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CNHC - who are we?

A voluntary regulatory body set up to regulate those complementary therapies that are not seeking statutory regulation



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CNHC - background

- 2007- Federal Working Group, chaired by Professor Dame Joan Higgins - produced a report on the future of how a federal regulatory body might look
- 2007 December: 9 lay members appointed, through an application and interview process, to CNHC's Federal Regulatory Council



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CNHC - the FRB

- January - new Federal Regulatory Council met for the first time - re-named Federal Regulatory Board (FRB) - the strategic/policy making body of the FRC
- Lay members: Angela Deacon; Kay Dixon; Maggie Dunn*; Jenny Gordon; Gillie Jordan; Anne Sultoon; Dimitrios Varsamis; Maggy Wallace* with one vacancy

**CoChairs*



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Key Achievements 2008 - 1

- Agreed mission and values - *February*
- Election of 2 CoChairs - *March*
- Appointment of P/T Administrator - *April*
- Appointment of P/T CEO - *May*
- Live interim web site - *April*
- Establishment as Private Limited Company by Guarantee - *May*



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Key Achievements 2008 - 2

- Code of Conduct, Performance and Ethics - *June*
- First meeting with PSBs - *June*
- Conduct and Competence Procedures; Complaints against members - *July*
- Register commissioned - *July*
- Appointments to Functional Committees - *September*



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Key Achievements 2008 - 3

- New staff appointed - October
- Register ready for testing - November

REGISTER GOES LIVE - JANUARY 2009



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Key Challenges - still to do

- Set up Practice Advisory Panel
 - Made up of one practitioner from each practice, selected by the PSBs
 - Three observer seats on each FRB meeting
 - FRB to take account of views expressed by PAP



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‘Selling’ the concept - advantages

- A single point of contact for the public
- Support from DH
- Economies of scale, potential to keep costs down for practitioners
- Rationalisation of standards but with a range of approaches



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Advanges continued.....

- Accommodation of multi disciplinary practitioners
- More weight in negotiations with other bodies
- Kite mark to be seen as measure of competence
- Gold standard for complementary therapies
- A single source of easily accessible, quality information



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Who's 'on board' so far?

- Ready with standards
 - Massage
 - Nutritional therapy
- Ready shortly
 - Bowen technique



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Also talking to CNHC

- Alexander technique
- Aromatherapy
- Cranial therapy
- Naturopathy
- Reiki
- Reflexology
- Shiatsu
- Yoga



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The future

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