

PBARM CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2015

PROFESSIONAL BOARD MEMBERS OF PBARM 2015

Dr Sharad Hansjee	Chairperson	Therapeutic Reflexology
Ms Heidemarie Rohr	Vice-chairperson	Therapeutic Massage Therapy
Ms Maggie Roux		Therapeutic Reflexology
Ms Yagini Singh		Therapeutic Aromatherapy
Mr Warren Solomons		Therapeutic Massage Therapy
Ms Yoland Irwin		Therapeutic Aromatherapy

COUNCIL MEMBER

Dr Frans Maruma		Community Representative
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PBARM Matters

1. General Administration

- PBARM consists of the above board members with the Chairperson as Dr Hansjee and Vice Chair as Ms Rohr.
- The following meeting dates were noted for Council and PBARM meetings:

Council and Exco 2015

February 25 & 26

August 5 & 6

Professional Boards 2015

PBARM: 11 May & 2 November 2015

PBHNP: 12 May & 3 November 2015

PBCO: 13 May & 4 November 2015

PBACMU: 14 May & 5 November 2015

- Resignation of Ms Schutz, Therapeutic Aromatherapy, was noted by the PBARM and re-elections were conducted by Council with Ms Irwin being elected as the new board member for Therapeutic Aromatherapy.

EDUCATION MATTERS:

CPD Audit:

PBARM conducted the relevant audit and identified those persons who have not complied with CPD and directed the Registrar to follow the procedure in this regard as set out in the CPD Guidelines.

CEUs for second profession and what constitutes the primary profession

- PBARM indicated that the profession in which the person was first registered would be the primary profession, and if registered on the same day the matter would be approached alphabetically.
- PBARM resolved that the question of the allocation of CEUs for a 2nd or subsequent profession would be reconsidered after a random audit had been conducted.

CEUs for updating information at Council House

- PBARM resolved unanimously that once the practitioner update details form, which would be placed on the AHPCSA website in due course and allow practitioners to update the personal particulars electronically, would accrue two CEUs in any 2 year cycle (1 per annum).

CEU allocation

- PBARM resolved that level 1 A. 1.2.5.6.7 shall accrue two CEUs per CPD activity. Level 1 A .3 .4 will accrue one CEU per hour of CPD activity and level 1 A .8 will accrue double the number of CEUs in level I and that Council will be requested to reconsider the allocation of CEUs under level I.
- CEU allocation for lecturing: PBARM indicated that the same number of CEUs would be granted to both part-time and full-time lecturers in the relevant professions at institutions of higher education and training.
- Consideration should be given to the opening of a register for persons not in active practice, but that when an application is to be made for restoration to active practice that such person be required to undergo a competency assessment. Any person in such a register would not be subject to CPD requirements;

Additional CPD for First Aid higher levels (Levels 2 and 3)

PBARM resolved that levels 2 and 3 were not a requirement for the therapies and, as such, no additional CEUs should be approved for the first aid higher levels.

RPL

PBARM enquired on an update regarding the recognition of prior learning from Council and its Education Committee. The matter was further discussed and the

Registrar informed PBARM of the RPL regulations from the Education committee together with a request from providers of education to submit their institutional policies for RPL.

Criteria for qualifications:

Requirements for the 240 credit qualification in Therapeutic Massage Therapy remain unchanged and must be fulfilled according to the Act and Regulations 240 credit qualification in Therapeutic Massage Therapy

The reinstated 240 credit qualification on the NQF is now placed at NQF level VI (as opposed to Level V) and there are a few minor additional requirements, but these do not affect the core subjects for Therapeutic Massage Therapy, Therapeutic Aromatherapy or Therapeutic Reflexology.

Content Guidelines:

Updating of the current ARM professions guidelines was discussed and PBARM is to recommend further changes or additions to the content guidelines.

Marketing Plan for ARM professions to expand ARM professions visibility in schools and educational institutions

Professional associations can appoint a task team to examine this and come up with a proposed plan of action to promote the professions.

Higher and Advanced Certificates/ 240 credit Diploma: Registrar to report

Submission has been drafted for the opening of sub- registers for Therapeutic Reflexology and Therapeutic Aromatherapy and once this had been finalized such would be sent to the Minister for consideration.

REGISTRATION MATTERS

Deregistration/ Restorations and new Registrations

- PBARM noted the list of de-registrations as published
- PBARM noted the restorations and new registrations as provided

PROFESSIONAL MATTERS

- PBARM noted that the Code of Ethics, as amended, taking all comments into consideration, would be published shortly.
- Competition Commission Submission: PBARM took note of submissions made to the Competition Commission by Council and the Professional Associations
- AHPCSA Code of Ethics with Guidelines for Good Practice, and Advertising Guidelines. PBARM noted that Council had decided that an ad hoc Committee be formed; further as this was a Board matter that the committee consist of the four Professional Board Chairpersons.

**DR SHARAD HANSJEE
CHAIRPERSON: PBARM**

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