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Auckland Council Disability Advisory Panel **Presenter Information**

Purpose

It is the purpose of my presentation to the Auckland Council Disability Advisory Panel to detail information on the role of Parent and Family Resource Centre Inc. trading as Disability Connect, in the Auckland region. I would like to detail information on our info/advice service, seminars we present/host, our print publications, our Social Work service and our Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Disability Information and Advice service.

Discussion Questions

Given the rich disability expertise and experience of the Disability Advisory Panel, what is the panel's experience of community knowledge of the proposed New Model for supporting people with a disability (aka Enabling Good Lives) and the current System Transformation work being undertaken in mid central region of New Zealand?

What feedback would the Disability Advisory Panel have for Disability Connect on particular topics of interest for our seminars and/or print publications for 2018/19, based on the extensive experience and networks of the Disability Advisory Panel?

Background

Whilst my 'presentation' is not about a specific project it is more aimed at ensuring Disability Connect has consulted with Auckland Council Disability Advisory Panel to garner as much valuable feedback as possible to inform the near future projects of disability connect. This is aligned in a sense to the role of the advisory panel in terms of feeding back to Council but more specifically in providing a conduit to community and community organisations regarding the information and projects most in demand in the disability community.

Consideration

The presentation and questions I propose presenting to the panel are of direct relationship and consequence for the disability community, which naturally the panel represents. In fact it has relationship to the range of other panels including Ethnic, Pacific, Rainbow, Seniors and Youth Panels.

Next Steps

In late October Disability Connect will be scheduling seminars for the first half of 2018. At this time we also consider other "one off" seminars or forums that might be in demand. We are also in the process of deciding on print publications for distribution over the next couple of years. It would therefore be useful to explain to the panel what Disability Connect does, how we can help the families that panel members likely engage with, and garner information on any suggestions the panel may have for in-demand topics in the disability sector.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Martin".

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