

'Speed dating' workshop explores digital solutions

Thirty-five adventurous staff gathered recently to participate in an experimental 'speed dating' workshop presented by Canterbury DHB's Via Innovations Team and Te Papa Hauora Health Precinct.

The aim of the workshop was to explore how implementing digital technologies and automation tools could improve healthcare outcomes, says Innovation Director, Via Innovations, Anya Hornsey.

"Another goal was identifying ideas that are likely to echo similar problems experienced in other parts of the health system nationally, thereby increasing the impact that could be delivered from solutions."

The workshop started with a warm mihi whakatau from Executive Director Māori and Pacific Health Hector Matthews.

Keynote speeches were made by Emerging Health Technology and Innovation, Data and Digital, Ministry of Health and Board member of New Zealand Health Innovation Hub Jon Herries, Chief Digital Officer (Acting) Savita Devi and technology company Smudge Managing Director Reuben Bijl.

These set the scene for the afternoon with some high-level observations of the national digital strategy; the potential impacts of transformational changes that are underway to the public health sector; insights into the current IT operating environment; and an industry perspective on co-designing IT solutions with public organisations, Anya says.

"The statistics given by Savita were eye opening as to the extent of different IT systems operated by Canterbury DHB, including: five systems used nationally, 57 IT systems for South Island DHBs and related providers, and over 450 IT systems used by Canterbury and West Coast DHBs."

Ten individuals and five teams of two presented their workplace-based innovation ideas to 15 health system subject experts in a fast-paced five-minute speed dating session format, with feedback ranging across the spectrum from fun and enlightening through to intense and exhausting.



Participants, rear from left, Nicola Scott, Shannon Carter, James Weaver, Karyn Ballance, Jacques Loubser, Helen Heenan, Edward Coughlan, Kate Gibson, Anthony Spencer, Olivia Willoughby, Tylee Beaumont, Claire Scott, Rowena Woolgar, Maria Yamit, and Yvonne Williams
Front, from left, Angela Deken, Ryan Radecki, Kevin Taylor, Robin Munro, and Leanne Bayler



Executive Director Māori and Pacific Health Hector Matthews opening the workshop: Ngā Ohia Manomano mō te Hauora Pai Ake | Speed Dating Ideas for Better Healthcare

The participants then each presented their idea and insights from the workshop back to the room through one-minute stand-ups.

The workshop aimed to connect innovators and key stakeholders involved in the assessment and implementation of digital innovations and to identify themes that could be combined to deliver a greater impact for business cases, Anya says.

“We were really pleased with the level of energy in the room, the passion of the innovators who brought forward their ideas, and the commitment of the 15 speed mentors to invest their time in the workshop.”

Via Innovations Clinical Innovation Director Helen Lunt says it was great to see how well the innovators and speed mentors communicated and engaged with each other.

“Their joint passion for finding solutions that improve patient care, plus the rapid-pace speed dating format, seemed to encourage an honest exchange of opinions.”

Many of the innovators came to the meeting with ideas about fixing specific problems within their individual departments, only to find that other departments had similar problems. The meeting helped to kick-start conversations that explored what cross-departmental solutions to these shared problems might look like.”

Via Innovations will now review the ideas and outcomes with members of the Executive Team to explore pathway options for each of the ideas and aims to support up to three ideas.

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From left, Health Promoter Leanne Bayler discussing Privacy Act considerations with Corporate Solicitor Elizabeth Browne



Speed Mentors, rear, from left, Kiki Maoate, Reuben Bijl, Neroli Nicholson, Matt Dean, Richard Hamilton, Susan Wood, Ralph La Salle, Michael Sheedy, and Andrew Summers
Front, from left, Heidi Badger, Richard Dove, Jon Herries, Saxon Connor, Maira Patu
Absent, Elizabeth Browne



Emerging Health Technology & Innovation, Data and Digital, Ministry of Health and Board member of New Zealand Health Innovation Hub Jon Herries, providing national context to the data and digital strategic framework



From left, Emergency Department Specialists Jacques Loubser and Ryan Radecki exploring their patient-facing electronic health record interface concept with Jon Herries