

Dental Services August Update

Dear Member,

In the last two months, fantastic and committed Dental Service Workers across the state have convened to commence the important and difficult work of improving your workplace conditions. The Dental Services Industrial Advisory Committee convened on 21 July and 16 August 2022.

The purpose of this meeting was to:

- Discuss the Terms of Reference for the Committee and have it endorsed by Committee members.
- Discuss structure and logistics of the Committee – regularity of Committee meetings, mode of communication.
- Election of positions including Committee Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.
- Discuss Allied Health survey preliminary results.
- Discuss issues impacting members in NSW Health.

During the meeting, the Committee nominated the following members for positions:

- Secretary: Deanna Dunleavy
- Chairperson: Melissa Leake
- Deputy Secretary: Claire Charles
- Deputy Chairperson: Ashlee Baker

The Dental Services Committee will meet monthly to discuss key issues in the Awards covering members providing dental services as well as industrial and collective issues impacting the profession. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th September at 6pm.

A key resolution passed by the Dental Services Committee is to ensure transparency for the work that is being completed by Committee members. The identified priority areas of the Committee thus far are:

- Award reform and modernisation.
- Review of HSU Allied Health survey.
- Improvement of dental service members conditions e.g., progression, flexible working arrangements.

The HSU Committee is continuing to look for expressions of interest for members to join the Committee from the following classifications: Oral Health Therapist, Dental Officers, and Prosthesis. Please write to the below email to express interest in joining the Committee. If there is a collective issue impacting members in dental services that you'd like the Committee to explore or issues you'd like placed on the agenda for the next Committee meeting, please contact HSU Industrial Officer Anam Rafi on Anam.Rafi@hsu.asn.au.

Not a member of the HSU? Now is time to join and have your say! You can join online at www.hsu.asn.au/join or call 1300 HSU NSW and join over the phone.

A union's effectiveness and negotiation power depends on the strength and density of its membership base. Join your work colleagues today by becoming a member of the Health Services Union and help us continue to protect and improve your working life.

In unity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gerard Hayes', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD