



Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander Health Practice  
Chinese Medicine  
Chiropractic  
Dental  
Medical  
Medical Radiation Practice  
Nursing and Midwifery  
Occupational Therapy  
Optometry  
Osteopathy  
Pharmacy  
Physiotherapy  
Podiatry  
Psychology

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

## Agency Management Committee Communiqué

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November 2017

The 92<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the [Agency Management Committee](#) was held on Tuesday 21 November 2017 via teleconference. This Communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the Committee's meeting.

### Chair and members' report

Members noted the update provided by the Chair Mr Michael Gorton AM, including:

- Mr Gorton and Dr Flynn attended the welcome to the new Paramedicine Board.
- Mr Gorton attended the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Group in Sydney on 9 November 2017. A plan of work for the next 12 months is being developed.
- Mr Gorton attended the Forum of NRAS Chairs meeting in Sydney on 9 and 10 November 2017. The key topics for discussion at this meeting included the Indigenous Health Strategy, a risk based approach to regulation and Dr Flynn provided a briefing on revalidation. A successful meeting was held with NSW Council Presidents and the Health Professional Councils Authority. Adjunct Professor Karen Crawshaw also attended the meeting.
- Mr Gorton and Associate Professor Susan Young attended the CLEAR international conference which was very successful. Ms Barbara Yeoh attended the Research Seminar which was also very well received.

Dr Flynn provided an update on the Forum of NRAS Chairs held on 9 and 10 November which was a collaborative and constructive meeting with an agenda which was relevant for all participants. This included discussion about the Indigenous Health Strategy; a presentation on a strategy to review our approach to regulation and our risk appetite particularly in how we manage notifications, and: a presentation on the NRAS governance review.

Members noted the decisions and actions from the 8 November 2017 Performance Committee meeting

Members noted the update provided by Ms Barbara Yeoh regarding the Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting.

### CEO Report

Members noted the CEO report and the verbal update from Mr Martin Fletcher, including:

- outcomes of the recent COAG Health Council.
- the AHPRA annual report was tabled in the South Australian Parliament on Wednesday 15 November 2017 and has now been published.
- the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) and AHPRA announced a Memorandum of Understanding designed to enhance our cooperation in investigative activities. We expect the MOU will enable closer cooperation in relation to investigations involving registered health practitioners providing Performance Enhancing Drugs without therapeutic need.
- AHPRA and 13 National Boards have published our joint submission to the Independent Accreditation Systems Review draft report on our website. The published submission includes additional responses from four participating National Boards - Chiropractic, Medical, Optometry and Psychology. The Pharmacy Board made a separate submission and has published this on their website.
- the services of the Employment Assistance Program have now been extended to Board and committee members.

## **Business items**

In other business items, the Committee:

- Members discussed a draft Agency Management Committee Skills and Competencies Matrix which will be circulated out of session with a preliminary report to be provided in December.
- Members discussed the first quarter 2017-18 NRAS Strategic Performance Report and the supporting commentary, data tables and graphs. It was agreed that further work will be undertaken on specific measures and the supporting narrative to ensure it tells the 'story' of our work. The Q1 Report will be provided to National Boards for noting.
- Members noted the key items identified in the 2017/18 first quarter financial report
- Members welcomed the Medical Board of Australia - Update on revalidation from Dr Joanna Flynn.

## **Next meeting of the Agency Management Committee**

19 December 2017, 10:00 to 14:00 in Melbourne.