

## **New Board appointments and reduction in Board size.**

The Minister of Health (Hon Tony Ryall) has announced four new appointments and two reappointments to the Psychologists Board. These changes came into effect on September 17, when they were published in the New Zealand Gazette.

### ***Joining the Board for three-year terms are:***

Dr Monique Faleafa (Clinical Psychologist - Auckland)

Dr Ian Miller (Psychologist - Wellington)

Dr David Stephens (Lay member - Hamilton)

Ms Beverly Clark (Lay member - Wanaka)

### ***Reappointed to the Board for one-year terms are:***

Dr Lois Surgenor (Clinical Psychologist - Christchurch)(current Board Chair)

Dr Fred Seymour (Clinical Psychologist - Auckland)

It should be noted that Mrs Beverley Burns (Psychologist - Hamilton) and Dr Jaki Horn (Clinical Psychologist - Christchurch) continue on the Board as well, as their current terms still have twenty-two and nine months to run (respectively).

The Minister's decision results in a reduction in the Board's size from ten members to eight, in line with a recommendation made earlier by the Board. This should result in ongoing cost savings, and more efficient and effective governance.

We welcome the new and returning Board members, and offer our sincere thanks to those members who are now leaving the Board;

### ***Leaving the Board:***

Dr Catherine Love (Lay member - Wellington)

Ms Moana Waitoki (Clinical Psychologist - Hamilton)

Mr Perry Cameron (Lay member - Wairarapa)

Fuimaono Mr Karl Pulotu-Endemann (Lay member - Wellington)

Ms Siatu Alefaio (Psychologist - Palmerston North)

Mrs Karen Ramsay (Clinical Psychologist - Dunedin)