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Physiotherapy
Podiatry
Psychology

Agency Management Committee - Decisions and Actions

Meeting number: 2015/07

Meeting date: 21 Jul 2015

Meeting time: 11:00 – 13:00

Meeting venue: AHPRA National Office

Members present

Mr Michael Gorton, AM, Chair

Mr Ian Smith, PSM

Ms Jenny Taing

Mr David Taylor

Professor Merrilyn Walton AM

Ms Karen Crawshaw, PSM (not present for items 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 and 1.5)

Professor Con Michael, AO

In attendance

Mr Martin Fletcher, Chief Executive Officer

Mr Chris Robertson, Executive Director, Strategy and Policy

Ms Kym Ayscough, Executive Director, Regulatory Operations

Ms Sarndrah Horsfall, Executive Director, Business Services

Ms Deena Jones, Manager, Executive Secretariat

Apologies

Ms Barbara Yeoh

Item 1 Chair's welcome and introduction

The Chair welcomed members to the 21 July 2015 Agency Management Committee meeting.

Item 1.1 Apologies for absence

Members noted apologies from Ms Barbara Yeoh.

Item 1.2 Disclosure of any conflicts of interest in relation to agenda items

In accordance with Clause 8 of Schedule 2 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law), members declared any possible conflict of interest in relation to agenda items for consideration by the Committee.

Ms Karen Crawshaw disclosed an interest at item 7.1 in relation to the NSW legislative review. Ms Crawshaw was present during item 7.1 but did not take part in discussion or decision.

Item 1.3 Approval of agenda

Members approved the agenda.

Item 1.4 Record of previous minutes

Members confirmed the Decisions and Actions from 16 June 2015 meeting as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Item 1.5 Actions arising

Members noted the actions summary.

Item 2 Chair's report

Mr Gorton updated members about:

- Attendance at the National and Victorian office to mark the 5th anniversary of AHPRA and the National Scheme. In the Chair's address to staff, he commented about how proud everyone should be about what has been achieved over the past five years and the opportunities for the years ahead. Members noted attendance by Ms Jenny Taing and the opportunity for Committee members to attend future State/Territory office functions.
- Interview with KPMG as part of the organisational health check reviewing outcomes of recommendations from the 2014 organisational review of AHPRA.
- The Medical Board of Australia and AHPRA will jointly host the 2016 International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities in Melbourne.
- Recent engagement with Forum of Chairs.
- Recent engagement with the Victorian State Manager.

Professor Michael and Mr Smith provided members with an update about a recent meeting with the CEO and Minister Hames in Western Australia.

Members noted Mr David Taylor will attend the upcoming AHPRA Balanced Scorecard executive workshops.

The Chair proposed an informal appraisal of the Committee's ways of working and opportunities to improve and will make telephone contact with each Committee member to progress.

Item 3 CEO report

Members noted the written and verbal update provided by Mr Fletcher including:

- A meeting with the Health and Ambulance Services Committee of the Queensland Parliament to discuss the work of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme and co-regulatory arrangements in Queensland.
- A meeting with Queensland Minister of Health, the Hon. Cameron Dick MP attended by the CEO, the National Director, Notifications and the Queensland State Manager.
- Collaboration with the NSW Dental Council into issues arising from recent dental issues in NSW.
- Status of the NRAS Three Year Review.

Members discussed issues arising from recent media coverage about health practitioners working offshore, for example, in immigration facilities. The CEO will circulate the media statement which has been made in conjunction with the Medical Board of Australia.

Members will be invited to future CEO hosted webinars for Board and committee members and the link to previous webinars will be circulated.

Item 4 Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee (FARMC)

Item 4.1 2015/16 budget update

Ms Horsfall provided members with an update on the budget status and the position in relation to fees.

Members noted the status of the agreed fee positions and 2015-16 National Board budgets.

Members noted the financial strategy being developed by Deloitte will be considered by the Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee.

Item 4.2 End of year finance update

Ms Horsfall provided members with an update on the end of year financial position.

Item 4.3 2015/16 fee schedules

Mr Fletcher provided members with an update of 2015/16 fee schedules including that correspondence has been sent to each State and Territory Health Minister outlining the changes to fees and overall trend over the past 5 years. Members noted the approved national fee schedules.

Item 5 Performance Committee

Members noted the next Performance Committee is scheduled to be held on 28 August 2015.

Item 6 Remuneration Committee

Members noted the Remuneration Committee is scheduled to be held on 18 August 2015.

Item 7 Business items – Business Services

Item 7.1 NSW legislative review

Members:

1. noted that the NSW Ministry of Health has written to the CEO, AHPRA inviting a submission to the NSW Discussion Paper: Statutory Review of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (NSW),
2. considered the attached draft response to the discussion paper, and
3. noted the response is to be finalised for lodgement with NSW Health Ministry by the closing date of 7 August 2015.

Item 7.2 Legal update

Members noted the legal update for July 2015.

Members requested further advice about a review being undertaken by AHPRA in response to a WA Supreme Court decision arising out of a Performance and Professional Standards Panel decision.

Close

With no further items to discuss, the Chair called the meeting to a close at 12:10.

Next meeting:

The next meeting of the Agency Management Committee will be held on 18 August 2015, in Canberra.

References in these papers to the National Law refer to the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law).

All papers prepared by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency.