

MINUTES AAAPC Executive Committee meeting November 19 2015

Attendees: Grant Russell, Dimity Pond, Nick Zwar, Jan Radford, Danielle Mazza, Suzanne McKenzie, Jennifer Walker, Ellen McIntyre, Christina Hagger, Kirsty Douglas, Kitty Novy

Apologies: Alistair Vickery, Jodie Oliver Baxter, Phyllis Lau, Ngaire Kerse, Liz Halcomb, Louise Stone, Sarah Larkins, Michelle Guppy

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ACTION LIST

Assigned To	Action/Decision	When	
GR/NZ/CH/DP/DM	Sub group formed to draft a briefing document on 'Why Primary Health care Matters' - to be used to lobby – Grant to coordinate and to use dementia as a topic to highlight problem	GR or KN to co-ordinate	
GR	Dinner/meeting Frank Jones 1/12/15 - gauge his support		
ALL?	Need to identify key person on the Research Committee assigned to the research portfolio to help lobby		
DM	Contact Norman Swan - on the AAAPC concerns on the problem directing money into the support for Primary Care Research and implementation research		
ALL	Need to identify key person on the Research Committee – portfolio on research to help lobby		
ALL?	To contact Tania Winzenburg to gauge college support		
ALL?	Contact Michael Kidd - NHMRC insider/president WONCA		
ALL?	Contact individuals in Organisation – like AMA /CAN/RACGP to help lobby		
SP/KN	Send email and circulating to all AAAPC members for comment. 'What is primary care research' and how to search for it		
KN/JW	Newsletter to finalise December		
EM	To inform SP/NK once June dates for the PHCRIS conference has been confirmed		
GR	To discuss at next APCReN steering committee about possibility of providing a service for PBRNs and charge for a response	DEC	
Issues	Items	Action	Responsible
1. Approval of the agenda	Chair Grant Russell (GR) Nick Zwar (NZ)		
2. Past Minutes	Accepted		
3. Agenda	Agenda accepted with no added items		

4. Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter sent APCReN Steering committee from AAAPC president to inform of sleeper mode Letter sent to AAAPC members from AAAPC president to inform of sleeper mode 	
5. New Zealand Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SP: Noted that she visited the CEO of our HRC recently to discuss their investment/support for primary care research and to strengthen links NZ HRC - NHMRC. A helpful discussion, but questions as to ‘what is primary care research?’ SP: A similar problem to the Australian discussion of the crisis in funding for primary care research – hard to immediately articulate in one easy to recognize sound byte In order to get some we need some easy to follow definitions of “primary care research”, and some appropriate search terms for them to use to supply this data. 	<p>SP to send material to KN and onto members</p> <p>KN</p>
6. For Discussion	<p>1. Primary Care Research Strategy crisis – AAAPC Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GR: Due to growing concern in funding a decision made at last meeting to get RACGP and other bodies to be involved in Wrote to members asking for suggestions and solutions to funding crisis – good response SP: Parallels in New Zealand so important discussion for them GR: Spoke to RACGP -Frank Jones - took to council to discuss and agenda item on the RACGP Research Committee to progress further Was underwhelmed with research Committee discussion - outcome was that they would write letter to the Council president – need to forge a relationship as they are one of our allies NZ: Noted need to identify and engage key person dealing with the research portfolio on the Research Committee EM: Noted that PHCRIS are concerned but due to their own ongoing funding issues are unable to be involved. They have had their funds extended for next 6 months and will then be involved in a tender process. Conference confirmed June 2016 NZ: Suggested we engage with AMA they seem to have an ear into policy circles JR: Engage with Tania Winzenberg as Chair of the College who is approachable and informed and knows the College back to front. AAAPC needs to be specific about what we want, what is needed, and what we want supported regarding funding needs GR: Reported he has had individual conversations with 3 members of the Primary Care Advisory group and there seems to be a plan emerging. The issue around policy orientated research support has been articulated within the committee, not sure when a decision will be made NZ: Michel Kidd president of WONCA and NHMRC council – a possible contact person to help DM: Summary document needs to be drafted to summarise the issues and 	<p>GR to co-ordinate sub committee</p>

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- uncertainties facing us to be used to lobby all the key Organisations/individuals/International luminaries. Need to ask for a resolution
 - GR: It would be ideal to get an Organisation to assist with the marketing – to discuss further
 - NZ: Need to find the best way to mobilise other Organisations including individuals in AMA

2. Undue bias going away from Primary and secondary care towards basic science Strategy

- DP: Noted dementia is now the second leading cause of death in Australia, the Australian Government is offering a new Boosting Dementia Research Initiative of \$200million dollars over 5 years. There is \$35million for Dementia Collaborative Research Centres and a Partnership Centre, and these do a limited amount of primary care/health service research amongst other things.
 - New NHMRC Australian Dementia guidelines, funded by the Partnership Centre are expected to be released in December. They make just over 100 recommendations, and over 70 of these have so little evidence that they are at the level of practice points. This indicates how much work has still to be done about management of dementia by clinicians
 - \$50 million is going to an NHMRC National Institute for Dementia Research of this the funding is going towards Joint Neurodegenerative disease research. Topics below
 - Topic 1 - Genetic, epigenetic and environmental risk and protective factors for neurodegenerative diseases*
 - Topic 2 - Longitudinal cohort approaches in neurodegenerative diseases*
 - Topic 3 - Advanced experimental models of neurodegenerative diseases*
 - NDIDR Announced 76 Fellowships – only 25 of relevance to primary care including residential aged care
 - NNIDR there are 6 team based grants. Approx. \$6million in funding each: one on imaging, one on molecular origins, one on genetics, one on vascular mechanisms, one called maintain your brain on prevention which doesn't have a GP on the team and the 6th that does have some potential primary care involvement only secured 3 million - looking at improving health outcomes for people with dementia and their carers
 - DM: Decided to use this example to support our concerns in the one pager
 - NZ: felt that there was a need for the public to be made aware that NHMRC funding seems to be going more down the road of cure and not community based research and primary care. We are not communicating this issue to the public successfully – how do we do this
 - KD: Norman Swan could be the person to talk to about getting this out and use dementia as an example
 - DP: Croakey article on BEACH data “Can Medicare sustain the health of our ageing
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> population?" http://croakey.org/can-medicare-sustain-the-health-of-our-ageing-population/ 	
1) Reports for noting	APCReN	.
2) Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter: The December- in progress to be published early Dec Social Media Update: members continuing to tweet 	JW/KN
3) PHC Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Conference confirmed date not finalised but will be held in JUNE 	CH
4) Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$5,964.07 	SM/KN
5) New members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof Danforn Lim (UTS), Prof Michael Moore (ANU), Dr Ben Darlow (Otago) 	KN
6) Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travelling Fellowship – Winner for 2016 is Jennifer Walker – has been informed and accepted KD: Spoke on document regarding academic posts and education research grants in GP sent by Louise Stone. An overview, 32 applications with 25 academic post funded. Indigenous Academic post not funded as there were no applications. Holding Academic registrar workshop in orientation week next week in Sydney. Brief comment about Education Research grants announced recently – this year they were only open to RTOs, in the past they have been open to anybody involved in education research relevant to GP registrar training. They were informed in EOI that it was not a requirement to panel with Universities – a further restriction to GP education training funding. The research grants this year around quality driven in the past much more open. 	EM
7) Next meeting	December 17th 2015 - 12.30-1.30pm EST	