

# Ministry of Health Update

Presentation South Island  
LOAD Network  
February 2009

## *National Co-Existing Disorders Project (Mental Health, AOD, Problem Gambling)*

- 4 regional workshops held August / September 2008 Christchurch hui had good turnout
- Draft guidance document for services, Planners & Funders to be circulated early 2009

## *Review of the Alcoholism & Drug Addiction Act 1966*

- The Ministry is currently looking into human rights implications
  - Legislation Design Committee has given advice
  - Considerable work to do in compiling a case for compulsory treatment for addiction
  - This is still progressing

# *National Opioid Practice Guidelines Review*

- Are now available online as well.

# Youth Justice Bill

- New bill coming through around March 2009.
- Select committee will be doing submissions process.
- Good time to look at doing a AOD submission and regional feedback on the bill as group.
- Use local research to show what is effective and what is currently happening in your area.

# Rawiri Role

- Joined MOH in November.
- To work alongside and across teams with in Population health Directorate based in Māori Population Health Team.
- Projects that I am working on Include NSFramework group, Youth, Tobacco and alongside Jenny Wolf, Catherine Inder and Tress Beckett within the Addiction Treatment services team.

# Final dates for 2009

- School of Addiction.
- Cutting Edge “Our Place , Our Future” September 9th to 12<sup>th</sup> 2009
- NCAT investing in addiction treatment is out and was launched at the last leadership day in Wellington.