

Community Advisory Council communiqué

March 2022

The Community Advisory Council (CAC) met on Tuesday 1 March in the Ahpra Melbourne office. This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the meeting.

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and acknowledged the traditional custodians of the lands where members were located for the meeting and paid their respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

CEO update

Members noted the CEO report highlighting:

- update on legislative amendments to the National Law
- continuation of COVID 19 surge workforce initiatives
- early positive experience with joint consideration in Queensland

Other business

Other matters that were considered by the Council included:

- discussion and consideration of new ways of working for the Council in 2022, including a proposed sub-committee to review documents out of session which will streamline management of Council workload and processes
- progressing the 2022 Council workplan
- overview of the Consultation RIS on the use of the title surgeon by medical practitioners
- provision of feedback on the independent review of cosmetic surgery draft consumer survey
- provision of feedback on the updated professional competency standards for the Psychology Board (preliminary consultation)
- provision of feedback on the Pharmacy Board's review of compounding guidelines and draft consumer fact sheet
- provided input into the post-implementation review of the professional capabilities for the Medical Radiation Practice Board
- nominated the Chair to participate at the upcoming Physiotherapy Board webinar
- summary of updates from a range of meetings attended by Council representatives including the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Group, and the Medical training survey Advisory Group

The next meeting of the Council is confirmed for 7 June 2022 in the Ahpra Melbourne office.

Patricia Hall

Chair
Community Advisory Council