

## Agency Management Committee Communiqué

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### April 2020

The 119th meeting of the [Agency Management Committee](#) (AManC) was held on Tuesday, 21 April 2020 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.

### Business items

The committee was briefed by Dr Murray Thomas Chair of the Dental Board of Australia on the significant impacts restrictions on dental practice are having, in response to COVID-19.

The CEO provided members with an overview of the response of Ahpra and National Boards to the pandemic emergency noting:

- The exceptional team work and leadership of many people across Ahpra in response to the pandemic and the helpful direction from the AManC Pandemic Preparedness Oversight Group,
- An update on the establishment of a pandemic sub-register and the current status,
- Work to ensure business continuity and impacts on regulatory functions,
- Staffing considerations, and
- Early work on a recovery plan.

### In other business items, the Committee:

- approved the Digital House Continuing Transformation Business Case business case,
- welcomed and noted the report 'Three years on: changes in regulatory practice since Independent review of the use of chaperones to protect patients in Australia' undertaken by Professor Ron Paterson which will be published shortly,
- noted amendments to the change program timeline across the Information Technology, Strategy and Policy and Regulatory Operations directorates as a result of the response to the COVID -19 pandemic,
- noted the update on work to evaluate the Policy Framework,
- noted good progress on the draft Health Profession Agreement and schedules for 2020-2025,
- noted the update from Mr Brett Simmonds advising that the Forum of NRAS Chairs has been meeting more frequently due to COVID-19 and that there has been close and effective communication with Ahpra.

### CEO report

Members noted the CEO report. It was agreed to provide an update on the status of the work on the implementation of the COAG Health Council Policy Directions which highlight the need for a stronger community voice in consultation processes. It was noted that Ministers have also sought advice from Ahpra on ways to strengthen the consumer voice in the work of National Boards.

### Next meeting of the Agency Management Committee

19 May 2020