

Professional Development and Credentialing (PDAC) Report

AAQHC



PDAC is a non jurisdictional sub committee of the AAQHC Council. The PDAC Committee consists of the following members: -

Sandy Thomson (Registrar)

Vince Gaglioti (Assistant Registrar)

Jenny Rance (Council Representative)

Adrienne Copley

Sherryl Gaston

Joan Sheppard

The vision for PDAC is:

That the credential of Associate Fellow and Fellow are sought after and valued credentials within the healthcare sector.

The mission for PDAC is:

To have 40 per cent of all members credentialed and for the credential to form part of selection criteria for positions associated with quality and safety and risk management.

As a component of the PDAC's professional development brief, PDAC was charged with managing the award of the annual scholarship process to assist members to attend the annual conference. The scholarship included the full cost of the conference registration. Expression of interest exceeded previous levels and the scholarships were awarded according to key selection criteria. Victorian members were the recipients of 2 scholarships.

PDAC continues to explore improvement strategies for the credentialing program. Each improvement strategy is based on best practice and where available empirical data.

The major achievements for PDAC have been the introduction of an auditing process for Fellow's Professional Diaries, the development of Fellow and Associate Fellow specific self assessments and tick sheets, and the update and ratification of policies. Other major advances have been the articulation of an annual business plan and the development of a strategic business plan. PDAC is experiencing an increased level of interest from all levels of the health care sector.

Anecdotal and formal feedback from recent Fellows has been positive and the feedback has concurred that the process is robust and value adding for the award recipients. In 2009 PDAC welcomed 2 Fellows and 1 Associate Fellows from Victoria. Congratulations and well done to our new champions in Quality and Safety.

Vince Gaglioti - FAAQHC