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Islander Health Practice
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Physiotherapy
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Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

Agency Management Committee Communiqué

September 2017

The 90th meeting of the [Agency Management Committee](#) was held on Tuesday 19 September 2017. 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 was a speaker at the dinner for the Psychology Board of Australia conference.
- Mr Gorton and Mr Fletcher had a meeting with Mr Mark Jones (KPMG) as a follow up on the effectiveness review and Committee charter review.
- Mr Gorton spoke at an advertising forum convened through other stakeholders and reported positive feedback on progress made by AHPRA.
- Mr Gorton met with the Victorian Health Complaints Commissioner in Melbourne as part of a regular engagement.
- Mr Gorton, Mr Fletcher and Dr Flynn and other AHPRA staff attended a consultation on options for amendment to mandatory reporting requirements under the National Law. The consultation paper will be circulated to members out of session.
- Mr Gorton attended a meeting of the Forum of NRAS Chairs to discuss the Accreditation Systems Review.

Members noted the update provided by Dr Joanna Flynn AM (Co -Chair of the Forum of NRAS Chairs and Chair of the Medical Board of Australia):

- Dr Flynn provided a brief overview on the Forum of NRAS Chairs meeting on Monday 18 September with Professor Mike Woods to discuss the draft report on the Accreditation Systems Review and the issues and questions of concern for Chairs.

Members noted the update provided by Ms Barbara Yeoh AM as chair of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee:

- Annual accounts: feedback on the VAGO Independent Auditor's Report (noting that the audited annual accounts have now been formally adopted by the Agency Management Committee following the recommendation of the FARMC).
- Internal Audit Plan FY2018: an overview of the proposed Internal Audit Plan with proposed audits to include an internal audit on registration delegations; an internal audit on the administrative complaints processes, and; an internal audit on the budgeting process.
- Cyber security: outcomes of a recent review of cyber security preparedness and the Chair commented on great work being done in this area.
- Quality Assurance Review – Pulse and Digital House.
- A quality review on cross jurisdictional monitoring of practitioners related to the movement of practitioners between NSW and other jurisdictions and the procedures in place within AHPRA.
- The FARM Committee considered the annual insurance renewal program.

CEO Report

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

- The Annual Report is on track to be delivered for submission to the Ministerial Council by 30 September 2017. The CEO thanked members for comments on the draft received to date and indicated members could still provide comment.

- On 6 September 2017, the Queensland Parliament passed the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017. Royal assent was received on 13 September. Corresponding legislation (the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (WA) Amendment Bill 2017) also passed the Legislative Assembly of the Western Australian Parliament on 6 September 2017 and will now be considered by the Legislative Council.
- The Paramedicine Board appointments are currently with the Ministerial Council for approval and it is proposed that there will be an orientation meeting with the Board on 19 October 2017.
- Update on Tranche 1A amendments to the National Law in particular the consultations underway with HCEs on proposed interim prohibition order powers.
- An update on follow up discussions about NSW financial arrangements.
- Discussion of registration timeframes for medical applicants in NSW.

Business items

- The Committee welcomed Professor Mike Woods, Independent Reviewer of Accreditation System for Health Workforce education who provided an overview presentation of his key findings and recommendations.

In other business items, the Committee:

- Approved the NRAS Research Framework.
- Approved the Staff Survey Action Plan and requested 6 monthly progress reports.
- Considered and approved a number of proposed changes to the charters of the Agency Management Committee and its committees.
- Noted and provided feedback on the concept paper for a transitional approach to a national notifications model and the consultation paper on establishing a national clinical input service.
- Noted the implementation plan summary and draft terms of reference for the AHPRA Jurisdictional Advisory Committee.

Next meeting of the Agency Management Committee

17 October 2017, 10:00am-2:00pm at AHPRA Sydney Office.