

The Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand

Te Poari o nga Kaihaumanu Hinengaro o Aotearoa



October 2012

Welcome to the third Board newsletter for 2012, this issue is designed to bring you up to date with some of the Board-related work since June.

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APC renewals

Thank you to all those practitioners who renewed their annual practising certificate prior to the 1st October 2012.

555 psychotherapists have advised the Board of their practice intentions¹ either by renewing their annual practising certificate or by retaining their name on the Register of psychotherapists with a non-practising status. If you hold a non-practising status and your situation changes please ensure you apply for and receive an APC prior to starting work.

40 Psychotherapists are currently 'pending'. This means that they have not completed the required documentation or that they have yet to advise the Board of their practice intentions. **If you have not already contacted the Board please do so as a matter of urgency.**

New Premises

On 3 August 2012 the Board moved to our new premises at ASB House, 101 – 103 The Terrace, Wellington. The rest of Board's contact details remain unchanged, including the telephone numbers and PO Box address.

The Board is now sharing its new premises with:

- Dental Council;
- Physiotherapy Board;
- Podiatrist Board;
- Occupational Therapy Board; and
- Osteopathic Council.

The week before relocating to the new premises a whakawātea (the blessing or clearing of the floors newly occupied) was held, led by three representatives of the Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust, Pekaira Rei (kaikaranga), Mahara Okeroa (support) and Ben Ngaia (kaikarakia). Pekaira started the blessing with her karanga (formal call) and then Ben continued the ceremony with his karakia (blessing) as staff and members from all the co-located regulatory authorities participated. It was a touching and inspiring ceremony that has helped everyone settle into the new premises. The Board extends its gratitude to Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust and all participants for a warm welcome to the new premises.

The co-locating RAs will remain distinct and functionally independent, the primary change being the sharing of office space and some related services.

¹ for 2012/2013 practising year

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This move aligns with the Ministry's request for Regulatory Authorities to work more collaboratively.

Meet the Board, Wellington

Board members would like to extend an invitation to practitioners to meet the Board during its December meeting in Wellington.

Date: Sunday 2nd December
Time: 5.00 pm
Location: PBNZ Office
101 The Terrace
Level 10
Wellington

If you are available please RSVP to registrar@pbanz.org.nz prior to 5pm 30 November 2012.

2013 Meeting Dates and Locations

The 2013 Board meeting dates have been set. When possible the Board meets with members of the profession at each meeting location. Invitations/reminders will be emailed to practitioners in the area prior to the meeting taking place.

- 10 & 11 February, Wellington
- 14 & 15 April, Nelson
- May 31st (Planning Day), Auckland
- 26 & 27 July, Christchurch
- 20 & 21 September, Wellington
- 1 & 2 December, Wellington

Please note that these dates and locations may still be subject to change.

Board papers are sent to members 10 working days prior to a Board meeting. Correspondence received after Board papers have been issued will be held on file for the next Board meeting.

Recertification

After reviewing practitioner and stakeholder feedback and various recertification methods used by other Registration Authorities the Board is in the process of developing a consultation

document, this will be released before the end of the year.

Consultation Update - Visiting Psychotherapist Presenter/Educator Scope of Practice - Update

The Board has been considering the feedback received and looking into other possibilities in relation to Visiting Psychotherapists.

Following this considered review the Board will be releasing a position statement on 'Visiting Psychotherapists Presenter/Educators' along with a declaration template. This statement has been prepared in consultation with Mr Phil Knipe (Chief Legal Advisor to the Ministry of Health).

At this time the Board will not be introducing a new scope of practice for Visiting Psychotherapists Presenter/Educators. The Board has instead developed a statement designed to educate hosts and presenters which may negate the need for further Board intervention.

This statement is available on the Board's website under "Visiting Presenter/Educator Board Statement"

Consultation - Psychotherapist Scopes of Practice and Psychotherapist Clinical Supervision

At the September Board meeting the Board discussed in detail the profession and stakeholder consultation responses to the Psychotherapist Scopes of Practice and Psychotherapist Clinical Supervision Consultation.

The Board is now in the process of developing a consultation response document to inform the profession of its decision. This document will include changes to the Gazette Notice and decision rationale.

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Accreditation Committee – Expressions of Interest

Under section 118 (a) of the HPCAA the Board is required to prescribe the qualifications required for scopes of practice within the profession, and, for that purpose, to accredit and monitor educational institutions and degrees, course of studies, or programmes.

Following on from the first accreditation meeting in March the Board is intending to set up a small committee of board members and educators to prepare a more detailed discussion document on accreditation of courses. The board would like to extend an invitation to representatives from psychotherapy training institutions who would be interested in serving on the Board's Accreditation Committee. Committee member will be recompensed for their time. Please contact the Boards Registrar with your expressions of interest.

Qualification Professional Advisors – Expression of interest

The Board is seeking expressions of interest from experienced psychotherapists to assist the Board assessing qualifications for registration against the Board's 'Policy criteria expected for a comparable qualification' and making recommendations to the Registrar.

If you are interested in this role and feel that you have the necessary skills please complete contact the Registrar for further information including the preferred skills.

HPCAA Review Reminder

The Ministry of Health is currently reviewing the HPCAA. The discussion document and submission form can be found at:
www.health.govt.nz/publication/2012-review-health-practitioners-competence-assurance-act-2003-discussion-document.

The closing date for submissions is 26 October 2012.