



## HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACCREDITATION COLLABORATIVE FORUM

Australia's accreditation authorities  
for regulated health professionals

### Communiqué: Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum – May 2019 meeting

The Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum (the Forum), is the Forum of Accreditation Authorities with the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the Scheme).

This Communiqué outlines the main discussions and decisions made at the most recent Forum meeting.

#### **New member - Paramedicine Accreditation Committee**

The Forum was pleased to welcome Emeritus Professor Eileen Willis, Chair of the recently established Paramedicine Accreditation Committee to her first Forum meeting. The Committee, was appointed as the Accreditation Authority for Paramedicine, and the Forum looks forward to sharing experiences with this new body.

#### **Health Professions Education Standing Group / Universities Australia**

Ms Rachel Yates, Policy Director Health and Workforce, Universities Australia, was an invited guest to this meeting. This followed on from a recent Universities Australia (UA) Health Professions Education Standing Group (HPSEG) roundtable meeting held in Canberra, at which Deputy Forum Chair Mr Michael Shobbrook AM and Ms Theanne Walters represented the Forum.

Discussions between the Forum and UA focused on health workforce priorities, clinical placements, the Accreditation Systems Review and other matters of common interest. The Forum welcomes the opportunity to continue these conversations on an ongoing basis.

#### **Forum's Strategic Plan 2017 – 2019**

The work plan of the Forum is articulated in the Forum's Strategic Plan, available on the Forum's website here: <http://www.hpacf.org.au/statementsandpositionpapers>.

The projects within the Strategic Plan are advanced at each Forum meeting. At this meeting members were briefed on developments in the Prescribing/Safe Use of Medicines project and the Accreditation Role in Improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health outcomes projects, both of which are in post-consultation phases and will be made public in the next three months.

The Interprofessional Education working group reported on its progress in the development of accreditation guidance and its recent meeting with the "Securing and Interprofessional Future" group.

#### **Accreditation Snapshot**

The Forum is assisting the Accreditation Liaison Group (ALG) in finalising a snapshot of accreditation activities across the National Scheme. The 'snapshot' will cover areas including the accreditation activities for 2017/18, student registration numbers, overseas qualified practitioner assessments and future work in accreditation.

The report will be published on the AHPRA and Forum websites in the coming months.

### **2019 Together we can do more IPE colloquium, May 2019**

The recent colloquium held in Melbourne was hosted jointly by the Australian Pharmacy Council and the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council. The theme was "*Educating for social accountability across health professions: An interprofessional symposium*". A number of Forum members were represented, as well as National Boards and AHPRA. More information on the event can be found at <https://www.colloquium2019.com.au/>

### **Australian and New Zealand Podiatry Accreditation Council (ANZPAC)**

On behalf of all the Forum members, the Forum Chair said farewell to ANZPAC, and thanked and acknowledged their members for their support and contribution to the Forum and its working groups over the past nine years. ANZPAC will be wound up by end the June with their work replaced by a new Podiatry Accreditation Committee, the members of which are yet to be announced.

### **General Discussion and information sharing**

One of the key objectives of the Forum is to identify areas of common interest in relation to the education of health professions. At this meeting the Forum members took the opportunity to share knowledge about providers and programs from various sources to assist each with their own program accreditation.

### **Next Meeting**

The Forum will progress strategic priorities at its next meeting in August 2019.

**Ms Bronwyn Clark**

**Chair**

**Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum**

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