

FOREWORD

The GP Clinical Council (GPCC) meetings are of 1 and 1.5 hours in duration and were held via Zoom on 6 July 2021, 3 August 2021, 7 September 2021, 13 October 2021, 7 December 2021, 1 February 2022, 1 March 2022, 5 April 2022, 3 May 2022 and 21 June 2022.

MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

| Name | Eligible | Attended |
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| Dr Michael Crampton (Chair) | 10 | 10 |
| Dr Linda McQueen | 10 | 9 |
| Dr Babak Adeli | 5 | 3 |
| Dr Sue Owen | 10 | 8 |
| Dr David Foley | 10 | 9 |
| Dr Hilton Brown | 10 | 10 |
| Dr Hany Gayed | 10 | 9 |
| Dr Thu Dang | 10 | 10 |
| Dr Anju Aggarwal | 10 | 10 |
| Dr Katy Gardiner | 10 | 7 |

New member Dr Babak Adeli (Lithgow) was welcomed. Approaches to GPs in the Hawkesbury are being made at present to increase representation from that LGA as Dr Crampton no longer practices in the Hawkesbury area, but continues employment as a GP Clinical Lead at Wentworth Healthcare, which includes the role as Chair of the Committee

Dr Madhu Tamilarasan still attends GPCC as a Board member which is appreciated, and Dr Harry Pope, Dr Louise McDonnell (HealthPathways), Dr Alex Williams (HealthPathways) and Jillian Harrington (Chair AHCC) also contributed to the meetings for the year.

KEY MATTERS CONSIDERED IN 2022

Items considered with advice provided in the 2022 financial year included,

- COVID-19 issues - vaccination roll out, anti-viral medication prescribing, HealthDirect, Community Management and HealthPathways
- Penrith Head to Health and Head to Health “Pop Up”
- Domestic and Family Violence –implementation
- Initial Assessment and Referral Tool
- PTS General Stream
- RACF After Hours Evaluation and Outcome
- GP Involvement in Western Sydney University
- Electronic Prescribing
- Looking at Covid Long
- Aged Care Early Intervention Funding
- Australia’s Primary Health Care 10 Year Plan 2022–2032
- Establishment of new initiative – GP Online Forum reaching out to local GPs to obtain advice about effects of programs impacting general practice, and about proposed new programs
- Committee Evaluation and Improvement Plan
- Collaborative Commissioning

CONTINUING AREAS OF FOCUS IN 2023

Steps are in train for the GPCC to contribute to the following matters in the 12-month period until 30 June2023:

- Drug and alcohol Services – GP Engagement
- Service updates and input (e.g., Palliative Care update)
- HealthPathways
- Collaborative Commissioning program
- COVID-19
- Enhancement of the GP OnLine Forum

CHAIR’S QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT

Challenges, Highlights and Outcomes

- Welcoming new members Dr Katy Gardiner (Blue Mountains) and Dr Babek Adeli (Lithgow)
- Very appreciative of all feedback and advice from all members, and guest who attended
- Very good attendance by members made easier and therefore more valuable by the use of Zoom
- Input into CHF/PHNs’ Collaborative’s Conference and Paper advancing the 10 Year PHC Reform Agenda
- All aspects of COVID remains a challenge for all those involved in General Practice
- Very Appreciative of the positive effect of the work being undertaken by Wentworth Healthcare regarding COVID advocacy and local implementation

¹ Attendance reported as member only (i.e., not as a Board member)