009</i>
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## Outline for Research Projects submissions to be considered by the Waikato DHB's Kaumatua Kaunihera Group

Note: Please make the following brief and to the point (*Maximum 1-2 pages*). Your completed ethics application form must accompany this summary.

1.	Name of Organisation submitting the Research Proposal
2.	Contact details of applicant and position
3.	Name of Research/Study Proposal
4.	Background of the Proposal including timeframe(s)
5.	Please include an analysis of your study using the Health Equity Assessment Tool (HEAT). The 'HEAT' tool can be found on the MOH website ( <a href="http://www.moh.govt.nz">www.moh.govt.nz</a> ); just type "HEAT" into the search box. Under question 2 of the HEAT tool; (What inequalities exist in this health area?), please include an analysis of the health issue under study using Maori versus non-Maori statistics. Where applicable and possible you should analyse the data by NZDep. (See MOH website and search for : NZDep2001 Index of Deprivation)

If applicable, please attach the Patient Information Sheets and the Patient Consent form(s).

Any queries please contact the Manager, Te Puna Oranga (Waikato DHB Maori Health Service) – ph: (07) 834 3644 ext. 7644.

# A Health Equity Assessment Tool (Equity Lens) for Tackling Inequalities in Health

<http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/ea6005dc347e7bd44c2566a40079ae6f/24474c7464606a5acc25700b0009d6f8?OpenDocument>

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There is considerable evidence, both internationally and in New Zealand, of significant inequalities in health between socio-economic groups, ethnic groups, people living in different geographical regions and males and females (Acheson 1998; Howden-Chapman and Tobias 2000).

Research indicates that the poorer you are the worse your health. In some countries with a colonial history, indigenous people have poorer health than others.

Reducing inequalities is a priority for government. The New Zealand Health Strategy acknowledges the need to address health inequalities as 'a major priority requiring ongoing commitment across the sector' (Minister of Health 2000).

Inequalities in health are unfair and unjust. They are also not natural; they are the result of social and economic policy and practices. Therefore, inequalities in health are avoidable (Woodward and Kawachi 2000).

The following set of questions has been developed to assist you to consider how particular inequalities in health have come about, and where the effective intervention points are to tackle them. They should be used in conjunction with the [Ministry of Health's Intervention Framework \(PDF, opens in new window\)](#) (Ministry of Health 2002).

1. What health issue is the policy/programme trying to address?
2. What inequalities exist in this health area?
3. Who is most advantaged and how?
4. How did the inequality occur? (What are the mechanisms by which this inequality was created, is maintained or increased?)
5. What are the determinants of this inequality?
6. How will you address the Treaty of Waitangi in the context of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000?
7. Where/how will you intervene to tackle this issue? Use the Ministry of Health Intervention Framework to guide your thinking.
8. How could this intervention affect health inequalities?
9. Who will benefit most?
10. What might the unintended consequences be?
11. What will you do to make sure it does reduce/eliminate inequalities?
12. How will you know if inequalities have been reduced/eliminated?

(Adapted from Bro Taf Authority. 2000. *Planning for Positive Impact: Health inequalities impact assessment tool*. Cardiff: Bro Taf Authority.)  
Amended by Ministry of Health. May 2004.

Source: Te Roopu Rangahau a Erü Pomare., Ministry of Health and Public Health Consultancy. 2003. *A Health Equity Assessment Tool*. Wellington: Public Health Consultancy, Wellington School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

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