

# Communiqué

# May 2017 meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia

The Chiropractic Board of Australia (the Board) is established under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law).

The Board meets each month to consider and decide on any matters related to its regulatory function in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme).

This communiqué aims to inform stakeholders of the work of the Board. Please forward it on to colleagues and employees who may be interested in its content.

The May 2017 meeting was held face to face in the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) National Office, Melbourne.

#### **Practitioner forums**

The Board has agreed to host a series of practitioner forums in most capital cities throughout August, September and October of this year.

To support better access for practitioners in remote and rural areas, the Board will make the presentations and audio available online for those who are unable to attend. The Board will be publishing further information soon on its website and will send invitations in the coming weeks.

## 2017-18 regulatory plan

The Board finalised their regulatory plan for the 2017-18 financial year. The plan includes a number of initiatives designed to increase public confidence in the efficient and effective regulation of chiropractors and to reduce harm to the public associated with the practice of chiropractic. These include a number of forums and workshops for chiropractors on regulatory issues to help practitioners to better understand their ethical and professional obligations under the National Law.

#### **Self-assessment and reflection workshops**

The Board has now published a communiqué from their self-assessment and reflection workshops. A set of vodcast presentations by Professor Kevin Eva given at the forum's on *Self-reflection in the health professions* and *How to facilitate receptivity in the reluctant adult learner* have also been published. The media item can be found on the Board's website along with the vodcasts.

#### Regulatory stakeholders to gather at CLEAR

The Fifth International Congress on Professional and Occupational Regulation will be held this November in Melbourne, Australia. AHPRA will join other regulatory stakeholders from around the world to share global perspectives on licensure and regulation.

Additional information about the conference is on the AHPRA website.

# **AHPRA** and Medical Board note Senate report

AHPRA and the Medical Board of Australia have noted the <u>report</u> of the Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs into complaints management. AHPRA and MBA will consider the Senate's 14 recommendations

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#### Conclusion

The National Board publishes a range of information about registration and the National Board's expectations of practitioners on its website at <a href="www.chiropracticboard.gov.au">www.chiropracticboard.gov.au</a> or <a href="www.ahpra.gov.au">www.ahpra.gov.au</a>. For more information or help with questions about your registration please send an <a href="mailto:online enquiry form">online enquiry form</a> or contact AHPRA on 1300 419 495.

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