



Executive Officer Update

3 April 2023

ATSNZ Disability Expo 2023

- First newsletter for the 2023 event went out last week.
- Main hall floorplan gives us 742 m²
 - 82% sold = 611 m²
 - 1 9x9
 - 3 6x9
 - 28 3x3
 - 4 2x2
 - 18% left = 131 m²
 - 11 3x3
 - 8 2x2
- Once all the main hall space is filled, we're opening the space in front of the conference room.
- NZ Spinal Trust has been given a complimentary table and will promote the expo through eDMs to their database and in their communications. We'll decide where we will put them once we're closer to the event.
- We could offer complimentary tables for contra deals in marketing to any or all the following:
 1. Disability Connect
 2. Parafed Auckland
 3. Taikura Trust
 4. YES Disability Resource Centre
 5. Age Concern Auckland
 6. Cerebral Palsy Society Inc
 7. Carers NZ
 8. CCS Disability Action
 9. The Wilson Home Trust
 10. Disabled Person Assembly
 11. Access Matters
 12. MS
 13. Muscular Dystrophy.
 14. Fab
- Joint tables

Flyer eDM

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One page contract

Enable & Accessable a stand?

Therapeutics Products Bill

- Submission provided on behalf of ATSNZ
 - in written form (3 March)
 - and oral form (21 March)
- Thank you particularly to Katie Noble for investing a substantial amount of time in preparing for these submissions.

Trials Improvement Process

- Followed up with Cath Williams about progress:
Our next steps over the next month:
 - Rachel & Ngairé to review ATSNZ trial proposal with their respective business teams.
 - Meet with Mob Sol & STG to ensure alignment.
 - Cath set up mtg with ATSNZ to finalise.
- In calendar to follow up again, end of April, if we haven't heard anything sooner.

Membership/assistance

- Dissatisfaction with trials improvement progress and communications
NZ is unique versus rest of the World in Rehab procurement. Suppliers are the depowered partner. One of the reasons ATSNZ was setup,
 - *We have long trial Periods,*
 - *little therapist accountability,*
 - *very few direct purchases,*
 - *difficult to increase prices with increased costs,*
 - *increased Funder rebate costs.*

Tier 4 members interest in suppliers meeting presentation.

- Repeated requests to obtain presentation unsuccessful.

Communications

- ATSNZ February newsletter sent out to members.

Relationships

- NZ Spinal Trust
 - Supporting their complimentary participation at ATSNZ Disability Expo
- ACC
 - Reached out to Chelsea Blair for a meeting.
 - Codie Bedford is no longer in the Portfolio space.

- MTANZ
 - Completed TPB collaboration.
- Enable
 - Attended the Suppliers meeting in Palmerston North, on SYA pack in day.
 - Spoke with members.
 - Spoke with Enable staff.
 - Communications about current invoice payment delays through the implementation of the new finance system.
 - Supplier payments are dependent on vendor invoices perfectly matching purchase order numbers so that funders can be invoiced.
 - Additional invoice payment run to pick up as many Whaikaha payments as possible, on Friday 31 March.
 - Continue to make weekly payments for ACC invoices as funding is received.
- NZ Federation of Disability Information Services
 - Will attending the NZFDIS Conference 21-23 May in Christchurch be worthwhile investment?
 - 22 May - CEO Whaikaha
 - 23 May - Minister for Disability Issues
- NZ Disability Services Network
 - Will attending the NZDSN conference 18-19 July in Wellington be a worthwhile investment?
 - 18 July – Minister for Disability Issues
 - Workforce
 - Accessibility and Housing
 - 19 July
 - Commissioning – Bill English
 - Pay Equity – Amy Ross

Miscellaneous

- Followed up with 3 members for payment of 22/23 membership fees.
 - 2 nonpayment
 - 1 half payment
- Access Matters update
 - Petition presented to MP Jan Logie and supporting MPS Angie Warren Clarke, Terisa Ngobi and Ricardo Menendez
 - Social Services and Community Committee is due to report back to the House of Representatives regarding the **Accessibility for New Zealanders Bill** by 16 May.