



ADULT MEDICINE DIVISION COUNCIL

Meeting 01-2013

COMMUNIQUE

The following Communiqué highlights the key issues discussed as part of the normal operational business during the 01-2013 AMD Council meeting, held Friday 12 April.

Report by the Divisional President

Council noted that some criticism had been directed towards Health Workforce Australia in response to the release of the Health Workforce 2025 report on Medical Specialties. Several specialty societies took exception to the agency's analysis and had submitted responses to the evidence cited in the report.

Council suggested there was a need to address the current shortfall in the College's workforce data by developing a compulsory survey to be completed all members as part of the annual subscription process. The Council confirmed it wishes to hold a workforce summit as part of its September 2013 meeting and invite representatives from both the HWA and HWNZ to participate.

Specialty Societies Information Project

The Specialty Society representatives to the Council requested that an information sharing project be initiated. Many members stated that they knew little about the other Specialty Societies affiliated with the Division.

The information project would request the Specialty Society representatives to submit information on their society's structure, policies and procedures, and its current membership base. In having this information it would enable the Specialty Societies to examine their own organisational structures and policy regimes, and would provide the College with recent and relevant workforce information.

The outcomes of this project will be provided to the June Council meeting.

Reducing Waste and Inefficiencies in the Health System

Council noted the commencement of the 'Reducing Waste and Inefficiencies in the Health System' project. This project was initiated to identify strategies to address wastage and inefficiencies within the health system. It was intended that these initiatives would be submitted to Government in the lead-up to the Federal election as proposed strategies to minimise wastage and inefficient health system practices, reduce healthcare costs and deliver better quality care.

Council confirmed its support for this initiative and has offered to assist in the development of the project.

New AMD Council members

The Council welcomed the following new members

- Prof Jenny Gunton – Specialty Society Representative (ADS)
- Dr Caroline Rhodes – Advanced Trainee Representative

Joint Adolescent Health Committee – Adult Medicine Division Representative

The Council approved the appointment of Dr Kate Steinbeck as the Adult Medicine Division Representative to the Joint Adolescent Health Committee.

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AMD President