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*Toka Tū - Standing strong and
finding ways to ensure Māori
participation in an evaluation
project*



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Rarangi taketake/ Agenda

- The way's in which Maaori participated
- An example
- Low participation by Maaori
- Challenges
- Conclusion
- Responsiveness to Maaori
- Question and answers

Nga ahua whai waahi a te Maaori/ The ways in which Maaori participated

- From the beginning, the involvement of Maaori and the use of tikanga was acknowledged in the project
- Kites Trust established a leadership group – Maaori representation on all levels
- Kaupapa Maaori service provider
- Tikanga utilised in our hui/focus groups
- Kaumatua endorsements for the research project
- Considered use of Hua Oranga as an outcome tool
- Kanohi ki te kanohi process used in focus groups
- Use of Maaori facilitators in focus groups
- Consulting on analysis re Maaori feedback

Hei tauira/ An example

- First ethics submission denied.
- Letters of endorsement from Maaori required.
- Confusion around letter.
- Ethics approval gained.
- Summary

I Paapaku ana te whai waahitanga o nga Maaori/ Low participation by Maaori

- Maaori over represented in health issues
- Maaori participation in the project was low in comparison to the prevalence of mental and addiction issues within the Maaori population
- Why was it low?
- What could we have done better?

Nga werotanga/ Challenges

- Maori participation
- Time people have to give to the process
- The needs of Maori to participate and organisations to provide an environment Maori are comfortable to express
- Misunderstandings needing clarification
- Difficulty in expressing own views in focus groups, intrinsic humbleness
- Use of language important
- Access to use the Hua Oranga tool

In summary...

- Overall, the project endorses peer support as a valued approach
- A range of important resources and knowledge was developed in this project.
- Peer support services are however, quite scarce across the country and mainly provided by small NGO groups where capacity is already limited

In summary...

- Although endeavours were made to include Maaori within a mainstream project the challenges for Maaori participation were significant
- It raises further questions about what is peer support from a Maaori perspective?
- Did we gain an understanding about what peer support is for Maaori?

Conclusions

- The process, on reflection, reveals the importance of Kaupapa Maaori owned research projects to determine such research outcomes as what is important for Maaori peer support programmes and services.

Responsiveness to Māori

- “Responsiveness to Māori is concerned with identifying those issues which have impacted upon Māori, creating barriers to effective health care planning and delivery”.
- “Recognises Māori uniqueness and worldview is absolutely critical to effective health outcomes.... “
- “Ensuring Māori participation at all levels, providing the infrastructure that supports Māori endeavour, supporting the use of kaupapa hauora frameworks, ensuring funding and resourcing is appropriate.”
- “Using Kaupapa frameworks captures the essence of Māori culture, values and belief system and promotes a starting point...”

Question and Answer

“Ko te rakau wahi rua, he kai na te ahi”

“A tree which is split in two is nothing but food
for the fire”