

SCHEDULE 2

POSITION DESCRIPTION

TITLE	
Job Title	Rongoā Practitioner (Mirimiri)
Service Location	Poutiri Trust
Reports to	General Manager - Kirsty Maxwell-Crawford

PURPOSE
<p>Poutiri Trust is a kaupapa Māori charitable trust established in 1997 by Te Whānau Poutirangiora ā Papa, a collective of kaumatua and kuia seeking to communicate and connect the Tiriti relationship and guarantees in health to the equitable treatment of Māori, with an overarching goal of improving the health status of Māori throughout the Bay of Plenty region.</p> <p>Poutiri recently expanded to establish a Wellness Centre, with the intention to integrate the service to move from hauora to toiora, holistic services that proactively support and empower whānau to get well, stay well and thrive. The Rongoā Practitioner – Mirimiri is a new and important role, to help Whānau restore and rebalance; a-tinana, a-wairua; a-hinengaro.</p> <p>We recognise that mirimiri increases circulation to the body, increases serotonin and dopamine, which are neurotransmitters that can help reduce depression. Mirimiri helps with the release of stress and trauma, using a holistic approach to restore wellbeing.</p> <p>The Rongoā Practitioner – Mirimiri will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • utilise māauranga Māori, connected to whakapapa and Te ao Māori frameworks which underpins the interventions to support Mana Atua, Mana Whenua, Mana Moana, Mana Tangata and Mana Motukake • provide traditional healing practices; mirimiri and/ or romiromi as part of tikanga-based care for physical, mental, emotional, spiritual wellbeing.

KEY TASKS	EXPECTED OUTCOMES
Mahi Toiora – Mirimiri	<p>Mahi toiora - Improve whānau health by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creates, develops, and nurtures culturally appropriate interactions and connections with clients and community. 2. Evaluate the client's wellbeing needs 3. Reviews with the client's history and suggest areas in which traditional healing practices and/or collaborative care may benefit wellbeing 4. Focus holistically on prevention and health maintenance 5. Work in partnership with client to achieve their goals and aspirations 6. Provide the following treatments with skill and understanding of the client's needs (includes but not limited to): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Karakia and Blessing · Spiritual Healing · Mirimiri/ Romiromi · Rongoā Rākau. 7. Provides education regarding treatment plans and/or rongoā.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help whānau maximise Poutiri integrated services and navigate the health care system through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have a thorough knowledge of all Wellness Centre procedures and Poutiri services to proactively promote services for whānau - Coordinating shared integrated consultations where Client and Whānau can engage with several Poutiri hauora services when in the Wellness Centre - Proactively connect Clients, Whānau with resources and services via text, phone and face to face opportunities - Ensure Client and Whānau voices are heard.
<p>Mahi Whaunaungatanga – Reliability and Trust</p> <p>Mahi Tahī – Collaboration</p>	<p>Mahi whanaungatanga - Maintain trust (professional relationship with patients and whānau) by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the impact of colonisation, privilege and power on health outcomes and engagement • Welcome and manaaki whānau tautoko as natural and normal • Understanding and implementing the Health and Disability Consumers Code of Rights, the Health Information Privacy Code • Demonstrates knowledge of Toiora Wellness Centre philosophy and model to accelerate equity of Māori health outcomes • Providing services courteously and respectfully, with regard to the cultural beliefs and needs of patients and their Whānau • Responding openly to complaints or feedback. <p>Mahi tahī - working collaboratively by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working reliably and collegially with other members of the team to ensure whānau receive optimal and efficient care • Maintains a positive and active presence in the community in order to increase access to local resources • Attends and participates in relevant meetings pertaining to Whānau, external networks and Poutiri • Develop collaborative working relationships within the team.
<p>Mahi Mauriora - Uphold Kaupapa Māori models of practice</p>	<p>Mahi mauriora - improve equitable outcomes with a specific focus on Māori by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in improving Māori health and reducing health inequalities between Māori and non-Māori • Take a proactive whānau ora approach and affirm positive Māori approaches that improve an integrated whānau-centred approach and Māori health outcomes • Promote Māori services delivery systems that value health and social service integration as well as employing whānau centred interventions • Understand service models that address the needs of Whānau, Hapū, Iwi and Māori communities • Enhance physical, spiritual, mental and emotional health, giving whānau control over their own destinies.

Mahi Manukura - Compliance with best practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice in accordance with relevant ethical codes • Recognition and reconciliation of conflicts among relevant codes and laws (seeks advice where appropriate) • Application of explicit ethical decision-making processes to ethically complex situations • Knowledge of best practice guidelines in area of practice.
Mahi Manukura - Technical skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proficiency in the use of personal computers and related software applications required for the role (Recordbase) • Gather and compile data, information and prepare reports • General administrative planning skills • Strong understanding of time management and presentation skills; • Ability to monitor, review and/or maintain quality improvement processes and standards • Skill in organising resources and establishing priorities.
Mahi Manukura - Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports all referral processes in accordance with policies and procedures • Observe safe work practices and operating procedures and comply with relevant legislation and policies and procedures • Undertake personal practice review activities or audits to enhance practice • Understand and implement safe work practices and operating procedures • Take appropriate action to ensure a safe healthy working environment for self and others • Completing tasks in a timely fashion, or delegating if absent.
Mahi Manukura - Professionalism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage in ongoing professional development • Contribute to an environment that nourishes the wairua of people • Staff are familiar with and practice appropriate cultural tikanga for different forms of care • Familiarise and apply Toi ora in practice • Proactively contributes to the realisation of Poutiri Trust's vision and the attainment of strategic goals, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commitment to health, wellness and fitness - A repertoire of waiata for pōwhiri and other occasions is known by staff - Te Reo is freely used throughout the organisation - Cultural occasions are practiced appropriately • The role will be asked from time to time, to perform other tasks to maintain the smooth and effective service of the Wellness Centre

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Qualifications

- Full and clean driver's license
- Advanced level of knowledge regarding the culture and traditional practices of Te Ao Māori
- Experience and acceptance as a healer in providing traditional practices
- Currently practicing as a traditional healer
- A relevant qualification or extensive experience in mirimiri
- Able to engage effectively with Māori whānau including use of te reo me ōna tikanga.

- A working understanding of Whānau Ora and how it is incorporated into your practice
- Passionate about delivering high quality experiences for whānau and kaimahi
- Is reliable, friendly, approachable and resilient
- Flexible, adaptable and resilient
- Ability to build and maintain credible relationships internally and externally
- Produce written communication that is clear and of a high standard that is easily understood by the reader and for Māori audiences and whānau
- Comfortable with computerised patient management systems
- Exhibit well-developed communication skills that enable clear, relevant and appropriate presentation of ideas, opinions, views and recommendations
- Apply knowledge of policies and procedures and practical experience when developing solutions to field problems
- Know when to seek guidance from others on matters of operational policy and procedure
- Recognise and appropriately escalates issues for wider consideration
- Report writing skills, in particular risk assessment
- Self-Management/ Planning Skills
- Effectively manage time and workload, taking responsibility for learning and development, while maintaining a balance between work and personal life.

KEY RELATIONSHIPS

Internal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poutiri Services
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tapuika • Waitaha • Ngā Kura • Ngā Kohanga Reo • Whānau • Community organisations and agencies
External	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WBOPPHO • Ministry of Health • BOPDHB • MOH