

MINUTES AAAPC Executive Committee meeting Dec 18 2015

Attendees: Grant Russell, Dimity Pond, Suzanne McKenzie, Jennifer Walker, Ellen McIntyre, Christina Hagger, Kirsty Douglas, Liz Halcomb, Louise Stone, Sarah Larkins, Sue Pollon, Phyllis Lau, Kitty Novy.

Apologies: Alistair Vickery, Jodie Oliver Baxter, Ngaire Kerse, Michelle Guppy, Jan Radford, Danielle Mazza, Nick Zwar.

ACTION LIST

Assigned To	Action/Decision
GR	ACTION: To send last version of the working draft document, 'Why Primary Health care Matters' to executive and then submit.
GR	ACTION: To distribute the Hansard report to executive.
SP	ACTION: SP to distribute feedback from members on, "What primary care research is"
SP	ACTION: To update executive committee on the NZ Conference and Research Meeting at next meeting
CH/EM	ACTION: To discuss AAAPC events and the PHCRIS program at the next meeting and possibly canvas EOI and see if members would be able to come to Canberra night before for AAAPC dinner and AGM
ALL	ACTION :Committee to retweet <i>In Practice</i> article on funding to members
GR/SL	ACTION: GR to invite Tania Winzenberg, Sarah Larkins to invite Lachlan MClver as organisational representatives to monthly meetings or ask them to suggest/nominate another person to join executive
GR	ACTION: GR To circulate Nick Zwar's 1 page draft re the funding crisisto the executive
GR	ACTION: To canvas members on their ideas and have a priority list on strategies and what capacity building is the most urgent. -GR to draft email to send to members.
GR	ACTION: GR to chair sub committee to prioritise the main points to once feedback in
EM	ACTION :EM to contact Dept of Health and report back to executive - re tender

Issues	Items	Action	Responsible
1. Approval of the agenda	Chair Grant Russell (GR)		
2. Past Minutes	Accepted		
3. Agenda	Agenda accepted with no added items		
4. Correspondence	None		
5. New Zealand Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SP: noted that the HRC in New Zealand are aware that we should be moving to try and support more GPs to get PhD's. New Zealand was still way behind Australia in terms of GP's and other Primary health professionals in any numbers with research degrees but currently working on that. • The date for College of GP's Conference will be held from 29th – 31st July in Hamilton NZ. The Research weekend will be held from 17-18th September in Auckland NZ. She encouraged all members to attend and a very positive way to promote cross Tasman 		

collaboration

6. For Discussion

1. GR on meeting with Frank Jones and funding crisis.

- GR noted he had a productive meeting with Frank Jones and believed he was a valuable ally for the AAAPC. There are 3 things he has committed to which is all helping in raising awareness.
 - 1) Frank Jones was to meet with Minister Susan Ley before Christmas and was going to raise the specific issue around primary care and general practice research funding.
 - 2) Felt it was important that AAAPC and members re-tweet the recent article be in the RACGP In practice newsletter on General Practice research and its funding and support.
 - 3) An article written by a representative on the Research Committee is soon to be submitted to Australian Doctor.
 - Discussion if it would be beneficial if Tania Winzenberg as the Chair of the RACGP research committee or Lachlan McIver as organisational representatives of APCRM to be ex officio member of this committee until the next AGM.
 - The motion to invite the chair of the RACGP committee and the representative of APCRM research to as ex officio members of this committee until the next AGM.where we can formalise.
 - Ellen McIntyre: Noted that the Department would be putting out a competitive tender through the Health policy and data program to support primary health care research with the aim to roll it out on the 1st July 2016 , nothing yet out in the public domain
 - GR: Spoke to the I pager drafted by Nick Zwar highlighting the funding problem – his conclusion and request is for a funding agency whose specific focus is applied health research.
 - GR:Reported back on his recent discussion on the challenges facing AAAPC in the funding environment with colleague who has been involved in Government process - his thoughts of how we can go forward:
 - 1) The need for us to work through other large organisations such as the AMA and the Pharmacy Guild.
 - 2) The importance of having someone in Canberra who knows how Canberra works because of the chaos of lobby groups trying to get their message across to Government , – Kirsty Douglas has been fulfilling that role for the AAAPC.
 - 3) The importance of having the visibility of a consumer type person who might be able to help representative the message. GR was looking for help from the executive on the content of such a message
 - 4) The importance of members writing to individual Parliament members, but not to do anything till late January.
 - The conclusion .is To get message right and clear and GR not too sure what that is and
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	<p>to coordinate a straight forward strategy to roll out by late January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SL: felt that the message should follow responses to various reviews- linking together the issue with the importance of primary care in the Australian health system in reducing hospital admissions and the role of training and appropriate primary health care workforce and the particularly the importance of the pathways primary health care research. • Need solution focus with clear ideas around money and funding • LH: The multi disciplinary focus is important • PL: Strssed the need to build on our International reputation as at the moment only marginal spport from Government • DP: Felt it was important to canvas members for their ideas on strategies and what capacity building is the most urgent. It is alarming that there is so few PhDs here and in New Zealand • GR. Discussed the idea of potentially having a launch • EM Noted she would contact Department of Health and report back • LH: Noted PHC nurses are being funded but funding not coming through research projects. 	
1) Reports for noting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None to note 	
2) Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletter: The December issue circulated to members – JW thanked all who contributed • Social Media Update: members continuing to tweet, Jodie not able to attend but members continuing to tweet and very pleased with the traffic 	JW/KN
3) PHC Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Conference confirmed date JUNE 7-8th Canberra more details at next meeting 	CH/EM
4) Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$6,413.45 	SM/KN
5) New members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	KN
6) Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be no January Meeting 	KN
7) Next meeting	<p>February 18th 2016 - 12.30-1.30pm EST</p>	