

Dental Council Meeting Summary of Decisions – 5 September 2011

Health Workforce New Zealand (HWNZ) National Stakeholder Forum – Partnership and Potential: Achieving a 2020 Health Workforce for all New Zealand

Subsequent to the HWNZ stakeholder forum held on 24 August 2011 various regulatory authorities volunteered to co-ordinate work streams on inter-professional teams and scopes of practice. Council agreed not to become involved in any of the work-streams at present because of the uncertainty of the future of the regulatory authorities under the HWNZ consultation process and the current resource pressure associated with this consultation on the Secretariat.

Third Party Contractor Fees Adjustment

Council approved the setting of contractor fee rates independently of the Cabinet fees guideline and that the 2011/12 budget provision be utilised to increase third party contractor fee rates, backdated to 1 April 2011 and to amend the relevant fees and expenses policies accordingly.

Budget and Fee Setting Policy

Council approved a change in the budget and fee setting policy, by moving the consultation process forward by one month, which would benefit the practitioners as it would be issued before the holiday period. Consultation with practitioners on the annual plan, budget and APC fees would be through a separate consultation process and not via the Dental Council newsletter.

In addition the revised Budget and Fee Setting policy changes would factor in the new Governance structure and monthly Council meetings.

Reserves and Cost Allocation Policies

Council approved the amendments to both the Reserves and Cost Allocation policies.

Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (FRACDS) Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMS) Draft Consultation Document

The draft FRACDS (OMS) consultation document was approved by Council for issue to all relevant stakeholders.

Dental Hygiene Scope of Practice – Orthodontic Procedures Follow-up Consultation

Council approved the draft follow-up dental hygiene consultation document for issue to stakeholders, together with the *Proposed Changes to the Orthodontic Auxiliary Prescribed Qualifications* consultation.

Terms of Reference and Delegation to a CPD Advisory Committee

The following Council members were appointed to the CPD Advisory committee:

- Dr Lyndie Foster Page – as a dental academic and Chair;
- Dr Michael Bain – dentist representative;
- Ms Leslea Eilenberg – hygiene representative;
- Ms Minnie McGibbon – therapy representative;
- Mr Neil Waddell - dental technology representative.

Council also approved the Terms of Reference for the CPD Advisory Committee and the delegation from Council to the CPD Advisory Committee.

Code of Practice on Advertising– Consultation Feedback

Council established an Advertising Code Working Group of Council (Dr R Whyman, Dr M Bain and Mr B Carran) to consider the submissions received and detailed analysis on the different comments associated with each of the statements in the draft code. The working group must submit recommendations to Council on potential changes to the draft code for Council's consideration, following which further consultation would be initiated.

New Zealand Dentist Registration Examination (NZDREX) Clinical Moderation Report

Council considered a number of recommendations made by the NZDREX clinical moderation review team, that required further consideration in terms of the feasibility and level of benefit that implementation of these would bring, as well as the costing and estimated timeframe for implementation. Council approved the majority of the outstanding recommendations and a budget was allocated to fund the recommendations previously approved by Council.

Council also agreed that the secretariat investigate alternative arrangements for hosting the NZDREX examination.

New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) Review Team

Dr Paul Scott was appointed as the dentist member on the NZDF Adult Care in Dental Therapy accreditation review team.