

The Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand

Te Poari o nga Kaihaumanu Hinengaro o Aotearoa



Welcome to the September 2019 Newsletter

This issue brings you up to date with Board related work since the June newsletter.

*Tēnā tātou katoa,
Nau mai haere mai ki te pānui a-marama.
He mihi maioha ki a koutou
Ko te tumanako kua ora katoa ō koutou whānau*

*Welcome to the Newsletter for this month.
Warm regards to you all at this time of the year.
We hope that you and your families are well.*

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Change to Board membership

The Ministry of Health (Ministry) has now completed the appointment process for the Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand (Board).

The Minister of Health has reappointed Suzanne Johnson for a three (3) year term and made four (4) new appointments.

The Board would like to welcome and introduce:

- Mr Gerry Te Kapa Coates, lay member
- Mr Josiah Tualamali'i, lay member
- Dr Lucie Zwimpfer, practitioner member
- Mr Kyle MacDonald, practitioner member

Information on each of the new Board members can be found on the '[Board members](#)' section of the Board's Website.

These new appointments mean that the Board bade farewell to:

- Mr Bill Grant, practitioner member
- 9 years' service

- Ms Megan Campbell, lay member
- 5 years' service
- Mr Simon Hall, practitioner member
- 4 years' service

The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank Bill, Megan and Simon for their hard work and contribution during their time as Board members.

Appointment process

As a reminder, all psychotherapists have the opportunity to apply to serve on the Board as a practitioner member.

Further to this the Board encourages psychotherapists who identify as Māori/Tangata Whenua to consider submitting their interest.

Although there are currently no vacancies, the Board will have one (1) practitioner term expiring later this year and another expiring in 2020.

Responsible Authority appointment processes are managed by the Ministry, who have a page dedicated to this process available on its [website](#).

If you wish to be considered for appointment please read the [information](#) provided by the Ministry. You will then be required to fill out the application and send it, along with a copy of your CV, to appointments@moh.govt.nz

The Ministry will advise all stakeholders once it opens its application process. The Board will also advise psychotherapists once applications are open.

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Annual Practising Certification (APC) renewal

The APC renewal process is now **open**.

Psychotherapists have until the **1st October 2019** to renew their APC.

Each psychotherapist has been invited to [login](#) and complete the online section of the process, and will be required to select one of the following options:

- a) **Renew**: renew your APC;
- b) **Non-practising**: retain your name on the Register as a non-practising psychotherapist¹;
- c) **Removal**: request to have your name removed from the Register of psychotherapists.

1. Print the form at the end of the online process.
2. If renewing, obtain your supervisor's signature and attestation that they have sighted and discussed your Recertification Plan, and return the form to the Registrar.

Further information on the APC renewal process can be found on the Board's website under '[How to renew your Annual Practising Certificate](#)'.

Thank you to those who have already completed their APC renewal, this is appreciated!

Accreditation Standards for Psychotherapy Training Programmes: Training Provider Consultation

The Board and the Accreditation Committee have continued to refine draft Accreditation Standards to reflect the feedback received from training providers, while also meeting the requirements of the HPCAA.

This week the Board will be inviting training providers to consult on draft Accreditation Standards. This process will be supported with further facilitated meetings in October and November 2019.

If you are a training provider and have not previously been contacted by the Board, please contact the Board's Registrar.

Wider consultation is anticipated to be held in 2020. This will involve training providers, practitioners, the public, regulatory authorities, and other agencies related to psychotherapy training.

Expression of Interest

The Board would like to encourage psychotherapists, particularly those who identify as Māori/Tangata Whenua, to consider submitting their interest to be part of:

[Competence Review Committee](#) (CRC); or
[Professional Conduct Committee](#) (PCC);

Committees are made up of three (3) people; two (2) psychotherapists who hold a current APC and one (1) layperson.

The Board maintains a pool of psychotherapists and experienced laypeople that can be appointed to one of the above committees, should the need arise.

It is important that the pool of psychotherapists available for committees includes a range of backgrounds, culture, training, knowledge, and experience.

Training for these committees is available periodically² and committees are supported by an experienced convenor³.

Historically CRC and PCC work has proven to be infrequent and member availability is sought when the need to appoint a committee arises.

The work of both committees is important, so please review the linked information and contact the Registrar should you have any questions.

Thank you to those who have already expressed an interest. This interest is appreciated and maintained on file.

Recertification audit

The Board will begin contacting psychotherapists selected for the 2018/2019 audit in November 2019.

If you are selected for audit please note that there are audit tips and a recertification plan exemplar available on the [Recertification and Audit](#) page of the Board's Website.

¹ Non-practising means that you are not working. For example: on parental leave, on sick leave, on an extended holiday.

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² The Registrar will advise when this is available.

³ Often the layperson.

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Amendments to the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (HPCAA) - update

Amendments to the HPCAA came into effect earlier this year. There are several significant changes to the ways in which health regulatory authorities will function. Brief updates have been provided below to keep psychotherapists informed.

Greater accountability

Effective 2022, the Amendment Act requires five-yearly independent performance reviews for Responsible Authorities to ensure they are carrying out our functions as intended by the HPCAA.

The results of the performance review must be posted on the Board's website.

The Board is currently working with the Ministry and other Responsible Authorities on this requirement. To ensure a transparent process, once requirements are drafted, the Ministry will consult with stakeholders (including psychotherapists) regarding proposed Board's performance review processes.

Naming policy

Within one-year Responsible Authorities will be required to put in place a 'naming policy'. This policy will determine situations where the Board may publish orders and directions made about individual practitioners under a new section 157A of the HPCAA.

This reflects a trend for greater transparency – ensuring the public can see that regulation is occurring. The Board is informed by right touch and natural justice principles while participating in discussion with several Responsible Authorities to develop a draft naming policy.

Once developed the Board will consult with stakeholders. Consultation is planned before the end of 2019.

Collecting workforce data

The HPCAA now requires the Board by legal mandate to collect workforce data, so the Ministry can better forecast workforce development and planning to meet Aotearoa New Zealand's future health needs. Psychotherapists will be informed of this progress and how this may impact on APC renewals in the future.

Data collection is likely to coincide with a new database which the Board hopes to start work on later this year, or early 2020.

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Should you have any questions please contact the Registrar.

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week) has been celebrated in Aotearoa New Zealand since 1975, with the aim to create a positive environment for the use of Te Reo Māori.

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori took place from the 9th – 15th September 2019. The Board secretariat jointly celebrated with their Responsible Authority colleagues over morning tea; a chance to share kai, karakia, waiata, and connect.

Reminders and links

The Board has the following documents available on the website:

1. The Board has a policy on [supervision](#)
2. All Board policies are available on the Board's [website](#)

Meet the Board

The next Board meeting is in Wellington on the 22nd November 2019. Practitioners are invited to meet with the Board (open forum). This is an opportunity to ask questions about current Board work, to meet Board members, and engage in conversation. If you intend to come along, please RSVP to registrar@pbanz.org.nz. A reminder will be sent closer to the time.

Date: Friday 22nd November 2019
Time: 4.00pm – 5.00pm
Location: Level 7, 22 Willeston Street, Wellington

Ngā mihi mahana,
Best wishes

*He aha te nui? He tangata, he tangata,
he tangata.*

*What is the most important thing? It is people, it is
people, it is people.*