

Summary Minutes from the 271st meeting of the Medical Council 18th January 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

Professor Kieran Murphy (President)
Dr Anna Clarke (Vice-President)
Mr Jon Billings
Dr Richard Brennan
Mr Brendan Broderick
Ms Katharine Bulbulia
Mrs Anne Carrigy
Dr Regina Connolly
Ms Mary Culliton
Professor Anthony Cunningham
Dr Deirdre Madden

Professor Damien McLoughlin
Mr Frank McManus
Dr John Monaghan
Ms Margaret Murphy
Ms Marie Murray
Professor Diarmuid O'Donoghue
Dr Daniel O'Hare
Dr David O'Keeffe
Dr John O'Mullane
Professor William Powderly
Professor James Slevin

APOLOGIES

Professor Gerard Bury
Dr Pauline Kane
Professor John McAdoon

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms Caroline Spillane (CEO)
Mr Marcus Balfe (Head of Finance)
Mr William Kennedy (Head of Professional Standards & Legal Adviser)
Dr Anne Keane (Head of Education & Training)
Ms Úna O'Rourke (Head of Registration)
Mr Philip Brady (Acting Head of Registration)
Ms Lisa Molloy (Secretary to Council & Head of Corporate Services)
Mr Iain Mathews (Finance)
Dr Paul Kavanagh (Head of Professional Competence)
Mr Paul Lyons (Education and Training)
Mr John Sidebottom (Professional Standards)
Ms Finola O'Dwyer (Professional Standards)
Mr Seamus Woulfe S.C.

Item 1 - Minutes of the 270th meeting held on 9th and 10th December 2010

1.1 The minutes of the 270th meeting held on 9th and 10th December 2010 were agreed.

1.2 The summary minutes of the 270th meeting were approved for publication on the Council website.

Committees and Working Groups

Preliminary Proceedings Committee

1. Council noted that Panels of Mediators provided by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Mediators Institute of Ireland had been established to which registered medical practitioners and complainants could be referred by the Preliminary Proceedings Committee.

Professional Development Committee

1. The proposed composition of teams for forthcoming visits to Intern Training Sites was approved by Council.
2. The report of the visit to University College Cork Graduate Entry Programme and the recommendations therein were approved.
3. The report of the visit to University of Limerick Graduate Entry Programme and the recommendations therein were approved.
4. The proposed postgraduate accreditation process was approved by Council.
5. The Part 11 Rules and Standards for Professional Competence were reviewed and approved. The Council directed that they be released to the public and published on the Medical Council's website.
6. Council agreed that retired registered medical practitioners unable or unwilling to engage in a professional competence scheme would be advised to voluntarily withdraw from the Register.
7. The Terms of Reference for the newly formed Professional Competence Committee was approved.

Standards in Practice Committee

1. Council approved a number of recommendations by the Committee in relation to practitioners including:
 - (a) An appeal of an application for entry in the Specialist Division of the Register
 - (b) The refusal of an application for entry to the Specialist Division of the Register

President's Business

1. The President advised Council members of the appointment of Dr David O'Keeffe as Chair of the Professional Competence Committee.
2. The President advised that Professor Finucane's replacement to Council is Dr John McAdoo – University College Cork

CEO's Business

CEO's Report

1. Council considered the Report of the CEO which provided updates on a number of operational matters
2. Council approved the Business Plan 2011 and directed that it be forwarded to the Minister for Health and Children, the Minister for Finance and that it be published on the Council's website in accordance with Section 15(8) of the Act.
3. The update of the Business Plan 2010 was noted by Council.
4. A presentation was provided on the new extranet facility which will allow Council members to securely access and download content relating to Council meetings.

Date of next meeting

Council members were advised that the next scheduled Council meeting will take place at 12:30hrs on Wednesday 2nd March and will resume at 08:30hrs on Thursday 3rd March 2011.