



Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Health Practice
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Medical Radiation Practice
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Osteopathy
Pharmacy
Physiotherapy
Podiatry
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Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

Agency Management Committee Communiqué

July 2018

The 99th meeting of the [Agency Management Committee](#) (AManC) was held on Tuesday 17 July 2018 via teleconference. This Communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the meeting.

The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which the meeting was being held and paid respect to their Elders, past and present.

Chair's Report

Members noted the update provided by the Chair including:

- NRAS Statement of Intent and AHPRA Reconciliation Action Plan.

CEO Report

Members noted the written report from Mr Fletcher.

- the launch of the NRAS Statement of Intent and the Recognition Action Plan that was held on 5 July at the Melbourne Museum.
- an update on the upcoming COAG Health Council (CHC) meeting on 2 August where the strategic discussion is about improving health outcomes for Indigenous peoples. The Chair AManC wrote to the Chair of CHC on 13 July 2018 providing an update on our launch of the statement of intent and RAP and offering further briefing.
- there has been a strong response to the decision of the Medical Board of Australia to provide a link from the register to published tribunal determinations (a recommendation from the Patterson Review). The key area of concern is when a Tribunal has found no adverse findings and this decision is then linked to the register. There is a perception among medical stakeholders that this is punitive. This issue will be further discussed at the upcoming Forum of Chairs meeting and the Community Reference Group (to gain a consumer perspective) to inform a whole of scheme approach.
- The planning for next year's NRAS combined meeting has started – to be held in Melbourne from 28 February 2019 – and members were invited to provide suggestions on themes and plenary speakers.
- An update on progress of implementing the Regulatory Operations model. Consultation with staff through the process has been largely positive and appropriate support is being provided. Staff input at workshops about job design has been valuable and AHPRA is better positioned to incorporate this input into the role design. Ms Yeoh referenced a recent Safe Work Australia report on job design and psychological health and safety which members noted with interest.

Business items

In other business items, the Committee:

- approved the continuation of this funding arrangement to support ATSIHPBA's operations over a three-year horizon (FY2019, FY 2020, FY2021).
- approved the 2018-19 consolidated NRAS operating and capital budget.
- noted the further advice regarding the Medical Registration (NSW) – governance issues on how accountabilities are attributed (and supported) in the current Regulatory Operations Structure and the progressive changes to these accountabilities with the introduction of the new operating model for the registration function
- noted correspondence sent to NSW Councils on Activity Based Costing
- noted the Third Quarter 2017-18 Strategic Performance Report
- agreed to offer Mr David Balcombe a two year extension to his term on the Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee (the FARMC) of the AHPRA Agency Management Committee.

Next meeting of the Agency Management Committee

- 21 August 2018, at the National AHPRA Office.