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Briefing Note

About the NT, SA and WA Regional Psychology Board and 2017 vacancy

Summary of the purpose of the Board

The State Board deals with registration and notification matters in relation to individuals as per the Psychology Board of Australia Instrument of Delegation.

Board Composition

The Psychology Board of Australia determines the size and composition of the Regional Board. The Regional Board is comprised of 9 members as follows:

3 health practitioner and 1 community member based in WA

2 health practitioner and 1 community member based in SA

1 health practitioner and 1 community member based in NT

The Chair is a practitioner member based in WA.

There are no specific compositional requirements of the Board however, consideration is given to ensure that there is a balance of gender, expertise and qualifications, cultural diversity or regional location amongst the Board membership.

Vacancies arising in 2017

In SA, there is one community member vacancy expiring 30 June 2017.

Expectations of members – availability and commitment

Board Meetings - occur in Perth on the first Friday of every month, excluding January, from 9am – 3:00pm (WA time). Because the Chair resides in WA, the secretariat for the Board is the WA AHPRA office.

Attending meetings - There is the expectation that members attend in person where possible. However, non WA-based members do have the option to participate via video-conference from their local AHPRA office if preferable. The May and July meetings typically occur face to face in Adelaide and Darwin respectively.

Members are expected to be available for out of session work (pre approved by the Board Chair) as and when required. This may include out of session decisions, feedback on consultations, consideration of late papers, health reports etc.

Immediate Action Committee – 4 members of the Regional Board (3 HP and 1 CM) are appointed as Immediate Action Committee members by the PsyBA. Meetings are convened on an urgent as needs basis and are typically held via teleconference.

Special meetings – from time to time members may be required to attend other meetings relating to Board decisions or other business such as orientation and training sessions.

Meeting preparation – materials (agenda packs) are provided to members at least 5 days prior to the day of the meeting. The agenda packs can vary in size from 300- 800 pages. Reading time can take between 1.5 - 4 hours and must be completed in advance of a meeting.

The **estimated time involvement** of a typical board member is 8-12 hours per month (includes attendance and reading time but excludes travel).

Term of Appointment

The standard length of term is 3 years and members are eligible for reappointment for a maximum of up to 3 terms.

Remuneration

Members are entitled to receive remuneration for all board, committee or panel attendances.

Government employed members of the State Board are not eligible to receive remuneration for attendance unless exemption has been granted jointly by the Minister for Health and the Chief Executive, Department of Premier and Cabinet. Grounds for exemption include private practice rights or evidence that board attendance is conducted outside of hours in which the member receives remuneration as a government employee.

AHRPA can apply for the exemption on behalf of the member and it is recommended that this occur at the time that recommendation for appointment is made to the Minister.

Further information

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