



December 2013

Welcome to the 5th Board Newsletter of 2013. This issue brings you up to date with some of the Board-related work since our last newsletter in August



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Holiday office closure

The Board would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please note that our office will be closed for the holidays from Monday 23 December, reopening on Monday 6 January. All communications received during that time will be responded to once the office opens.

Recertification and audit

There was some information in the August newsletter about the new recertification and audit process that will be in place for the 2014-2015 practising year.

There is also a page about this on our website under the heading: *For Psychotherapists/Recertification and Audit*. There will be further updates in the new year, but in the meantime you may wish to start the process by looking at the self-reflection document, and discuss this with your supervisor.

Accreditation Committee

The Committee is developing a draft document that will be reviewed at the next meeting which will be held on 10 February 2014.

Shared Services update

The process of establishing a shared services organisation for all 16 RAs (responsible authorities) is ongoing. Discussions are currently underway among the RAs on the best way to collaborate in sharing corporate services.

Professional Advisors

An updated job description was emailed to all practitioners on 21 November, and a number of you asked for some further information.

If you are interested in the position please send your application to the Registrar as soon as possible.

The Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand

Te Poari o nga Kaihaumanu Hinengaro o Aotearoa



Master of Psychotherapy

Our website has been updated to reflect the change of name of this qualification from Master of Health Science in Psychotherapy to Master of Psychotherapy.

Nominations for the Psychotherapists Board

The Minister of Health is seeking nominations and/or applications for the Psychotherapists Board. The Board is established under section 114 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003. Its purpose is to protect the health and safety of members of the public by providing for mechanisms to ensure that psychotherapists are fit and competent to practise their profession.

Vacancies are for 1 psychotherapist and 2 lay members. Please note that any psychotherapist applicants must hold current registration as a psychotherapist, and a practising certificate.

The vacancies are advertised on [Ministry of Health website vacancies health statutory bodies](#). To nominate someone, or to apply yourself, please visit the above website and follow the instructions provided there. Applications close on Monday 27 January 2014.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email the Ministry at appointments@moh.govt.nz

The decision to appoint Board members will be made by the Minister of Health and the appointment process is likely to continue for several months after the closing date.

Board meeting dates and locations

The proposed Board meeting dates and venues for 2014 are:

February 16-17: Wellington
May 2-3: to be decided
July 27-28: Napier
September 21-22: Wellington
December 5-6: Wellington

Meet the Board

The first Board meeting of 2014 will be on Sunday 16 and Monday 17 February in Wellington. Practitioners are welcome to meet with Board members on Sunday 16 February at 4.30pm at the PBANZ office, Level 10, 101 The Terrace, Wellington.

If you would like to do so, please advise the Registrar at registrar@pbanz.org.nz.