

Minutes of the AAAPC Committee Teleconference Held 17 August 2010

1. **Attendance:** Dimity, Sarah, Marie, Deb, Joachim, Ellen
2. **Apologies:** Jon, Faline, Kitty, Danielle, Marjan, Richard
3. **Minutes of last meeting of the AAAPC** held 20 July 2010 were approved.
4. **Business Arising:**
 - 4.1 Jon was not able to report back on his discussions with Jane about the fields of research grant applications
 - 4.2 Jon was not able to report back on the revamped AAAPC discussion forum and the debate on the developments in the PHCRED funding model. Ellen commented that PHCRED was reluctant to say anything now that they are in caretaker mode. The consensus was that the AAAPC, and the conference as a whole, played a significant role in pushing the government to make a decision about the RCBI. Ellen offered to give Vicky a call to find out what was the motivating factor in the Government committing to a decision on this issue: all components will continue until March 2012 or December 2011. Ellen will also ask Vicky for clarification of the end date for the extension. Dimity suggested that the AAAPC should request to be consulted on this point.
 - 4.3 Dimity to thank Kitty for the website forum, which is working well.
 - 4.4 There was a discussion as to whether there were too many speakers at the plenary session. This is a matter that will be reviewed prior to the next conference. Options are to have shorter presentations, or fewer presentations or a mixture of both. Judging the quality of the presenter is difficult if the judgement is just based upon an abstract. The AAAPC will have some input through the advisory group, which will shape how the plenary sessions are timetabled. The advisory group will start meeting in November 2010. The AAAPC representative could be Dimity or another member of the executive committee.
5. **The Newsletter** Sent 16th August. This was thought to be well presented.
6. **General Business**
 - 6.1 Membership**
 - 6.1.1 New members: 2 - Nancy Sturman University Queensland, Kathryn Ogden University of Tasmania. Kitty to find out if naming new members in any way breaches privacy rules.
 - 6.1.2 Finances: \$26,000 in the bank.
 - 6.2 Communications to President** None
7. **The PIP funding developments:** Dimity clarified the advice: that if supervisors have more than one student, they will get funding for one student. There is a lack of information on the following:

- how many students are in GP practices
- how many practices take more than one student
- how many other health students are in GP practices

Medicare administers the scheme but does not have the data. The universities may have some of the data: some universities send students out in pairs, for example UWA, Newcastle and JCU.

The broader issue is whether supervisors should be funded for taking more than one student. The quality of supervision is also very relevant. There was discussion about how many students a GP could reasonably supervise in one go. Questions that AAAPC might wasn't to address were: should we advocate for payment for more than one student; should we advocate for a quality process; should we look at issues around the presence of other nursing and allied health students in the practice. The current plan is to survey academics on this issue to determine the views of the stakeholders.

Eleven heads of departments are willing to come to a conference to discuss the issue of placements. It may be that heads of departments are not the most involved in the practice of student placements. Melbourne or Monash could provide a venue for such a meeting. It was felt that the input of the Deans was important. There is a great demand for student placements, is it possible that the quality of the placements is becoming less central in the thinking of universities, the priority being to find a placement? There is a subsidiary issue as to how much capacity there is to take nursing and allied health students in general practice. The absence of data on this matter was considered to be regrettable.

8. Next Meeting is set for 21st September 2010.

- 9. Other Business** Sarah raised a request from the October issue of the PHCRED intranet about key areas of work being undertaken by the AAAPC. The requested article would be about 300 words and would be an opportunity for the AAAPC to publicise its work. It was agreed that this would be beneficial.

ASSIGNED ACTIONS

Ellen is to:

- give Vicky Murphy a call to find out what was the motivating factor in the Government committing to a decision on this issue and to ask for clarification of the end date of the extension: will all components continue until March 2012 or December 2011?

Kitty is to:

- find out if naming new members in any way breaches privacy rules.