

Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Consumer Consultative Committee Communiqué

The HTA Consumer Consultative Committee (CCC) met on Tuesday 21st July 2020 via teleconference. This was the 12th formal meeting of the Committee.

Attendees

Attendees included consumer representatives from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) and its sub-committees, the Prostheses List Advisory Committee (PLAC), the Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) and its subcommittees, as well as consumer representatives from the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) and its two committees, the Advisory Committee on Medicines (ACM) and the Advisory Committee on Medical Devices (ACMD).

Departmental representatives from Consumer Evidence and Engagement Unit (CEEU) and the Office of Health Technology Assessment (OHTA) Support Unit were also in attendance.

Outcomes

The Chair's report included an overview of activities including participation in several patient network meetings, briefings to departmental officers, and work with the Lead of the CEEU to progress the HTA CCC work plan (2019/2020).

Members provided feedback on the draft HTA CCC mentoring report. This report proposed a mentoring framework including suggested activities, support tools and online resources for mentors and mentees. The HTA CCC members were supportive of this report and noted that the Department would be calling for expressions of interest for a consumer committee member for the PBAC Drug Utilisation Sub-Committee. The successful applicant would be part of the mentoring pilot program.

Members received an update on the review of the MSAC technical guidelines. This process has now recommenced and the Department will be hosting a number of webinars for stakeholders including a webinar specifically aimed at providing a briefing for consumers on the key changes to the guidelines.

Members noted that the CEEU had been involved in a number of activities connected to HTA Patient and Citizen Interest Group Projects. These projects would be further discussed at the next HTA CCC meeting.

Members received an overview of the draft 2020/2021 work plan. The goals remained similar to the earlier plan but many activities had been revised due to limitations related to the COVID restrictions on travel and external activities.

Next meeting

The next HTA CCC meeting is planned to be on held in November 2020 by video conference. A meeting with other HTA consumer committee members is also planned for September 2020.

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