

# The Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand

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## January 2013

*Welcome to the first Board Newsletter of 2013, this issue is designed to bring you up to date with some of the Board-related work since our last newsletter in October.*

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### Meet the Board, Wellington

Board members would like to extend an invitation to practitioners to meet the Board during its February 2013 meeting in Wellington.

Date: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2013  
Time: 4.30 pm  
Location: PBANZ Office  
101 The Terrace  
Level 10  
Wellington

If you are available please RSVP to [registrar@pbanz.org.nz](mailto:registrar@pbanz.org.nz) prior to 5pm Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

### 2013 Meeting Dates and Locations

The 2013 Board meeting dates have been set.

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

*Please note 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

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2012 the Board issued a consultation document on recertification.

The consultation document is available on the Boards website under the News and Events page; 'current consultations'.

This consultation will close on **21 January 2013**. Feedback can be emailed to the Registrar by return email or mailed to PO Box 10-787, The Terrace, Wellington 6143.

If you have any questions regarding the consultation, please contact the Board.

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## **Consultation Responses - Psychotherapist Scopes of Practice/Psychotherapist Clinical Supervision**

At the December Board meeting the Board finalised a consultation response documents for both the Psychotherapist Scope of Practice and Psychotherapist Clinical Supervision. The Board would like to thank the members of the profession, stakeholders and other interested parties who sent their consultation responses to the Board on both these consultations. The consultation response documents are available on the website [here](#).

## **Qualification Professional Advisors – Expression of interest**

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

Thank you to those psychotherapists that have already indicated their interest.

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

Decisions will be made as soon as possible.

## **HPCAA Review**

The Board submitted a submission to the Ministry of Health on the HPCAA review. This is available on the Boards website. This link will take you directly to [PBANZ HPCAA Review submissions](#).

## **Update on Possible Health Regulatory Authority Single Shared Secretariat**

As previously advised in Board newsletters, at the request of the Minister of Health the Psychotherapists Board has been working with other Boards to explore the advantages and disadvantages of sharing a single Secretariat.

An independent organisation has now been appointed to carry out a Detailed Business Case (DBC). This DBC is expected to clearly identify any organisational and business changes that may be required from 16 secretariats coming together. This DBC will also highlight potential risks associated with these changes along with efficiencies and potential cost savings.

The Board is aware that any move to a single shared secretariat could carry significant cost and risk, particularly for the smaller regulated professions. It is therefore considering all options and will keep practitioners and stakeholders updated on any further progress made with regards to this matter.

## **Foundation Course in Cultural Competency available**

The Ministry of health is sponsoring a **FREE** Foundation Course in Cultural Competency until the 30th June 2013.

This Foundation Course in Cultural Competency was developed for the New Zealand Health Workforce.

This training tool provides a basic understanding of cultural competency and health literacy.

Enquire at [www.mauriora.co.nz](http://www.mauriora.co.nz)