

Community Advisory Council communiqué

June 2022

The Community Advisory Council (CAC) met on Tuesday 7 June 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.

Two long standing members (Mark Bodycoat and John McGurk) were acknowledged and thanked for their dedication and commitment to the Council over many years. Mark Bodycoat provided a reflection on the establishment of the Council which was warmly received.

CEO update

Members noted the CEO report highlighting:

- current 2021 sub-register practitioners (as of 3 May 2022)
- Health Practitioner Regulation National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 introduced into the Queensland Parliament on 11 May

Other business

Other matters that were considered by the Council included:

- an overview of the Ahpra Engagement function and the role of the State and Territory Managers
- community member attributes
- Transformation program update
- an update on the Independent review of the regulation of health practitioners in cosmetic surgery from Andrew Brown
- an update from the first CAC subcommittee held on the 13 May that provided feedback on the MBA Telehealth guidelines, NRAS strategy and the Accreditation Liaison Group
- provision of feedback on the NMBA fact sheet—Scope of practice and capabilities
- provision of feedback on the revised shared Code of conduct – public resources
- nomination of two Council members to the Physiotherapy Board prescribing seminar
- summary of updates from a range of meetings attended by Council representatives including the Accreditation Committee and Accreditation Liaison Group, Forum of NRAS Chairs, Research Evaluation Committee, Medical Board culture symposium, 2022 National Scheme strategy review, Consumer complaints reference group, Medical Board NT community member engagement.

The next meeting of the Council is confirmed for 6 September 2022 virtually.

Patricia Hall

Chair
Community Advisory Council