

Minutes for AAAGP Committee Teleconference

26 August 2008 @12 midday

1. Attendance: Dimity Pond, Marie Pirotta, Jon Emery, Deb Askew, Sarah Dennis, Joachim sturmburg, Debbie Mutton, Mark Nelson.
2. Apologies: Graeme Horton, Lucio Narcarella
3. Minutes of last meeting: accepted
4. Business Arising

4.1 PHCRED Evaluation Draft Report (Mark)

Some depts have received their draft evaluation for comment.

Mark has been advised that an interim report has been done but this will not be released until OK'd by DoHA.

4.2 GP Super Clinics

Jon had the minister there last week and he also met with Megan Morris who is overseeing the GP SC program. Jon discussed the lack of funding for teaching and research funding also whether they could fit the Super Clinic Model into the CCS model using UWA as a guide. Main points of this discussion:

- the government is reluctant to contemplate any model that relies on recurrent funding for anything other than infrastructure after the initial 4 years.
- They are aware that SCs are not the answer to teaching in GP so they are reviewing this issue on a much broader scale
- Seems to be waiting for people to be inventive and come up with ideas.

Joachim: AMA warning that the contracts they have proposed are difficult -lots of reporting obligations, building can't be used for anything else, funds only available for infrastructure with no ongoing financial support.

Not much incentive to shift from private practice to govt funded facilities.

Dimity reported on 2 clinics which Ncle University has been involved with - Wyong and Cessnock. Cessnock focused on medical services delivery/multi disciplinary in a good area with good ongoing support.

Wyong – limited public transport, disadvantaged undeveloped area. Not near any so recruitment and attracting patients was difficult defeated the process. Not enough infrastructure funding to keep going until self sufficient.

Action: A3GP to write letter emphasising issue of teaching & research. Follow up with a visit soon afterwards with prominent minister.

Action: Jon to email Mark with report to form base of this letter.

4.3 Distinguished Paper Criteria (Deb A)

Speaking with Ellen recently and they will streamline all processes for paper submissions. Ask Deb for report. Completed research is high quality, submit full paper, can be published in last 12 mths.,.

Action: Deb to report back after further discussions with Ellen.

4.4 **National Primary Health Care Partnership (NPHCP)**

Done through divisions and very much an arm of government rather than speaking for the profession. Tony Hobbs is leading it and A3GP to keep a critical eye on this group. Reducing role of GP and team.

4.5 **Relationship with SAPC (Society for Academic Primary Care) (Dimity)**

There are good links on their website that our members could access.

Action: Dimity to email Debbie with email address to arrange website links.

Action: Debbie to mention website in next newsletter.

Action: Deb to work with Dimity on survey to publish article for AFP and then submit summary to SAPC.

4.6 **Review of Academic Registrar Posts (Mtg 12 August)**

Action: Debbie to email Parker for short report.

4.7 **Letter to CEOS**

Mark sent out but no response.

4.8 **Teaching Program & Budding Researchers**

Deb attended but found them disappointing. Surprised it wasn't more professional and appeared not to be based on research. Marie did one and found it worthwhile especially for beginners.

5. General Business

5.1. **Membership**

5.1.1. New members – none this period

5.1.2 Finances – Uni Tas & Notre Dame also sent invoices in July

\$25000 are needed each year to stay afloat. Subscriptions need to go up again

Action: Debbie to send an invoice to all HODs for dept contribution.

Action: Increase in subscriptions to be on agenda for AGM

5.2. **Communications to President**

5.2.1 John Flynn Placement Program Tender

Mark has sent letter to support the program.

5.3. **Newsletter**

Graeme nominated Sarah Dennis to take over the role of editor after the AGM and Sarah has accepted the nomination. Debbie will now communicate with her on the next newsletter due out in November.

5.4. **Website**

Debbie has had technical problems so not able to update at the moment.

5.5. **Working groups**

Nothing to discuss

5.7 **PHCRED continuation**

There is strong indication this will be continued however, no details have been released at this stage. Some departments have only just had their evaluation done so any report generated is still some months away.

5.8 **PBRNs**

Nothing further at this stage.

5.9 **Wonca Conference**

5.9.1 AGM

Action: Debbie to forward the “draft” agenda to members for items.

5.9.2 HOD mtg

Action: Mark to mock up an email to be sent to Chris to be used as an invitation to appropriate delegates.

6. Other Business

7. Next meeting 23 September

8. Meeting closed 1.05pm.