



## Executive Officer Update

8 June 2023

### ATSNZ Disability Expo 2023

- Call for Abstracts out – closes 31 July.
  - Cath Williams – Whaikaha – agreed to take part in a joint session with ACC, Enable, Accessable on the first day, last seminar, before the networking meeting.
  - Currently working on ACC to join the joint session. Once ACC have committed, I will work on Enable and Accessable to join the session.
- Most booths sold; 1 3\*3 and 2 2\*2 left to sell.
- Attempted to engage Paula Teseriero – CEO Whaikaha – to open the expo – unsuccessful.
- May and June Newsletter distributed.

### Therapeutics Products Bill

- Attempting to have a meeting with Min. Ayisha Verrall; teams meeting, emails, letter preparation & examples contribution.

### Trials Improvement Process

- Meeting with Whaikaha, ATSNZ, Enable, Accessable, and a delegation of OTs.
  - Mainly an opportunity for OTs to comment on their experience with equipment trials. Outcome of the meeting = all are preparing an overview of Roles and Responsibilities with timeframes (OTs, administrators, suppliers) for the next meeting.
  - Katie drafted and Jason approved the ATSNZ contribution to the Roles & Responsibilities Powerpoint charts. Sent to Cath.
  - Next meeting on 16 June 11:00 AM via Teams
- Started the conversation with ACC via portfolio manager Anushka Nand
  - Working through the process with Whaikaha before working through with ACC. In the meantime, building understanding of the issues. Submissions to be added shortly.

### Payments issues

- Communications with Enable.
- Data gathering from members.
- Meeting with Enable.
- Communication to members.

### Membership/assistance

- Membership Survey report generated and distributed via members only section of the website. Summary provided by Andrew in communication to all members.
- Query on adoption (IDT) of ISO 9999:2022 and whether New Zealand is participating in this.
  - In November 2022, Standards New Zealand opted in to participate in international adoption of ISO 9999:2022 to publish it as a joint standard, AS/NZS ISO 9999 202X

Assistive products — Classification and terminology. The project is currently at balloting phase.

- Feedback on Wheelchair Technicians training module at Myskill.
  - Operational issues will be addressed by Myskill and Content issues will be collated and then discuss with the course owner.
- Query: Could the committee consider advising Enable they forgive / write off current rebates due for this period.
- Followed up non-payments – all but 1, with exceptional circumstances, now up to date.
- Updated the membership only section of the website with minutes, newsletters, membership survey report and Enable suppliers meeting presentation.

### Communications

- ATSNZ April newsletter sent out to members.
- Twice gathered data on payments issues.
- Debrief on Enable meeting re payments issues.

### Relationships

- Show Your Ability: used the occasion to meet and speak with many organisations.
- Whaikaha
  - Call regarding Enable payments.
  - Scheduled meetings on equipment trial process improvement
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- ACC
  - Spoke with Kat Fox – Health Partner -
    - Seminar session at ATSNZ Expo
    - Follow up contact in a couple of weeks, while Kat is speaking internally with people about what they can provide.
  - Spoke with Anushka Nand on 7 June
    - Backgrounds and roles
    - Organization structure – key players
    - Trials
    - Payment issues
    - Seminar session at ATSNZ Expo
    - Follow up meeting on 5 July.
- OTNZ
  - Met and spoke with the Executive Director, Rinaldo Christians. Organising an Auckland meeting in June.
- MTANZ
  - Continued TPB collaboration seeking a meeting with Min Ayisha Verrall.
- Enable
  - Attended the ATSNZ Executives meeting with Michelle, Greg & Dave in Palmerston North.
- NZ Federation of Disability Information Services - Receiving emails
- NZ Disability Services Network - Receiving emails.
- Te Whatu Ora – receiving emails.
- Access Matters – receiving emails.
- Patient Voice Aotearoa - supporting their open letter.