**General Practice Mental Health Standards Collaboration (GPMHSC) Committee**

**Terms of Reference**

**Name**

The group’s name is the General Practice Mental Health Standards Collaboration (GPMHSC) Committee.

**Term**

The GPMHSC Committee was established by the Department of Health (DoH) and is administered by the RACGP on behalf of the DoH in an ongoing capacity (subject to DoH funding).

**Purpose**

The GPMHSC Committee is the body responsible for overseeing and providing expert advice and consultation on the development, monitoring and promotion of quality standards for general practitioner (GP) education and training in primary mental health care.

**Reporting**

The GPMSHC Committee reports to the DoH.

**Outcomes**

The GPMHSC Committee is expected to:

* review and adjudicate mental health training activities against the Mental Health Education Standards and oversee the implementation of quality improvement mechanisms
* review mental health education and training standards for GPs
* contribute to the development of policy in the general practice and mental health and environments by way of providing expert advice and consultation
* provide expert advice and consultation to the GPMHSC secretariat staff on the development of resources, guides and projects for GPs relating to primary mental health care.

**To satisfy these outcomes, the GPMHSC Committee will:**

* hold all meetings of the GPMHSC, including three face-to-face meetings and seven teleconference meetings annually as required by the DoH
* review GPMHSC meeting papers prior to meetings
* contribute to discussion in meetings with regard to adjudication of mental health training programs
* contribute to discussion in meetings with regard to strategy development/work
* provide expert advice and consultation to Secretariat staff regarding resource and policy development in a timely manner
* respond to emails between meetings in a timely manner

**GPMHSC Committee’s powers:**

The GPMHSC Committee:

* is responsible for providing expert advice to the Secretariat and the DoH regarding primary mental health care
* possesses all powers delegated to them by the RACGP on behalf of the DoH

**Membership**

The GPMHSC Committee consists of 10 members as nominated by the respective partner organisations. The current membership includes:

A/Prof Morton Rawlin (Chair) RACGP

Dr Eleanor Chew (Deputy Chair) RACGP

Dr Jim Antoniadis RACGP

Dr Louise Stone ACRRM

Dr Michael Eaton ACRRM

Dr Molly Shorthouse ACRRM

Professor Graham Meadows RANZCP

Dr Rebecca Mathews APS

Ms Heather Nowak MHA consumer representative

Ms Margaret Lewry MHA carer representative

**Member terms**

The RACGP, on behalf of the DoH, will contact member organisations every three years (subject to ongoing DoH funding) to encourage review of nominated organisational member.