



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

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

Agency Management Committee Communiqué

April 2017

The 85th meeting of the [Agency Management Committee](#) (the Committee) was held on Tuesday 18 April 2017 in Melbourne.

This Communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the Committee's meeting.

Chair and members' report

Since the March meeting, the Chair and Ms Barbara Yeoh received a briefing on the equity model options and the work going forward.

The Chair advised of the launch of the chaperone review which has been well received.

Business items

The Committee noted the CEO report and update, and discussed and provided advice on key themes about the:

- Progressive round of meetings with Ministers accompanied by the State Managers and Chairs of the local Boards. Mr Fletcher met with the ACT and Tasmanian Ministers recently. Discussions underway with National Boards on budgets for 2017/18 and the next steps regarding equity.
- There is work being undertaken regarding culture and leadership and a Senior Leaders Forum has been established. This involves having all leaders nationally meet on a quarterly basis. A national staff survey will be initiated in June.

The Committee noted further work to occur in relation to the expectations of the Victorian Auditor General in relation to related party disclosures and the development of an AHPRA policy on materiality.

The Committee received an overview from Associate Professor Gregory Phillips in regards to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy workshop report. The Chair thanked Associate Professor Phillips for his advice and support for the work underway.

The Committee noted the decisions of the AHWMC on 24 March 2017 and the subsequent consultation paper, including that new multi-year custodial sentences, increased fines, consistent time periods for prosecution and additional prohibition powers are needed in the National Law and that these reforms should be fast tracked.

The Committee considered the options the Committee wants to include in a supplementary submission to the Review, with a preference for setting out options for the Agency Management Committee to utilise all its available levers to ensure a stronger whole of Scheme approach to the effectiveness and efficiency of accreditation arrangements.

The next meeting of the Agency Management Committee will take place on Tuesday 16 May 2017 via teleconference.