



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

Agency Management Committee Communiqué

August 2016

The 78th meeting of the [Agency Management Committee](#) (the Committee) was held on Friday 26 August at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. The August meeting occurred immediately prior to the 2016 National Regulation and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS) All Boards Combined Meeting.

This Communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the Committee's meeting.

Chair and members' report

Since the July 2016 meeting, the Chair has met with a number of stakeholders and participated in a meeting of the Forum of NRAS Chairs.

The Committee received updates from its sub-committees including the Notifications Working Group and the Performance Committee which met on 11 August 2016. The Committee received recommendations from the [Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee](#) including the adoption of the annual financial statements and a new approach to the structuring of financial delegations.

The Committee approved 2015/16 Annual Reports for the [Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee](#) and the Performance Committee. The Annual Reports will be published within the [AManC section](#) of the AHPRA website once they have been shared with National Boards.

Business items

The Committee noted the regular update report from the CEO and discussed the National Scheme contribution to workforce flexibility, responsiveness and sustainability.

The Committee noted the joint AHPRA/National Board submission to Queensland Parliamentary Committee - Inquiry into the performance of the [Queensland Health Ombudsman](#)'s function pursuant to section 179 of the Health Ombudsman Act has been [published](#). The CEO will attend a public hearing in Brisbane on Wednesday 31 August 2016.

The Committee provided feedback on proposed Terms of Reference for an Independent Review on Chaperoning. AHPRA and the Medical Board of Australia announced the Independent Review in a [media release](#) on 10 August 2016.

The Committee approved the Strategic Internal Audit Plan FY2016-2019 and the Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower) Policy.

News from AHPRA

On 25 August 2016, AHPRA and the 14 National Boards hosted a [Research Summit](#) titled '*Patient safety through risk-based regulation*'. Over 220 of Australia's leading health and regulatory minds discussed the latest on Australia's globally unique system for regulating health practitioners and how future work could result in safer healthcare for all of us.

AHPRA and the Medical Board of Australia will jointly host the [International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities \(IAMRA\) 12th International Conference on Medical Regulation](#) that will take place from 20 – 23 September 2016.

The next meeting of the Agency Management Committee will take place on Tuesday 20 September 2016 via teleconference.