



Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander health practice
Chinese medicine
Chiropractic
Dental
Medical
Medical radiation practice
Nursing and Midwifery
Occupational therapy
Optometry
Osteopathy
Pharmacy
Physiotherapy
Podiatry
Psychology

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

Community Reference Group Communiqué

The Community Reference Group (CRG) met in Melbourne on Tuesday 29 November 2016.

Notifications

Members provided advice on the proposed policy on removal of reprimands from the public register. Members were given an update on feedback collected from a survey of notifiers and the new online notifications portal.

Accreditation review

The CRG was briefed on the independent review of accreditation systems by Professor Michael Woods, the Independent Reviewer. Members provided the community's perspective on the accreditation process.

The accreditation review team discussed the consultation and submission plan. The CRG committed to being involved in this process.

NRAS governance review

Members were briefed by Deborah Frew, NSW Ministry of Health Director Workforce Strategy and Culture, on the NRAS governance review.

Code of conduct review

Helen Townley, AHPRA National Director Policy and Accreditation, sought CRG involvement in the Shared Code of Conduct Review.

- It was supported by the CRG that this was a positive step for the National Scheme in creating a profession-wide approach.
- Members supported being involved through a nominee on the reference group and providing feedback on the draft code.
- The CRG nominated a representative to the CRG on the Code of conduct review reference group.

Dental Board of Australia community engagement

The Dental Board of Australia sought input from the CRG on how best to engage the community with their new information videos and documents, designed to empower patients to ask questions.

Members provided:

- suggestions for places to share the new information, and
- feedback on how to improve the content of the material.

Medical Board of Australia revalidation consultation

The CRG approved their submission to the revalidation consultation.

In preparing this submission, the CRG sought individual input from each of its members out of session. The responses were then collated with an aim to raise issues about revalidation, rather than to prepare a single response or opinion which purported to represent the consolidated and agreed view of the group as a whole.

Chinese Medicine Board of Australia reference group

The CRG nominated a representative for the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia reference group.

Occupational Therapy Board of Australia review of competency standards

An overview of the project and project governance of the review of competency standards was shared by Roxane Marcelle-Shaw, Occupational Therapy Board of Australia community member.

Members provided:

- initial feedback of the competency standards, and
- a commitment to provide written feedback out of session that will be finalised for submission at the February CRG meeting.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the CRG will be held at the AHPRA National office in February 2017.

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Chair

Community Reference Group