

Minutes for the Executive Committee of the AAAPC

To be Held by Teleconference on:

21 MAY 2015 @ 1.30-2.30pm

1. **Attending.** Nick Zwar, Christina Hagger, Kirsty Douglas, Ngaire Kerse, Danielle Mazza, Sarah Larkins, Dimity Pond, Lyndsey Brown Kitty Novy,
2. Apologies: Louise Stone, Suzanne McKenzie, Grant Russell, Liz Halcomb, Phyllis Lau, Michelle Guppy, Alistair Vickery, Emma Warnecke Jodie Oliver Baxter, Sue Pollon
3. **Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting April 16th
4. **Correspondence to the AAAPC –**
 - Letter to Minister Ley. Nick discussed the letter that was sent to Minister Ley . Nick noted that Frank Jones also wrote to minister expressing the Colleges support for the academic program and the registrars research development officer position
5. **Business Arising:**
 - i. *APCReN - Centre of Research Excellence – Updates and feedback from steering group meeting.*
 - .Nick reported on the meeting that Terry Finlay had with the secretary of the Health Department. There was no definite outcome although Terry felt that they had a much better understanding of PBRN's than they used to and finally the PBRN concept had some traction although funding still a major problem
 - Terry suggested that a round table be held involving Mark Booth, AAAPC, The Colleges, and someone in the Department from Primary Health Network section and for them to talk about the future of PBRN's. See if they can come up with an approach- might not led to anything but the conversation would be kept alive. Terry was going to suggest this to Mark Booth in the next few days and get back to Nick
 - There is no money available from APHCRI so need to keep things in a state that they can become reactivated if monies were made available
 - There was further discussion at last meeting that APCReN could offer a service for a fee.
 - Dimity's awaiting outcome of her grant application and this has some APCReN money in it Kim Bennell has been successful in hers and Nick has been asked to join the advisory committee where there might be an opportunity for the for more work
 - ii. *Lobbying Update – GP academic registrar positions and support-*
 - After discussion with Louise Stone Nick reported that the Minister has committed to the academic program running till 2016 and they are in the process of getting EOI for GP registrar's to do academic posts in 2016 .
 - They have 20 EOI to date which indicates there is a good level of interest, despite the uncertainty
 - The registrar workshop is going ahead.
 - The Minister has agreed to the funding for the education research grants which GPET had previously offered are going ahead in 2016
 - The RRADO position is also being discussed but no decision has been made as yet. – more hopeful than last time we discussed at executive meeting
 - The indigenous academic registrar position going well and there is an academic registrar on the college

research committee- Andrew Davey

- Nick noted that Louise was expecting up to 30 people attending the academic registrars to the conference.
- Nick noted that the support for the Academic and where it sits is still unclear although Louise Stone is appointed till the end of 2015

iii. New Zealand Matters

- Ngaire noted that the Registrar training program is increasing in size and will be maintaining the higher numbers. This is creating pressure in capacity between the Colleges and the medical schools. Have over 200 GP registrars, and there was talk of going up to 300. Australia has 1587 places, and 1748 shortlists
- Journal still in a quandary, have a guest editor but long term planning still up in the air
- A short discussion on medical school graduate placements. Ngaire noted that for the first time this year the Hospital internal house surgeon jobs have been filled with New Zealand graduates. In the past they have always gone to Australia.
- Nick noted that when you talk to medical students they are conscious of how competitive it will be to get onto training programs, the urgency to distinguish yourself from your compatriots so you will be noticed

iv. Social Media Strategy for the AAAPC

- Lynsey reported for Jodie They are continuing to focus on Twitter and getting a steady increase and a mix of followers. If anyone has suggestions please forward and we will distribute. We are starting to get mentioned and tagging in their posts – starting to have an impact

6. The Newsletter: A short discussion on the main article for July- August edition. Nick enquired if Ngaire could write something on the LILACS. Study as she would be presenting in a plenary. She has agreed to do this. Christina would be happy to put together a piece on the conference round up

7. PHC Research Conference:

- Christina Hagger announced speakers for the conference plenary will have Michael Kidd, David Lyle and Anne Kelso as the incoming CEO of the NHMRC. She will be involved in the final plenary of the day which will include Q and A. Christina noted it has been designed as a conversational plenary, all delegates on registration will put in one research interest. The organisers are still working out a strategy on how to get people to think roughly around those research interests drawing like minded people together and ensuring the conference is as interactive as possible.
- Danielle was wondering if the AAAPC could put to Anne Kelso questions on primary care research, NHMRC funding and panels. Nick felt that it would be quite good to send out our data and send her a question on notice- Christina thought this would be good. The plenary speakers will all be invited to a teleconference in advance and this would possibly be a good opportunity to alert her to AAAPC issues.
- The Higher degree workshop is going ahead and Nick has agreed to attend the lunchtime meeting on HDR/ECR networking which is being organised by Jodie and Lynsey to talk briefly about AAAPC
- **Committee members availability to continue on committee 2015-2016 :**

- Nick asked all current committee members to email Kitty if they intend to stay on. A number of committee members are happy to continue, Ellen McIntyre, Jodie Oliver Baxter, Danielle Mazza, Suzanne McKenzie, Sarah Larkins, Christina Hagger, Kirsty Douglas, Liz Halcomb, Alistair Vickery, Ngaire Kerse and Sue Pollen. Emma Warnecke from Tasmania unable to continue due to commitments but will try and find another. Nick announced he would be away a lot next year on sabbatical but Grant Russell has agreed to take over. Dimity Pond would have to go off as past president but might be happy to take on the secretariat role
- **HODs agenda items.** Nick asked for agenda items and Kitty to email all HODs for items.
- Danielle suggested that we have an item on the RTP bids and the University involvement and talk about strategy. Also would be good to talk about the change in the PHN's and commissioning and corporatisation, implication on placement and GP liaison on academic general practice
- Dimity suggested it would be great if we could have some discussion about whether universities are responsible for practices meeting the changing requirements of PIP payment for taking students on placement.
- 2015 PHC RED strategy
- Vocational Training
- To discuss recent events at MJA
- **AGM agenda items:** Nick asked for a draft agenda to be sent out to the committee and to email Kitty if there are any other items to add

8. Other Business

i. Collaboration with NAPCRG AAAPC Prize:

- Nick was very pleased with the response as 12 abstracts submitted and thanked the judges who had committed their time to assess. There had been some confusion re the AAAPC judging criteria needing to be consistent with the NAPCRG criteria. As the eligibility criteria for judging was not clarified before we sent out for to the members it was important to do this as soon as possible.
- There was a discussion on what was to be included as criteria needed to be consistent with NAPCRG. Nick noted our judges had to be aware that it could not be published at all and you were only allowed to do an oral presentation on completed research. They decided that they would remove the score for this criteria: *Evidence of multidisciplinary collaboration training opportunity or training opportunity or success relative to opportunity/funding*, as it was too difficult to judge fairly

ii. Should AAAPC be writing to the AMA about the recent events at MJA:

- Nick did not feel that we should go any further. There is a Friends of the MJA interest group that is vocal and encouraged people to look at it

iii. NHMRC panels:

- Nick discussed the stats that Ellen had sent to the committee before the meeting. He felt that we might be misled by the figures as the definition of primary health care research was very broad and thought that it might be worth discussing with Ellen ways of extracting the data so it gave a more accurate picture

- Nick spoke to Jon Emery and he pointed out that the naming of the panels not out in the public domain so we cannot do too much yet. There is no NHMRC panels this year with Primary Care in the title so the grants will be distributed more widely ,some might end up in the clinical trial panels some indigenous ones will go to the Aboriginal Torres Strait Health panel and there is a bit of cross over with primary care but not General Practice Danielle said she was invited to be on panel but Nick not aware of anyone else Danielle suggested that a question that we could send to Anne Kelso is, How do they determine who they invite onto the panels ?

iv. GP vocational training: To defer detailed discussion to the next meeting due to lack of time

- Kirsty noted that the Commonwealth is now trying to put in lots of guidance in the tender documents around what expected collaborations would be with many contractual obligations.
- If we have an opinion about whether it should be standard that there are linkages between RTPs and Universities now is the time to broach it and a month's time would be too late.
- Does the AAAPC want to feed back to the Commonwealth if we feel strongly about any tender requirements
- Danielle thought it might be too late to object as her understanding was it was already drafted and was just about to come out.
- She believed that University collaborations would be looked upon favourably and felt that nothing has been shared between the proposed models of interaction.and believed sharing what practical or governance models we knew of would be good.
- Nick felt that this might be something that the HODs could discuss before via a teleconference They could discuss models and guidelines and what worked what didn't. Kitty to liaise with Nick some times and sent up teleconference in the second week in June

v. General Practice Research Doctorates 2010-14- No further discussion will do that at the HODS

9. Finance \$19,898.90

10. New Members: Lauralie Richard (UoM) Tania Fishman University Auckland, Maria Stubbe ,University of Otago, Rebecca Reynolds UNSW .

ACTION

1. Nick to talk to Ellen re ways of extracting the data out of the NHMRC
2. Nick, Ellen and Christina to discuss a list of questions to Anne Kelso
3. Send out email to HODs re agenda items and send out material for meeting
4. Nick to confirm agenda for AGM and Kitty to send out
5. HODs teleconference Kitty to liaise with Nick times and send out invitation

Next Meeting 18th June 2015 11.30 am

EST: VIC, QLD, NSW, TAS-11.30am--New Zealand: 1.30pm----WA: 9.30am--SA :11.00am