

Agency Management Committee communiqué

July 2021

The [Agency Management Committee](#) (AManC) met on Tuesday 20 July 2021 via videoconference. 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.

CEO report

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

- expected additional grant funding of \$1.78m has been agreed in principle by the federal Department of Health, for the extension of the pandemic sub register
- support and strong endorsement of the work of National Boards and Ahpra from the federal Minister of Health following a recent meeting to discuss the Senate Inquiry
- the significant toll that the ongoing lockdowns are having on Ahpra staff, with offices currently closed in Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney.

Business items

In other agenda items the Committee:

- discussed the themes arising from public submissions to the Senate Inquiry into the administration of registration and notifications by Ahpra
- approved the Managing liabilities, contingent liabilities and assets policy
- approved the Ahpra operating and capital expenditure budgets for 2021/22
- noted the inaugural Health Professions Agreement - Report 1
- noted that the Federal Minister for Health has proposed a further 12-month pause in fee indexation for board sitting fees in line with the Commonwealth Remuneration Tribunal current freeze on any indexation payments
- approved the proposal to refine the board effectiveness review program including the introduction of a Board effectiveness survey
- approved the Special measures policy which focuses on promoting increased employment participation rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples
- approved the terms of reference for the new independent accreditation committee
- noted the first annual review of the National Scheme Strategy 2020-25 and approved the change from a mission statement to a purpose statement and the inclusion of a specific reference to the elimination of racism
- discussed the establishment of an expert advisory group to safeguard practitioners involved in our regulatory processes.

Next meeting of the Agency Management Committee:

26 August 2021.