

## Communiqué

### Sixth meeting of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia

14 December 2011

At its sixth meeting in Melbourne the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (the Board) discussed a range of matters that will impact on the transition to the national registration and accreditation scheme on 1 July 2012.

This Communiqué aims to inform stakeholders of the progress of the national board's work.

#### Current consultations: Consultation on codes and guidelines

The Board's consultation paper on several further guidelines was released on 21 November 2011 and comments/submissions are due by 9 January 2012. The consultation paper seeks feedback on the following code and guidelines:

- A code of conduct for the profession;
- Guidelines on mandatory reporting;
- Guidelines on Advertising; and
- Guidelines for Patient Records.

To view a copy of any of these documents please go to:

<http://www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au/News/Consultations.aspx>

#### • Accreditation Consultation

The Board has also released a consultation paper on the composition of its Accreditation Committee. The Board is interested in comments from a wide range of stakeholders and invites written submissions. This is also available at

<http://www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au/News/Consultations.aspx>

#### To have your input:

The Board encourages Chinese medicine practitioners to provide feedback on the proposed codes and guidelines and the accreditation committee composition via email to [chinesemedicineconsultation@ahpra.gov.au](mailto:chinesemedicineconsultation@ahpra.gov.au) by 9 January 2012.

#### Communication

The Board would like to express its appreciation for the individuals and organisations who have made over 360 submissions concerning the proposed standards including the grand-parenting arrangement. These submissions have been taken into consideration for the revision of the standards that have now been submitted to the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council for consideration. We are yet to hear about the decision from the Council.

In the meantime, the Board is developing an effective communication plan to facilitate the dissemination of accurate information to both currently registered and non-registered Chinese medicine practitioners about the approved registration standards. This plan will be implemented as soon as the registration standards are approved by the Ministerial Council and published. FAQs and fact sheets will also soon be published on the Board's website to help answer your questions.

## Update on registration standards

The Board is expecting to hear the outcomes of Ministerial Council's consideration of the Board's proposed registration standards shortly. The final standards and information about registration fees will be published on the Board's website at [www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au](http://www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au) as soon as it receives formal notification about the Health Ministers' decision.

On this basis, the Board has not released any further information about the standards since the closing of the consultation in October 2011. To inform you about the next step, the Board is planning to hold a number of information sessions around Australia in late February 2012.

## HELP US PLAN

To help us estimate attendance numbers and book appropriate venues– **if you plan to attend one of the following sessions please email [Akemi.Pham-Vu@ahpra.gov.au](mailto:Akemi.Pham-Vu@ahpra.gov.au) and let her know the following:**

### SUBJECT: CMBA Roadshow

1. **Session planning to attend - place and time**
2. **Number of persons (name/s will help us manage duplicate responses)**

Date	Time	Location	Venue
Tues 21 February	6 - 8 pm	Tasmania – Hobart (or videolink from Launceston)	University of Tasmania
Wednesday 22 Feb	3 – 5 pm	NSW metropolitan – Sydney (with Chinese interpreter)	TBA
Wednesday 22 Feb	6 - 8 pm	NSW metropolitan – Sydney	TBA
Thursday 23 Feb	12md – 2 pm	Gold Coast	TBA
Thursday 23 Feb	6 - 8 pm	Queensland metro – Brisbane (with Chinese interpreter)	TBA
Friday 24 Feb	12md – 2 pm	Sunshine Coast, Maroochydore	TBA
Wednesday 29 Feb	6 - 8 pm	South Australia – Adelaide	AHPRA ( King William Street)
Thursday 1 March	3 – 5 pm	Western Australia – Perth  <b>Limited numbers</b>	AHPRA (Hay Street Subiaco)
Thursday 1 March	6 - 8 pm	Western Australia – Perth	TBA
Thursday 1 March	5 - 7 pm	Northern Territory, Darwin	AHPRA (Harry Chan Avenue)
Thursday 1 March	6 - 8pm	ACT, Canberra	AHPRA (Northbourne Avenue)

## Registration Fees

The Board needs to determine an appropriate fee structure that ensures sufficient funds are available to support the operation of the Board under the model of fee for service. The Board has set the general registration fees for 2012–2013 and is now working on the fees for other categories of registration. Once these have been communicated to Ministers they will be published on the Board's website.

## April 2012 letter to current registrants with the Chinese Medicine Registration Board of Victoria

The Board made a range of decisions about this transitioning process. In general, Chinese Medicine practitioners will transition to the type of registration that best matches their current registration. While the name of some registration categories will change, the Board has no intention of changing any Chinese medicine practitioners' scope of practice.

The Chinese Medicine Board of Australia will be writing to every registered Chinese medicine practitioner in March/April 2012, to inform them about their transition into the national scheme. The letter will give details about each practitioner's registration type from 1 July 2012 and explain what these registrants will have to do to ensure a safe transition to the national scheme. The letter will also detail the personal and professional information that will appear on the online national Register of Chinese medicine practitioners. If this information is not correct, the Board urges you to provide the correct information as soon as possible to the Chinese Medicine Registration Board of Victoria.

## General matters

Finally, the Board is planning to hold a workshop for Board members on notifications and assessing registrations in lieu of a January meeting. This will help prepare members for the work that will need to be done in the lead up to, and beyond, 1 July 2012.

The Board also wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to working with you next year for the implementation of the national Chinese Medicine practitioner registration in 2012.

Professor Charlie Xue

Chair

16 December 2011