

# The Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand

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*This issue brings you up to date with Board related work since our last newsletter in March 2016*

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### **Fee consultation**

The Board would like to thank members of the profession and stakeholders who responded to the Board's consultation document on the proposal to amend the Board's fee schedule in line with cost recovery.

A mixture of responses were received from both groups and individuals. This included acceptance of the proposed amendments and concern about the impact of increased fees.

Prior to decisions being made all responses were received, reviewed and discussed by Board members at the May Board meeting. A document detailing Board decisions is currently being finalised and will be placed on the Board's website shortly. An email will be sent to practitioners and stakeholders when this is available.

### **Recertification audit update**

The Board has completed the 2014/2015 audit and has been pleased with the results and the overall standard of engagement. The Board would like to thank practitioners for their participation and engagement in this process.

During this inaugural audit the Board developed a list of tips to help practitioners with future audits. You can find these on the Board's website under Recertification

and Audit. The audit has also highlighted improvements that could be made to Board templates. A document outlining these improvements and a copy of the improved templates will be prepared and circulated to psychotherapists as soon as practicable.

### **Maori Psychotherapy Training Programme Providers**

The Board is currently developing accreditation criteria for both Tertiary Programmes and Professional Development Courses of Study or Programmes.

The Board is interested in speaking with Maori psychotherapy training programme providers so that the Board can engage with these providers during the development of accreditation criteria.

Please send any information to [registrar@pbanz.org.nz](mailto:registrar@pbanz.org.nz) or call Jacq on 04 918 4727. Thank you, your assistance is appreciated.

The Board intends to include any newly identified training programme providers in the accreditation consultation process and invites new providers to contact the Board.

### **Psychotherapist Queries**

The Board regularly receives queries from psychotherapists. This section of the newsletter is designed to provide psychotherapists with useful information and or reminders.

### **Psychotherapist Scope of Practice Reminder**

Psychotherapist clients may include children, adolescents, adults, couples, families, whānau, groups, organisations and the public.

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The scopes of practice state that that 'psychotherapists shall practise within their area and level of expertise and with due regard to ethical, legal and board-prescribed standards'.

The Board would like to remind psychotherapists to pay special attention to their training, areas and level of expertise before engaging with any clients especially those considered vulnerable for example children and adolescents.

## **Meet the Board**

The next opportunity to meet the Board will be on Sunday 11th September 2016, in Wellington. The Board will send an invitation to psychotherapists closer to the date.