

Minutes of AAAPC Committee Teleconference  
Tuesday 20 NOVEMBER 2012

Attendance: Dimity Pond, Marie Pirotta, Liz Halcomb, Ellen McIntyre, Christina Hagger, Jon Emery, Kitty Novy, Natasha Pavlin

1. Apologies: Tina Janamian, Faline Howes, Nic Zwar, Danielle Mazza
2. Minutes of last meeting of the AAAPC held Tuesday 18 September 2012  
Minutes passed
3. Business Arising:
  - 3.1. Dimity to report back on any update on HWA
    - Some funding (HETI funding through HWA) in NSW (Newcastle Uni) for preparing students for GP placements – talking to other NSW Unis about how they prepare students for GP placements / common issues that arise - e.g. Mental Health patients, ethical compromises that GP's have to make
    - There will be a discussion paper that comes out this project
  - 3.2. Jon to report back on any updates from the AMC supervisor accreditation moves
    - David Kandiah (who is developing a new MD program at UWA) noted that the new AMC guidelines state that
      - The Medical Education Provider ensure
        - High Quality supervision
        - Adequate numbers of Clinical Supervisors
        - Effectuated orientation, training and faculty development
        - Operational and academic support
        - Feedback on performance from students and other sources
        - They work together to ensure that staff are appropriately integrated before teaching of in clinical services with peer review of teaching activities and professional development
        - There are defined responsibilities of hospital and community practices in contributing to the delivery of the program

A discussion followed that included the following points:

  - AAAPC should make clearer the expectations of the University
  - AAAPC should express concerns from a General Practice point of view – difficult for GP to prove they are achieving – could also be variable in hospitals
    - Selection processes for practices vary and not all universities can confine themselves to selecting only Accredited Practices
    - We can invite practices to PD events but they are voluntary
    - We may seek feedback from students as to their experience of the practice
  - These standards are yet to be fully endorsed, but are likely to be by the end of this year
  - Deans of Uni's have been informed, possibly Deans do not see this as an issue. Some may respond by reducing weeks of GP placement – Deans may not see the reduction in weeks of GP placements as an issue
  - Aspirational criteria, but can't make GP's do anything

ACTION Jon to draft a letter to the HOD's (with a time frame/  
HODs to bring up with Deans /  
differences between the hospital system and general practice) and  
forward to Kitty who will send to Committee members

- Letter to the AMC (Dimitry to do)
- This issue may enable a re-look at PIPs

3.3. Update on APHCRI: Dimitry and or Nic to update committee

- There is a meeting this Thursday of the Research Advisory Board (Ellen a member) and it is on the Agenda

4.4 PHC RIS Conference 2013 in Sydney. *Christina to update*

- Update on the Keynote – Martin Fortin from Canada has shown an interest – hoping to confirm soon
- Co-sponsor William Dietz – background as a Clinician and at a major policy level in management of obesity
- Sent email to members of the advisory committee re possibility of Dietz and an Australian speaker talking on the topic – Allies against Obesity – seeking feedback today
- Closing Plenary – Panel of Allies – a work in progress at the moment
- AAAPC Plenary – (2 presentations – the AAAPC paper and the nominated Keynote) – seeking input from AAAPC
  - General Discussion was held

ACTION -Christina to email Committee information on possible Keynote speakers

- Kitty to collate feedback from Committee members and inform Christina

- Session with Mark Booth – the Q and A - has been a highlight of the Conference
- Suggestion from the evaluation this year that the lunchtime session took away from networking opportunities
- Potential to move the Mark Booth session to an evening time slot or leave it as the lunchtime
  - Agreed to keep it in the lunchtime slot
  - Look at a Q and A on a different topic
- NSW Cancer keen to sponsor the Conference
- Looking at a Sponsor's symposium
- MJA Prize for Excellence in General Practice Research
  - Meet with College and Journal last week looking at the Guidelines, Inclusion Criteria and Judging
  - Prize be announcement at the AAAPC session
  - Prize to be announced by someone from MJA, College and MDA
  - College sponsored prize so needs to be won by a GP

4.5 Response to letter to H. Bagnolo, Human Capital Alliance (HCA)

- This was about a proposal from HWA of using HCA as a consultant around clinical supervision in primary care
- Letter has been sent to Committee commenting on the proposal
- No response at this stage

ACTION Letter to be resent seeking a response

#### 4. The Newsletter

- Michelle away until early December
- Next publication date – December 2012
- collected articles from MHMRC Grants
- Success rate of NHMRC – Ellen to write it up for the Newsletter
- Some people willing to write about their successes

ACTION - Ellen to forward email about the 'percentage of money' to Kitty who will forward to members

#### 5. General Business

##### 6.1 Membership

6.1.1 New members: Sophie Samuel (Southern Academic Primary Care Research Unit) Andrew Knight (Fairfield GP Unit NSW)

6.1.2 Finances: \$18,556.60

##### 6.2 Communications to President

McKeon Review ( see attached)

#### 6. Other Business

6.1. Tribute to Marjan Kljakovic - AAAPC Prize in memory of Marjan, feedback from Nic Glasgow any updates.

- To be left to the next meeting

6.2. Lobbying for more PHC funding and McKeon review – Dimity sent out a letter

- PC C is going to be a NHMRC strategic priority in the next few years (included in the letter)
- Many bodies arguing for Primary Care – Natasha suggested AAAPC to ally itself NACCHO

ACTION Invite Jane Gunn to the next meeting

- Natasha and Dimity to talk about NACCHO & AAAPC

6.3. AAAPC Membership paper – How to broaden membership and a committee working group

- Dimity has written to APNA asking for a meeting seeking collaboration
- Flyer – need a Flyer to send to Academic Nurses

ACTION - Dimity and Liz to put together a Draft Flyer for the next meeting

- Kitty to forward to Dimity and Liz the current AAAPC Flyer for membership

6.4. Academic Registrars clinical placement – crisis in people applying for academic posts. Dimity to Discuss on update with Parker and Nic's contact with Louise Stone

- 35 applications for 18 Registrar posts – Committee had great difficulty deciding
- Feedback Dimity received was that the applications varied greatly – some written by individuals, some had the support of a Department, some had support of a Supervisor – difficult to compare
- Issue of the different rates of pay of Registrars
  - Difficult to argue rates of pay if the positions are overprescribed
- Lobbying for more places
- Louise Stone is meeting with Jon Emery on this issue

ACTION - Kitty to get Jon to email Dimity

- (If Jon is not wearing at AAAPC hat), Dimity and Jon to meet with Louise Stone to discuss
  - Pay
  - Number of places there are
  - How raising interest in the absence of RDP funding

6.5. GPET - Dimity to update on her lobby success and her meeting with Trish

- Dimity meet with Trish (General Practice's Supervisors Association – not a GPET organisation) and her offside
- Dimity to attend meeting in Alice Springs
- Dimity to bring more information to the next meeting

6.6. Travelling Fellowship winner Liz Halcomb to announce as one of the 3 judges

- Parker was the unanimous winner
- Two very distinct groups – One very experienced and one very new and looking to expand their horizons
- Having some guidelines around who it was aimed at might be helpful

ACTION - Liz (to canvas the other judges) and bring some Guidelines (half a page, dot points) that might be able to be included in the information available to applicants  
– how they came to their deliberations and bring it to the next meeting

6.7. Natasha – Integrated Clinical Regional Training Networks

- Received AAAPC Membership forms from Kitty
- Need two members from AAAPC to nominate
- Forms to be sent back to Kitty and get her to find some nominators

ACTION - Kitty to find some nominators

7. Next Meeting December 18th 12.00pm