

Minutes for AAAPC Committee Teleconference Tuesday 16th April 2013

- 1 Attendance
 - Dimity Pond, Ellen McIntyre, Nic Zwar, Danielle Mazza, Meredith Temple-Smith, Natalie Appleby, Kitty Novy, Michelle Guppy
- 2 Apologies
 - Christina Hagger, Jon Emery, Marie Pirotta, Faline Howes, , Liz Halcomb
- 3 Minutes of the Last Meeting
 - Minutes of the last meeting were accepted
- 4 Business Arising
 - 4.1 Update on APHCRI project
 - Meredith Temple- Smith and Natalie Appleby
 - o There will an item in the next AAAPC Newsletter
 - o Letter to the PBRN informing them of the success of the application
 - o Need for AAAPC to have some oversight of the project – how does AAAPC see this happening?
 - Tight timeframe – 1st report due in July and the project needs to be completed by July 2014, hence Steering Committee needs to be formed quickly
 - There is a Reference Group with members from the PBRN (Jon and Marie)
 - The AAAPC Steering Group
 - Due to the timeframe, it is important that members are available for meeting
 - Consideration of makeup to include a spread of state representatives, GPs and non-GPs representatives as it is a national project
 - Member/s from the AAAPC Exec
 - A representative from APHCRI
 - Distinguishing between the Reference group and the Oversight (Steering) group and their roles will be important

ACTION

- *Meredith to write short email for Kitty to send out to members of AAAPC Exec asking for nominations for the Steering Group outlining the roles of the Reference and Steering Groups and when meeting, roles etc*
- *The closing date for nominations April 26th*
- *Dimity to make decision – AAAPC office bearers to make help if decision is difficult*

Meredith left

4.2 PHC Research Conference 2013

- Conference program is coming together now that sent out letters of offer
- Some authors have been asked to re-submit their abstracts and then they will be considered
- David Butt will be attending and will be a panellist at the closing hypothetical (around multi-morbidity)
- David Butt and Martin Fortin will be speaking at the invitation only Research Policy Conversation (held on the eve of the Conference) – invitations are yet to be sent
 - o This is a research policy conversation (informal event) that was trailed last year in Canberra and the aim is to get Senior Policy and Senior Researchers together and have an informal conversation about issues. On this occasion Mark Booth and Martin Fortin will present an issue and then as people at tables to come up with ideas / options.
 - o The Department and the Conference Convenor have developed criteria re which delegates coming to the Conference should be invited

- Engage NSW Health (as it is in NSW) to showcase what they are doing
- Announce the PBRN Award in memory of Marjan (at the Closing Ceremony) that will be awarded for the first time next year
- Lunchtime session with Mark Booth
- Working with Kitty re the Dinner
- Hoping to get Bruce Guthrie from Glasgow – considered as a guru in multi-morbidity

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- Michael Kidd – if he is able to come it would be excellent and could be used in other sessions
- If he is unable to attend, thinking of asking SAPC's Joanne Reid

ACTION

- *Kitty to send Dimity an email re inviting Michael Kidd*
- *Dimity to make inquiries re Joanne Reid*

5 The Newsletter

- Next publication date is April
- A number of items have been sent to Michelle and just waiting on editing
- Michelle's article completed and Dimity revising her article on McKeon Review

6 General Business

6.1 Membership

- Kitty to send membership renewal notices individually

6.2 Finances

- Kitty is being paid but has not been taken out of the account

7 Other Business

7.1 Tribute to Marjan Kljakovic – AAAPC Prize in memory of Marjan – Nic Zwar on the establishment of a Committee

- Suggestion that the prize would be for the best PBRN – a plaque
- A specific section for PBRN projects in the Conference (starting in 2014)
- When Abstracts were put in (for the Conference) the authors would nominate it as a project for the PBRN and the judgement for the Prize would be based on the Abstracts
- Need to speak with Marjan's family for their approval
- Nic Glasgow would be the most suitable people to approach the family

ACTION

- *Nic Zwar to contact Nic Glasgow and ask Nic Glasgow to approach Marjan's family with the idea*
- *Put something on the AAAPC Website*
- *There will need to be a definition around what a PBRN project is / the requirements – possibly use the PBRN process?*

7.2 Lobbying for more PHC funding – possibility of AAAPC Prize winner to attend SAPC to present paper

- Dimity to talk to Joanna Reid about the possibility
- Joanna is the Chair of SAPC - Dimity and Ellen going to the SAPC Conference

7.3 AAAPC Membership Flyer / The Website

- Liz sent thoughts and changes T
- Kitty and Dimity to look at the changes / images - These will then be sent to members of the Committee
- Changes to the Flyer will also be made to the Website

7.4 Constitution Update

- Need legal input and need it soon
- If the changes are to be made this year then changes need to be sent to members in June
- Marie is away at Conferences in England but hopes to contact her Legal contact whilst she is away and then she will get back to the Committee

7.5 Academic Registrars Clinical Placements

- Dimity wrote a letter to Marie (as President of AAAPC) to Chair of NSCR expressing concerns that here are no longer College guidelines saying that Academic Registrars must be supervised by an Academic GP
- The letter was attached to the email sent out by Kitty this morning
- Dimity's understanding is that the Guidelines are very Generic and they are supposed to be supplemented by some Regulations that are more specific
- AAAPC would want Academic Registrars to be supervised by an Academic GP
- The issue of on costs for Academic Registrars was raised – Dimity has had contact with Louise re this issue and is hoping to have a meeting at the PHCRIS Conference

7.6 Travelling Fellowship Guidelines

- Liz is still working on the issue – keep on the Agenda

7.7 Primary Health Care and the NHMRC

- Letter has been sent off Warwick Anderson
- Ellen met with Jane Gunn
- She noted that Warwick was aware of the PHCRIS strategy and that funding has been allocated from that strategy to NHMRC scholarships and fellowships and projects
- She suggested that this information could be obtained used in the letter (Ellen did)
- Ellen added that when she looked at the Grant Review Process, when there wasn't a Grant Review Panel looking at General Practice or Primary Health Care Panel, Primary Health Care Grant applications when all over the place and that did reduce the success rate
- A list of names with experience in ARC / NHMRC who were willing to be invited to a Grant Review Panel
- There has been no response from Warwick at this stage
- Looking at directing any Primary Health Care Grant applications to Grant Review Panels that include Health Services, Nursing, Allied Health and Aged Care Research
- Nic had received an email to be on a Panel

ACTION

- Email all the people on the list and find out how many were approached to be on a Panel

7.8 NHMRC Strategic Plan Primary / McKeon Report

- Dimity has not responded to the NHMRC Strategic Plan
- McKeon Report did not mention Primary Care much
- AAAPC to write to the MJA (editorial piece) that the NHMRC Strategic Plan Primary / McKeon Report did not mention Primary Care much
 - o Needs to happen as funding to Primary Care will be affected
 - o Universities use these reports / strategic plans to allocate funds so it vital that that the importance of Primary Care and General Practice is noted
- AAAPC needs to keep PBRN's in
- The date of the Government's response to the report is not known

ACTION

- Dimity to draft a response to the the NHMRC Strategic Plan / McKeon Report and send to members of the Committee
- Dimity to talk to the MJA editors about AAAPC submitting an article on Primary Health Care

7.9 AAAPC / GPSA workshop proposal for the GPET Conference

- Put in a combined an abstract looking at the supervision of learners at Undergraduate and Post-Graduate level
- Abstract focuses on assessment on the learners' capacity and need (new College guidelines focus on that) – it is expected that GPs will assess a Registrar's capacity and learning needs
- Common interest in establishing how much work is required in supervising learners and how the supervisors need remuneration and how we need to be funded to support them well

8 Next Meeting

- Tuesday 21st May