



# ALLIED HEALTH

Aotearoa New Zealand

## PUBLIC SUMMARY OF MEMBER MEETING

Wednesday 5 April 2017

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<b>1</b>	<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>GUEST SPEAKER</b>  Joe Asghar, Physiotherapy NZ  Physiotherapy is a regulated profession and Physiotherapy New Zealand has a good working relationship with the Physiotherapy Board. There are approximately 4,800 physiotherapists in New Zealand, of which the majority (60%) work in private practice, 20% in DHBs and 20% in other areas. Physiotherapy is a female-dominated profession, with a large proportion of physiotherapists having post-graduate qualifications. There are two scopes of practice for physiotherapists, general and specialist – which was a relatively new innovation from the Physiotherapy Board allowing practitioners to work to the top end of their scope.  Physiotherapy NZ has a 75% voluntary membership of registered physiotherapists, with a Branch structure to cover geographic distribution. The 12 Specialist Interest Groups (SIGs) are drawn from the membership and cover acupuncture, cardiothoracic, DHB leaders, hand therapy, manipulative/NZMPA, men's and women's health, mental health, neurology, occupational health, older adults, paediatric and sports. Tangible activities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Having a voice and advocacy for physiotherapy in the healthcare sector.</li><li>• Partnership with Tae Ora Tinana to support cultural engagement and competency.</li><li>• Networking with colleagues via Branches and SIGs for informal peer support.</li><li>• Offering Professional Indemnity Insurance through AON Insurance.</li><li>• Assistance with employment issues, including contractual, practice or ethical issues.</li><li>• Public promotion.</li><li>• Supporting students with free membership to build a good relationship with the future workforce and build pride in the profession.</li><li>• Listing of job vacancies.</li><li>• Professional Development Learning and Event opportunities at the Branch, SIG and National Office level.</li><li>• Best Practice Guidelines, activities, tools and resources to meet minimum standards and excel beyond.</li><li>• Platforms to share stories including videoconferencing, social media, CRM, member updates.</li><li>• Research resources including EBSCO, CINHAL, MEDLINE and SPORTS DISCUS.</li><li>• Production of publications and information, including journals and magazines.</li></ul>
<b>3</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS UNDERTAKEN</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>GUEST SPEAKER</b>  Jennifer welcomed Stephen Gacsal, Dr Nigel Harris & Richard Beddie from the NZ Register of Exercise Professionals who gave a presentation on the development of a pre-screening tool for personal trainers and exercise instructors in a variety of settings. They invited feedback from AHANZ members to improve the tool, with a particular interest on incorporating mental health aspects of health and facilitating communication within a wider health team.
<b>5</b>	<b>PROGRESS REPORTS</b>

	<p>Members notes a number of updates with respect to the work of the Executive Director and Executive Committee, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Roadshow</li> <li>• Briefing to the Incoming Minister</li> <li>• Development of the Political Health Questionnaire</li> <li>• Influencing Policy and Writing Submissions Symposium</li> <li>• Development of Telehealth Guidelines for allied health</li> <li>• Primary Health Alliance</li> </ul>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>GUEST SPEAKER</b></p> <p>Jennifer welcomes Jayden MacRae from Patients First who presented hMael, a platform for unstructured communication between health professionals in a secure manner that minimises the risk of email. The principles of hMael are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Separates providers and patients with an easier directory with visual prompts</li> <li>• Allows only one-to-one communication only to reduce risks of multiple recipients</li> <li>• As a closed platform, heuristics pattern of use with be developed as an additional safety net.</li> </ul> <p>hMael is secure, mobile, transparent, a smart directory and free.</p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>STRATEGIC PLANNING</b></p> <p><b>Proposed Vision, Mission Statement, Tag Line, Strategic Goals and Activities for 2017</b></p> <p>Members noted the proposed Vision, Mission Statement, Tag Line, Strategic Goals and Activities for 2017.</p>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>GUEST SPEAKER</b></p> <p>Jennifer welcomes Roheeni Bhana of MexaHealth, a start-up company who has been working closely with the Ministry of Health and ACC to develop practice management solutions specifically for allied health. They have presented an Allied Health Patient Directory Prototype which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capabilities to book appointments online with hours, locations, availability and specialty areas listed or searching for practitioners using any of these filters</li> <li>• Practitioner details including qualifications, HPI numbers and APC details. These details could be owned and provided by the professional associations (integrating with their existing systems) or individual practitioners or by the Ministry of Health.</li> <li>• The prototype could also integrate with secure messaging systems such as hMael or HR7.</li> </ul> <p>MexaHealth would be pursuing ACC and Ministry of Health compliance.</p>
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>FUTURE MEETINGS and OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>Ring-fenced funding for professional development of some allied health professionals within their DHB MECA agreements was discussed with support from members for the PSA to canvas the issue further.</p> <p>Future meetings agreed.</p>