

## Summary of Decisions

From the Dental Council meeting – 7 May 2012

The Dental Council is the statutory body constituted under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (The Act) to maintain the health and safety of members of the public by providing mechanisms to ensure that health practitioners are competent and fit to practise. Council endeavours to keep its key stakeholders up to date with key decisions. This document is a summary of Council's decisions from the meeting held in May 2012.

### Shared Secretariat Group and RA Amalgamation Update

The regulatory authority Chairs, through the HRANZ forum were required to report back to the Director-General of Health by the end of March on its position and progress regarding a single shared secretariat. The Group of ten regulatory authority progressing a single shared secretariat across all functions (regulatory and back office) provided a report back to the Director General of Health on 5 April 2012 of the Indicative Business Case (IBC) results across 10 RAs.

### Fellowship in the Faculty of Oral Pathology – Oral Pathology representative on the ADC/DC(NZ) accreditation review team

Council continues to face difficulties in finding an appropriate oral pathologist representative for the ADC/Dental Council Fellowship in Oral Pathology (FFOP) accreditation review team. Council will now approach the Australian Dental Council to jointly appoint a United Kingdom expert as part of the FFOP accreditation review team.

### IT Health Board Strategy

The Ministry of Health has discussed with health regulatory authorities proposed changes to the format and regularity of electronic reporting and data collection from the RAs. The Ministry of Health's Health Identity Programme is in the process of replacing the Health Practitioner Index (HPI) system as part of a broader upgrade initiative. The Ministry is working with Health Regulatory authorities on the new requirements for data supplied by health regulatory authorities.

More information on the IT Health Board strategy and Health Identity Programme is available from the Ministry of Health at this website: [www.ithealthboard.health.nz](http://www.ithealthboard.health.nz)

### Co-location

Council endorsed the concept of co-location of regulatory authorities and supported the Chief Executive to complete contract negotiations to sub-lease ASB House, the property identified by the Property Management Centre of Expertise (PMCoE) that would enable seven health regulatory authorities to co-location together.

The seven health regulatory authorities involved are the Dental Council, the Physiotherapy Board, Podiatrist Board, the Occupational Therapy Board, the Osteopathic Council, the Psychotherapy Board and the Pharmacy Council.

### PCC – Practitioners (Hygiene, Therapy and Technology) practising without an APC

It is a statutory requirement under section 8 of the Health Practitioner Competence Assurance Act 2003 (The Act) for all registered practitioners to hold a current annual practising certificate. Council agreed that a Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) be formed to address the issue of practitioners practising without an APC for the commencement of the practising year of 1 April 2012