

INTRODUCING THE SYHPANZ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



**DR JESS ALLEN /
CHAIRPERSON**

Pediatrician working in Hutt Hospital specialising in adolescents, neuro disabilities, and child protection. I am passionate about all rangatahi in Aotearoa having access to high-quality health services and equitable health outcomes.



DR VICKI SHAW

Clinical Director /Youth Health Doctor Erica Gen. Health Services. Lead Clinician for MidCentral Sexual Health Assault Assessment & Treatment Services. Part-Time Locum at Massey University Student Health



**DR BRIDGET
FARRANT**

Adolescent Health Physician working at Counties Manukau, working out of Centre for Youth Health which is part of Kids First. Bridget also works at Auckland University as part of the post-graduate youth health programme and part of their youth health research group



**KATE CHITAR /
SECRETARY**

Nurse Practitioner with Counties Manukau Health, providing youth health services in a range of Secondary Schools, and support to Registered Nurses in SBHS. Led the Youth Friendly Primary Care Quality Improvement Program in Counties Manukau. Worked for Health Connections, Family Planning, Kidz First, the Centre for Youth Health, and as a nursing lecturer at Manukau Institute of Technology.



**MICHAEL
BRENDORFFER**

Youth Health Nurse Specialist and Nurse Practitioner Intern at Te Puna Manawa – *HealthWEST* at our youth health clinics in West Auckland and on the North



HEATHER LAXON

Charge Nurse Manager at the Kidz First Centre for Youth Health. Prior to that was a Clinical Nurse Specialist in Youth Health in the School Based Youth Health Programme, which supported nurses working in Secondary Schools, and had input into youth health service development. Prior to that role, Heather spent 10 years working as a school nurse in a low decile high school in South Auckland



RACHEL MCGILLAN

Clinical Nurse Specialist in Child & Youth health. Works at Whangarei Youth Space – a Youth One Stop Shop and in high schools; in her other role, she works contracting as a brief intervention counselor, providing supervision, providing youth health lectures, and with the Ministry of Education in the Te Kahu Tōi Intensive Wrap Around Service. Rachel has been nursing for 18yrs in primary & tertiary paediatrics & youth health.



KATE WILLS

A lawyer based in Wellington at a firm called Wotton + Kearney. Kates's specialist focus is health law, and most of her work is undertaken for the Medical Protection Society, assisting practitioners through various regulatory processes and Coronial Inquiries.

“I see every day how committed health practitioners are to their work; the efforts and mahi of SYHPANZ to support those in the youth health space is something I am excited to be a part of.”