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Islander Health Practice
Chinese Medicine
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Osteopathy
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Podiatry
Psychology

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

Agency Management Committee Communiqué

February 2019

The 106th meeting of the [Agency Management Committee](#) (AManC) was held on Tuesday, 18 February 2019 in Melbourne. This Communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the meeting.

The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the lands 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 his attendance at the:

1. Accreditation Advisory Committee meeting on 5 February 2019
2. Forum of NRAS Chairs meeting on 7 and 8 February 2019
3. Australian Psychology Society's (APS) consultation on developing recommendations for a new Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) model for psychology services and that Mr Gorton has been appointed independent chair for the APS committee.

CEO Report

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

1. Latest update for the COAG Health Council following a verbal update at the AHMAC meeting on Friday 8 February
2. Progress of legislative amendments – anticipating there will be a debate of the T1A Bill in the Queensland Parliament during the next sitting from 26 February
3. National Health Practitioner Ombudsman and Privacy Commissioner (NHPOPC) – joint review being undertaken by Ms Rae Lamb (former Aged Care Complaints Commissioner) to review the interface between the NHPOPC and AHPRA in dealing with ombudsman complaints and opportunities for streamlining and improvement. A report is expected by April 2019.
4. Data centre migration – AHPRA is migrating the primary production data centre as the existing system is near the end of its useable life and is being phased out by provider Telstra. A team from Telstra will work with the team from AHPRA and the migration is to occur over the weekend of 23/24 February. This follows an extended period of testing to mitigate the associated risks.

Business items

In other business items, the Committee:

1. noted the current approach taken to recording decisions and actions for the Agency Management Committee (and its committees),
2. authorised the CEO to execute a Deed of Variation for a telecommunications contract
3. noted the presentation on a video for practitioners and the public about what they can expect when engaging in the notifications process,
4. noted the update presentation on the social research project delivered by Mr Michael Hughes, Managing Partner from Truly Deeply,
5. noted the current risk assessment tool for notifications, and
6. noted the 2018/19 Q2 financial report.

Next meeting of the Agency Management Committee

19 March 2019, Melbourne

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