

1) Regional Leadership Forum meetings: *central and local government*

- The next Regional Leadership Forum is scheduled for **June 30 2017** held at Rotorua Lakes Council.
- At this June meeting the COBOP Steering Group will be seeking a new Chair (local Government representative) as Miriam Taris (WBOPDC) ends her COBOP term. We ask that **the BOPCE's forum consider who would be best placed to Chair COBOP for another two-year term.**
- The COBOP Steering Group is representative of 3 local and 3 central government representatives and meets 3 times a year to guide the purpose and intent of the network, supported by the Strategic Coordinator.
- The COBOP 'putea' or financial budget and management of the Strategic Coordination role goes with the Chair if the Chair's agency is positioned to manage this function. For further details on COBOP Structure and Roles go to the COBOP website link [here](http://www.cobop.govt.nz/vdb/document/484).
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2) Action Clusters Update

Action Clusters are the practical working groups devolved from key challenges and opportunities agreed on by the COBOP Regional Leadership Forum.

- **Community Safety:** Meeting held **4th April** to discuss potential areas of collaboration. TCC, TDC, RLC, KDC, EMBOP, NZFS, LDHB, MSD, Dept of Corrections and Taupo Violence Intervention Network were present with apologies from BOPDHB, WDC and FACS MSD.

Outcome: Safer Community Networks and several locally based groups were identified as a working model of local interagency approaches to both community resilience building and community safety projects. Agreement that agencies coordinate as much as possible when working with communities and that a place based approach works well. Agreement that a regional group/action cluster of central and local government agencies could act as a coordination point to: share and discuss interagency data, project successes and challenges at local level, and knowledge associated with successful community safety and resilience building projects. Objectives and actions of the cluster to be determined at the *next meeting late May/early June*.

- **Housing and Health:** The role of the [Lakes and Bay of Plenty Healthy Housing Forum](#) is to provide leadership and coordination for healthy housing work, to improve the health of vulnerable communities and families/whanau in the region, and reduce health care costs. Three meetings have been held so far. Agencies represented include: MSD, WBOPDC, TDC, TCC, WDC, BOPRC, RLC, EECA, TPK and BayTrust. *Next meeting 31 May*.

Outcome: The terms of reference for the group have been adopted, an action framework has been drafted, and housing projects that the forum can support have been identified. More information here: http://www.ttophs.govt.nz/healthy_homes_housing_forum.

- **Workforce Development/Employment:** COBOP has linked with the [Bay of Plenty Tertiary Intentions Group](#) to include local and central government participation in the labour market strategy for the region. Bay of Plenty Tertiary Intentions group have engaged the University of Waikato to undertake a Labour Market Review during May-June. Information from the review will inform development of a

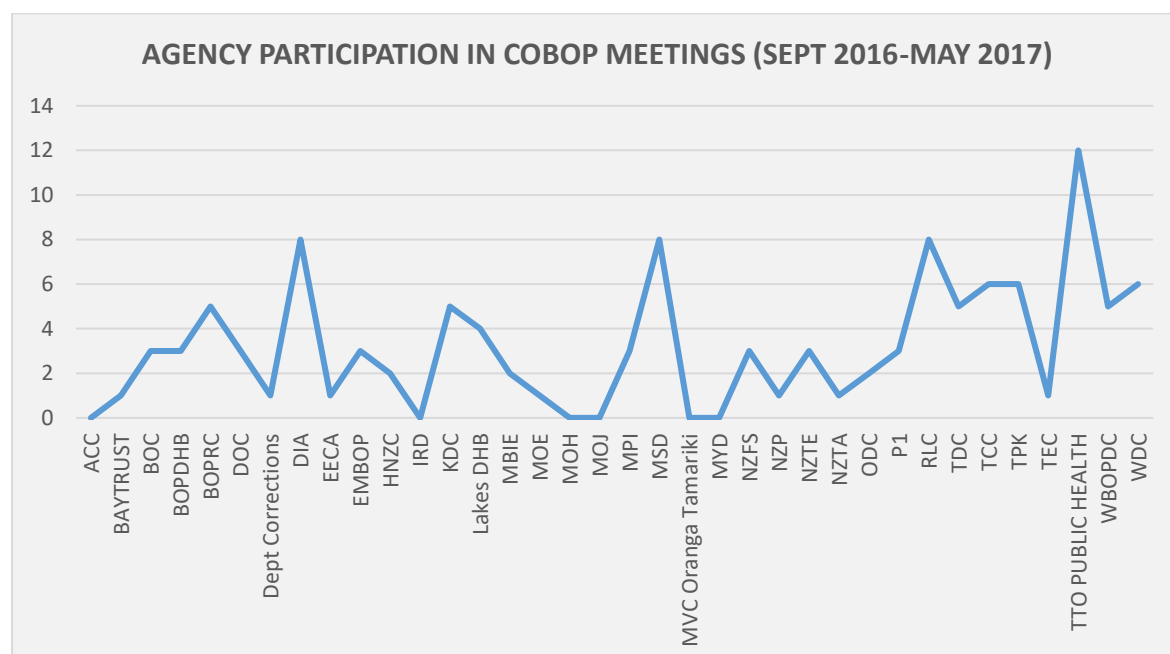
regional labour market strategy and COBOP will work with BOPTI to include central and local government agency participation through workshops in August (dates TBC). [Agencies and groups represented at BOPTI](#) include MSD, TEC, RLC, MOE and BOPRC from the COBOP network. Links: <http://www.bopti.co.nz/about/> and <http://www.bopti.co.nz/about/leadership-group/>

- **Environmental Sustainability:** Initial meeting held **17 March** to discuss collaboration under this umbrella. BOPRC, DOC, RLC and TPK part of initial conversations with apologies from MPI, WDC, TTO and BOPDHB. Second meeting held 5 May included participants from TCC, WDC, BOPRC, DOC, RLC with apologies from TDC, KDC, TTO. Purpose of this meeting was to widen group involvement in the discussion and to look at objectives for the group.

Outcome: Key areas identified for better interagency coordination were water education and care group coordination/support. Agreement that a regional action cluster focussed on environmental sustainability would be beneficial. Objectives and actions to be drafted and circulated for agency input May/June. Next meeting June.

3) Further information

- [About COBOP](#) or <http://www.cobop.govt.nz/about-us>
- To subscribe to COBOP e-news (monthly) contact the [COBOP Coordinator](#)
- Contact the COBOP Chairperson [Miriam Taris](#) (Western Bay of Plenty District Council)
- *Agency Participation following COBOP review:*



Please note this graph includes Leadership Forum meetings and action cluster meetings.



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