



The Pacific Health Realities: The Way Forward Noumea, New Caledonia

Using Research & Evidence to Make Better Decisions Panel

Keynote Speaker: Mrs Seini Jensen



Seini Jensen, of Tongan heritage, is currently the Director of Performance & Evaluation for Pasifika Futures. Mrs Jensen leads the evaluation team. She has developed logic models and outcome frameworks, and manages external evaluation contracts for West Fono and Rise Up Trust. She is a member of the Evaluation Reference Group for the Development of Evaluation Standards for Aotearoa, the Australasian Evaluation Society (AES), and the Aotearoa New Zealand Evaluation Association. She has been awarded a number of grants, including the Emerging Indigenous Evaluator Award for the AES in 2012 and the Youth Encounter on Sustainability Grant in Switzerland.



Aiono Dr Alec Ekeroma

Dr Ekeroma has been at the forefront of developments in Pacific health for many years. He is a fellow of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) and a Fellow of the British equivalent. Alec currently divides his time between clinical work at the Middlemore Hospital and academic work that requires teaching and research at the University of Auckland.

Alec has a true passion for building research capacity in the Pacific and has recently been appointed Editor-in-Chief for the Pacific Health Dialog.



Ms Tolotea Lanumata

Ms Tolotea Lanumata is the Manager of Pacific Research Investment at the Health Research Council of New Zealand. She has been in this role for over a year. Prior to that, Tolotea worked in research for many years both at universities and as an independent Pacific research and evaluation consultant. Tolotea has focused on health and education research for Pacific families and low income New Zealanders. She has co-authored a number of research papers, including several focusing on families and children. Tolotea led the Pacific component of the evaluation of the Family Justice System Reforms (in the Family Court) for the Ministry of Justice in 2015. She also led the Pacific component of the formative evaluation of the Whānau Ora Commissioning Model for Te Puni Kokiri in 2016.



Dr El-Shadan Tautolo

Director of the Centre for Pacific Health at Auckland University of Technology (AUT). He also heads the Pacific Islands Families (PIF) Study, which has tracked the health development of 1,400 Pacific children from birth to adolescence. All were born at Middlemore Hospital in South Auckland in 2000. The study is currently in its 17 year phase.

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