

PUBLIC ISSUES REPORT FOR COUNCIL JUNE 2024

ACC:

There have been no further ACC meetings held since our last meeting as the last SVCP meeting was cancelled due to the risk of Conflict of Interest whilst ACC have been in the tender process for the new Sensitive Claims contract. All Suppliers have been extremely busy re-applying for the contract and the closing date for small suppliers was May 31st. Providers also need to re-apply however their application closing date is August 2nd.

I attempted to hold one final NZAP ACC Zoom meeting on Tuesday 28th of May, however I do not think the Gaggles email worked as I received no apologies for the meeting and no one attended.

AHANZ:

NZAP has paid the AHANZ subscription. However, we currently do not have any members to replace me at these meetings. This group plays an important role in raising awareness of Allied Health Professions and NZAP has a place in this forum. The AGM was booked for May 24th however a quorum was not reached. The AGM will now be held on June 12th during the usual bi-monthly meeting. This will be the last AHANZ meeting I will attend for NZAP. I have enjoyed my time with this vibrant and active and important group that represents over 60,000 New Zealand Allied Health professionals

Manatu Hauora:

There has been no further contact from Martin Chadwick Allied Health Director in spite of our meeting at the end of December 2023. However there have been a great deal of changes at Manatu Hauora though so their attention may have been focused on what is happening internally.

Mental Health and Addictions Committee:

This committee has been in abeyance since our last meeting. There is an ongoing need for Psychotherapy representation in public and government spheres, however the enormity of the task has exhausted the members of this group. At the Conference an NZAP member who has had Media experience, mentioned the need for us to have a Media Strategy. This would be a next step once this group is re-invigorated with new members.

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