



CEO UPDATE

Friday 30 July 2010

As we head towards the end of another month a quick update of life at the [New Zealand Disability Support Network \(NZDSN\)](#).

BOARD PLANNING:

Two days of strategic planning was undertaken by the Board of the NZDSN last week and significant progress was made to set the direction in which the Network needs to move to achieve its [Vision and Mission](#). More information will follow in the next couple of weeks and our finalised strategic plan will be posted on the website.

The energy and positivity from your Board members was a real sign of the commitment to position the Network at the forefront of positive change and to take a leadership role in the sector. Keep an eye on the website as we update progress.

OTHER HAPPENINGS:

- The Ministry of Health has informed me that they are responding to a request from the PSA to provide them a list of all the providers the Ministry contracts with. This is likely to occur this week.
- Changes have been announced to legislation around sick leave, workplace access for unions and 90-day trial periods extended to all workplaces, which will have an impact on most of you. For more information, there is an evaluation of the first year of operation of the 90-day trial on the Dept of Labour website – [click here to view](#).
- Membership of the network is increasing daily as more organisations are supporting the future direction of the Network around collaboration and the benefits to be had from a combined approach to the issues and future direction of the disability sector.
- A MoU has been signed with the 'Coalition' to give some structure to the way we'll work with the members on issues of common interest.
- Submissions for the consultation around the Supported Living Guidelines are due in by this Friday to Martin Anderson, email: martinandjulie@kinect.co.nz

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