



Health Council

Communiqué

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Health Ministers announce Ahpra Agency Management Committee appointments

Health Ministers, as the Ministerial Council for the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme), are very pleased to announce the appointments of members to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation (Ahpra) Agency Management Committee. The vacancies arose as a result of the scheduled expiry of terms made by the Ministerial Council in 2017. The appointments were decided on 16 September 2020 and are made in accordance with the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law as in force in each state and territory.

The Ministerial Council acknowledged the high standard of applications received. Three sitting members have been reappointed and three new members have been appointed to this important committee for a period of three years.

A short biography of each member is attached to this communiqué.

The appointees are as follows:

- Emeritus Professor Arie Freiberg AM, appointed as a new member with expertise in education, business and administration from 30 September 2020 for a period of three years
- Mr Jeffrey Moffet, appointed as a new member with expertise in health from 30 September 2020 for a period of three years
- Ms Jenny Taing OAM, reappointed as a member with expertise in business and administration from 30 September 2020 for a period of three years
- Dr Susan Young, reappointed as a member with expertise in health, education and training, governance, regulation and accreditation from 30 September 2020 for a period of three years
- Ms Barbara Yeoh AM, reappointed as a member with expertise in health, education and training from 1 October 2020 for a period of three years
- Mr Lynton Norris, appointed as a new member with expertise in health, business and administration from 1 October 2020 for a period of three years.

Ministers welcomed Mr Norris, Emeritus Professor Freiberg and Mr Moffet as new members and wished them well over the coming years in sharing their expertise and experience and contributing to the National Scheme.

The Ministerial Council expressed thanks for the contributions of the reappointed members whose knowledge and expertise are valued. Ministers also thanked member Ms Philippa Smith AM for her contributions to the National Scheme.

Ministers also agreed that the next round for recruitment to the Ahpra Agency Management Committee include an identified vacancy for an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.

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Attachment A

Information on members of the Agency Management Committee

Appointments

Mr Lynton Norris, Australian Capital Territory

Mr Norris is appointed to the Agency Management Committee as a new member with expertise in health, business and administration. Mr Norris is a member of the Alfred Health Board and has over 20 years' experience in the private and government sectors. He was the former Chief Executive Officer of the National Health Funding Body and implemented national health reforms including the establishment of Activity Based Funding governance and grant payment system to all hospital networks. Mr Norris has a strong background in policy development and implementation and compliance and performance reporting. Mr Norris is a Fellow Certified Practising Accountant and a graduate member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Emeritus Professor Arie Freiberg AM, FASSA, FAAL, Victoria

Emeritus Professor Freiberg is appointed to the Agency Management Committee as a new member with expertise in education, regulation and law. Emeritus Professor Freiberg previously held the position of Dean of the Law Faculty at Monash University and was a member of the Interim Advisory Board of the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) in Victoria. He has consulted for a number of organisations on regulatory matters, is the academic adviser to the Australia and New Zealand School of Government's National Regulators Community of Practice and is the author of the textbooks *The Tools of Regulation* and *Regulation in Australia*. Emeritus Professor Freiberg holds the degrees of Bachelor of Laws (Hons) and Diploma of Criminology from the University of Melbourne, Master of Laws (Monash University) and Doctor of Laws (Melb). He is the Chair of the Victorian and Tasmanian Sentencing Advisory Councils and holds an Emeritus Professorial appointment at Monash University, an Adjunct Professorial appointment at Victoria University and is an Adjunct Faculty at the ANZ School of Government.

Mr Jeffrey Moffet, Western Australia

Mr Moffet is appointed to the Agency Management Committee as a new member with expertise in health. Mr Moffet is the Chief Executive Officer of the Western Australian County Health Service and the former Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Health in the Northern Territory. Mr Moffet has extensive experience in rural and remote health and is a strong advocate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Mr Moffet was previously the Chair of the Health Workforce Principal Committee for the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council and a board member of Health Workforce Australia. Mr Moffet has over 30 years' experience in the health sector and has held various executive roles.

Ms Barbara Yeoh AM, Victoria

Ms Yeoh is reappointed to the Agency Management Committee for a third term from 1 October 2020 for a period of three years as a member with expertise in health, education and training. She is a Director of the Victorian State Emergency Service Authority and previously served on the Board of Monash Health, Austin Health and Eastern Health in Victoria. She has over 25 years' experience across a range of public and private sector agencies including in the health, education, finance, insurance, transport, technology and infrastructure sectors. Ms Yeoh has previously served as a Council Member and Deputy Chancellor at Latrobe University.

Ms Jenny Taing OAM, Victoria

Ms Taing is reappointed to the Agency Management Committee for a third term from 30 September 2020 for a period of three years as a member with expertise in business and administration. She is a senior lawyer with Vanguard Investments Australia and is a specialist in financial services, managed funds and superannuation law. She was previously a board director of the Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital, the Royal District Nursing Service and Channel 31. Ms Taing has also previously served as a Commissioner at the Victorian Multicultural Commission. Ms Taing holds a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws (Honours) from the University of Melbourne and was admitted to the Supreme Court of Victoria in 2008. She is a graduate member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Dr Susan Young, Queensland

Dr Young is reappointed to the Agency Management Committee for a second term from 30 September 2020 for a period of three years as a registered nurse and midwife with expertise in health, education and training, governance, regulation and accreditation. She was the Chair of the Queensland Board of the Medical Board of Australia until December 2016. She is a member of the National Injury Insurance Agency, Queensland. Dr Young has fulfilled positions within the tertiary sector, with previous appointments as a Director of Teaching and Learning, and as a Program Director in the School of Nursing and Midwifery at The University of Queensland. Prior to her appointment within the tertiary sector, Dr Young held a number of executive positions within the public and private health care sectors in metropolitan, regional and rural settings. She holds a Doctorate in Education from the Queensland University of Technology and an Adjunct Professorial appointment with the University of Queensland.

Existing members

Ms Gill Callister PSM, Victoria

Ms Callister is the Chair and a member with expertise in education and training. Ms Callister has a background working as Secretary in the Department of Human Services, Victoria (5 years) and Department of Education and Training Victoria (4 years). Ms Callister is currently Associate Dean for the Australian and New Zealand School of Government. She was previously appointed as Chair of the (national) Community Services Ministerial Council Officials Committee (a position she held for three years) and was formerly the President of

the Institute of Public Administration Australia (IPAA), Victoria. Ms Callister has demonstrated her experience at senior levels of government and her well established leadership credentials.

Dr Peggy Brown AO, Queensland

Dr Brown is a member with expertise in health, education and training. Dr Brown is a registered medical practitioner (psychiatrist) with over 30 years' experience in the Australian health sector. She is a Senior Clinical Advisor to the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care. She has held senior clinical and administrative positions in the health system including the position of Chief Executive Officer of the National Mental Health Commission and Director-General of ACT Health from 2010 until 2015. Dr Brown is a former Chair of the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council and is well versed with the operational, legislative and policy aspects of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for health professions including the work of National Boards and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). Her extensive experience in the health sector also includes key roles with the psychiatry training program of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists.

Adjunct Professor Karen Crawshaw PSM, New South Wales

Adjunct Professor Crawshaw is a member with expertise in health business and administration. She was first appointed in September 2012. Adjunct Professor Crawshaw was admitted to the NSW Supreme Court in 1979 and subsequently to the High Court. Adjunct Professor Crawshaw was previously the Deputy Director-General with responsibility for the Division of Governance, Workforce and Corporate Services in the Ministry of Health, New South Wales (NSW). Her areas of accountability covered health workforce planning and industrial relations, business and asset services, communications, corporate governance, and legal and regulatory services. Adjunct Professor Crawshaw left the Ministry of Health, New South Wales in June 2017. She is appointed as an Adjunct Professor with the University of Sydney Medical School and acts as an on-line moderator in the Safety and Quality of Health Care course for masters students in the university's School of Public Health. Adjunct Professor Crawshaw was awarded the Public Service Medal in 2012 for her significant contributions to the public sector.