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Policy on Psychotherapist Supervision

The Board has now finalised its '**Policy on Psychotherapist Supervision**' and this is available for review on the homepage of the Board's website. www.pbanz.org.nz

Annual Report for the year ending 30 September 2010

The Board's Annual Report for the year ending 30 September 2010 is now available on the Board's website under 'News and Events - Publications'

Board approved supervisors: A suitably qualified person as agreed to by the Board

The Board's preference is that supervision will be provided by suitably experienced psychotherapists. For the avoidance of any doubt, a psychotherapist who provides supervision to another psychotherapist must hold a current annual practising certificate issued by the Board.

However, it is accepted that many professions have practitioners highly skilled in psychotherapy (e.g. psychologists and psychiatrists) who may be suitable to provide supervision to a psychotherapist.

Any person who wishes to be approved by the Board to supervise a psychotherapist must provide the Board with a CV outlining evidence of their competence in psychotherapy supervision either by experience, qualification, professional development, skills and/or knowledge.

While each case will be considered on its own merits, the following guidelines are offered:

- Health practitioners who are registered under the HPCAA in a health profession other than psychotherapy must hold a current annual practising certificate issued by their profession's regulatory authority.
- Any person who is not registered under the HPCAA (for example, a counsellor or social worker) will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The Board will have regard to, among other things, the matters set out above.
- A person may not receive Board approval if the Board considers that the person may be holding themselves out as a psychotherapist by:
 - using the title psychotherapist

-being employed or working in a position with the title psychotherapist

-being employed or working in a position where they are likely to be perceived by others as being a psychotherapist

-using (or intending to use), whether in advertising, promotion, or by any other means, names, words, titles, initials, abbreviations, or descriptions that state or imply that they are a psychotherapist.

The Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand

Te Poari o nga Kaihaumanu Hinengaro o Aotearoa

Board Appointments

By notice in the New Zealand Gazette dated

24 February 2011, Board re/appointments were announced.

Reappointed to the Board are:

Mihiteria King (Chair)

Gordon Hewitt (Deputy Chair)

Carol Shinkfield

Newly appointed to the Board are:

Bill Grant (psychotherapist of Wellington)

Faye Gorman (psychotherapist of Otago)

Sue Brown (lay member of Kaikohe)

Paraire Huata (lay member of Christchurch).

Information on the newly appointed

members will be available on the Board's website shortly.

Sadly, the Board farewells the following Board members:

Andrew Duncan (psychotherapist of Auckland)

Chris Milton (psychologist of Auckland)

Trish Hanlen (lay member of Tauranga)

Sue Ineson (lay member of Te Horo).

Parental Leave, update

The Board is delighted to announce that the Board's Registrar, Jacq Manley, currently on leave, has welcomed a beautiful baby girl into the world. Baby Devyn was born on the 23rd of January 2011 weighing in at 9lb 15oz. Yep – for real ☺ Both Jacq and Devyn are getting along real fine.

Cultural Competence Advisory Committee, update

The Cultural Competence Advisory Committee (CCAC) held its first meeting in late January 2011 and work is already underway. As previously advised, the Advisory Committee's role is to:

- agree on a definition for 'cultural competence'
- review existing information and documentation on cultural competence used in the health and regulatory sectors
- develop a discussion paper to guide the Board in preparing a consultation document that will outline the cultural competencies expected of a psychotherapist.

The five members of the committee are:

- Mrs Sue Ineson
- Ms Mihiteria King
- Ms Alayne Hall
- Ms Rosalind Lewis
- Ms Suzanne Johnson

All stakeholders and members of the profession will have a chance to respond to any Board consultation on cultural competence. Responses will be accepted from groups as well as individuals.

Standards of Ethical Conduct Board Advisory Committee, update

The Standards of Ethical Conduct Board Advisory Committee is continuing its work on developing standards of ethical conduct for the profession.

Available on the homepage of the Board's website are the latest draft Standards of Ethical Conduct. The Board would appreciate receiving feedback on it from the public, the profession and stakeholders.

Submissions have been requested by 29 April 2011. Please see the Board's website for further information and access to the consultation document – www.pbanz.org.nz

What to do if you have a break-in

The Board was contacted by two practitioners over the holiday period advising that their private practice rooms had been broken into and client records and practising certificates stolen.

As well as notifying the Police when a break-in occurs, it is a good idea to notify the office of the Privacy Commissioner.

The Privacy Commissioner has an information sheet available about managing privacy breaches. This document discusses proper breach management, including notification where warranted, and will assist you in retaining the trust of your clients who have had their information improperly released and will help them to protect themselves. Here is a link to the document on the Commissioner's website:

<http://privacy.org.nz/privacy-breach-guidelines-2/>

For replacement practising certificates, please contact the Board's Registrar on 04 918 4727 or email registrar@pbanz.org.nz

April Board meeting in Wellington, invitation

The Board will be holding its next meeting in Wellington on the 17th and 18th of April 2011. Practitioners from the Wellington and the greater Wellington area are invited to meet with the Board at 3.30pm on the 17th of April. Please email the Acting Registrar at registrar@pbanz.org.nz if you would be interested in meeting with the Board.

Board decision to add additional qualifications to the Register

At its recent meeting held on 13 and 14 February 2011, the Board made a decision that if you have more than one Board prescribed qualification, Board grand-parented qualification, or could have been registered under the requirements of the professional development pathway; the Board will add this to the web register at your request.

Requests should be made in writing to the Board's Registrar, and if applicable, should include certified copies of the qualification that you would like added to your register entry.

Consultation on accreditation

The Board is currently in the process of an initial consultation with Educational Institutes on Board accreditation of qualifications and training providers. At this initial stage, the Board is not asking for general feedback from the profession, but the consultation document is available for review on the homepage of the Board's website (www.pbanz.org.nz).

What to do when you have concerns about a colleague

To protect the safety of clients, psychotherapists have a professional obligation to take action if concerned about a colleague's conduct or competence, as well as a legal responsibility to take action if concerned about a colleague's health.

A recent health notification received by the Board under Section 45 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 has highlighted a need for formal guidance for the profession on what they should do when concerned about a colleague's conduct, competence or health.

In response to this, the Board has drafted a 'Statement for the profession on what to do when you are concerned about a colleague.'

The Board would appreciate practitioner feedback on the draft document. The Board has also specifically requested feedback on the draft document from psychotherapist associations.

Information on the consultation and the draft document can be viewed by visiting the homepage of the Board's website located at www.pbanz.org.nz

Update: APC Renewals 2010/2011

Thank you to all those practitioners who renewed their annual practising certificate prior to the 1st of October 2010. Board members are pleased to advise that there are now **565** psychotherapists on the Board's register.

544 psychotherapists have advised the Board of their practice intentions either by renewing their annual practising certificate or by retaining their name on the Register of Psychotherapists with a non-practising status. As a result, the Board has issued **500** annual practising certificates.

There are **46** psychotherapists holding a non-practising status. If you are holding a non-practising status and your situation changes please ensure you apply for and receive an APC prior to starting work.

The HPCAA requires psychotherapists to advise the Board of their practice intentions each year and to complete the Board required documentation.

If you have not already contacted the Board with your practice intentions for the 2010/2011 practising year, please do so.

Dual registration holders, request

Do you hold registration with another authority governed by the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003? E.g. The New Zealand Psychologists Board or Medical Council of New Zealand. If so, the Board would appreciate being notified.

Please email the Registrar at registrar@pbanz.org.nz

Message from the Chair

Please join with me in thanking our retiring Board Members for over 3 years of undaunting dedication and commitment of service to the Board and wishing them well for the future. We also acknowledge the tragic events in Christchurch and those who endure great loss and uncertainty. Kia kaha.

Mihiteria King, Board Chair

