

# Minutes of the AAAPC Committee Teleconference

## Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012

1. Attendance: Dimity Pond, Kitty Novy, Marie Pirotta, Tania Winzenberg, Natasha Pavlin Richard Reed  
Jon Emery
2. Apologies: Ellen McIntyre, Danielle Mazza, Liz Halcomb
3. Minutes of the last meeting of the AAAPC held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2012
4. Business Arising
  - 4.1. Ausdoc Journal: Kitty updated the meeting and Linda Calabresi is to contact Dimity. This is in regard to all AAAPC members being provided with a free copy of the Journal. Richard noted that it was possible to read the Journal online after putting in an AHPRA number
  - 4.2. GPET Discussions: GPET has said they no longer want to pursue the issue of Integrated Teaching. HWA is taking over the running of Placements looking across the spectrum – Undergraduate through to Registrar – so the Discussion Paper is no longer funded and there is no longer any funding for a Summit. Questions on how undergraduate students work in with the rest of the system are yet to be answered. Simon Willcock (AAAPC contact) is leaving GPET

### Comments

- § Take what AAAPC has done to HWA and see if HWA will talk with AAAPC
- § Concerns that the decision has been made (between GPET & HWA)
- § Opposite has just happened in the NT – the placements have been taken away from the RTP and passed back to the University
- § Richard on another RTP Board – Richard to seek information on Regional Training Network Boards

*ACTION – Dimity to talk with someone from HWA / Natasha to pass on names to Dimity / Should there be a face to face meeting, Richard is willing to be part of the group*

*Dimity to contact HWA re attending the meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> May*

- 4.3. Report on the Working Group –addressed in 4.2
- 4.4. APHCRI Report: APHCRI promised AAAPC that they would fund 'something' in relation to Practice Based Networks. Dimity has spoken to Bob Wells and he will get a Discussion Paper out about various options. If it is not out within the week Dimity to contact him. AAAPC also has a small group meeting with him re the PHCRIS Conference
  - § At the end of 2011, Bob asked for continued discussion with AAAPC (most of the Exec agreed to part of the discussion group)
  - § Meeting to be on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Breakfast meeting – with a small number from AAAPC
  - § Mark Booth also keen to meet at lunchtime – Medicare Local
  - § Meet with Bob for a breakfast – with a small group from AAAPC
  - § HODS meeting – lunchtime - on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July
  - § AAAPC AGM on Wednesday evening 18<sup>th</sup> July (before the Dinner)

*ACTION – Kitty to contact Bob wells re a Breakfast meeting on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Mark Booth re a lunchtime meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July*

- 4.5. MJA Prize: Marie had a teleconference with Annette Katelaris and Jim Webber (new Marketing Director at the College) and they agreed that they would be happy to co-fund a Prize. They want it to be announced at this year's PHCRIS Conference with the initial prize being awarded at the 2013 PHCRIS Conference

- § The Prize will be for the best Primary care article in the MJA during the previous 12 months
- § There needs to be some thought re the eligibility criteria and the judging criteria
  - Judging – nothing decided but may be College (as they are putting money into it and promoting it) and MJA .
- § They have made an approach to a company to fund the Prize – negotiations are continuing – hoped the Prize will be a significant monetary amount
- § Annette would like to do something on last year's winner

*ACTION – Marie to follow up with Annette the idea around doing something on last year's winner and will suggest that a member of AAAPC be on the judging panel of the MJA prize.*

4.6. Career Development Fellowship: There was an email from Ellen saying there is no plan to do another round for Career Development Fellowship in Primary Health care as there is no further funding.

- § Primary Health Care researchers are disadvantaged
- § Concerns that the APHCRI scheme is insufficient replacement – too narrow
- § AAAPC should make a response
- § A Draft response to the McKeon review to be emailed to everyone once it is sorted, and in that AAAPC will argue that if innovations in primary care can save (even small amounts) it will make significant savings because the sector is so big.

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5. Newsletter

- § Kitty has been promised a few articles from James Cook University
- § Editorial on what the Organisation is doing for its members
- § McKeon Review
- § Comment / article on the Travel Grants that are available to the PHCRIS Conference - information is available on the Website
- § Some new members have sent through some articles

*ACTION – Tina – to forward something on Primary Health Care Reform Conference*

6. Membership: Some members have been renewing their membership

6.1. New Members: Chun Tam UNSW

- § Has been approached to write an article

6.2. Finances: Have been improving with the membership drive

- § \$20,975.37
- § Marie and Kitty have a meeting and will report at the next meeting
- § Request to all on the Committee to ensure that all in your Dep't know about AAAPC and its relevance and it is a good Organisation to be a member of

7. Other Business

7.1. McKeon Review

- § Small group from AAAPC working on this (Dimity, Paul Glasziou Maria Pirotta and Sarah Dennis) and each has taken one of the 4 areas and drafted up a response.
- § Marie has put all the sections together and the recommendations in summary are at the beginning
  - Research is important because it offers a high return on investment
  - Primary Care Research offers an even greater return on investment
  - Most medical research occurs in Secondary Health care and it is not the same as Primary Health care and trying to translate Secondary Health Care Research into Primary Health Care Research leads to overtreatment and an increase in costs
  - Primary Care Research is underfunded – has a low output in terms of publications
  - PHCRIS strategy has had success, but it is more policy focused than clinically focused

- International research proves that Government support of Primary Health Care research can make a significant difference
- Arguing for a mix of targeted and investigative research
- Community driven issue – to be included

*ACTION – Kitty to forward the Draft response in its current form to all – encourage anyone to plagiarise and use any / all the ideas in any additional responses and to forward any feedback / thoughts / ideas*

*- Include the Summary in the next Newsletter (have a link to the full Draft)*

*Natasha asked to 'beef up' the section on the difficulties when working with vulnerable populations and obtaining funding to establish relationships that are required before research can commence*

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#### 7.2. Abstracts (for the best paper)

- § Abstracts have been sent to all members of the Committee
- § Guidelines have been sent out
- § Ellen would like responses back by the 27<sup>th</sup>
- § If there are abstracts with the same marks, Dimity, Jon and Marie look at them and make a decision
- § Dimity, Jon and Marie have a teleconference
- § This process should be documented

*ACTION – Document this process*

#### 7.3. Lobbying for more PhD funding

- § To be kept as an Agenda item

#### 7.4. Donations

- § The RACGP is taking up a collection to fund their own GP's Charles Bridges Webb Award
- § Wanting the AAAPC to email all its members – however not all AAAPC members are GPs
- § Query – can the Award only go to a GP?

*ACTION – Marie to seek clarification on the Award– who can receive the Award / is it a general achievement or research Award*

*Kitty to email the Committee once clarification of the Award is known and a decision to be made*

#### 7.5. PHCRIS Conference

- § We have received over 260 abstracts for papers, posters, workshops, symposia and AAAPC presentation.
- § This response was better than expected given the changes in PHCRED funding.
- § Abstracts are currently being peer reviewed. Many thanks to all who offered to help.
- § Kitty is coordinating the review of the AAAPC abstracts.
- § Breakfast with Bob Wells
- § Meeting with Mark Booth
- § AGM on Wednesday at 5.15 and the Dinner at 7.30 at Chairman and Yip
  - Is the setup OK for all to see speakers – room takes 65 people
  - Check that all background music can be turned off
  - A PA system to be organised so all will be able to hear
  - Speaker – yet to be determined

*ACTION – Kitty to check with the Dinner venue that background music can be turned off*

*PA – Kitty to check with venue and if not available to let Marie know*

*Dinner speaker to be finalised – Kitty to email John re Campbell Murdoch*

7.6. Medical Observer – Dimity has a connection in Medical Observer the might be interested in an article re Primary Health Care in response to the McKeon Review  
§ Might be interested in the fact that GP research and Primary care research is underfunded

7.7. (Natasha Pavlin reported that LOWitja are running a series of Round Tables in early June in the NT (probably in Darwin) that are aimed in getting Community driven research proposals up for NHMRC applications. The three subject areas are  
§ Obesity and nutrition  
§ Tele-health  
§ Environmental health

#### Next Meeting

- Tuesday April 17 12.00pm EST