

MINUTES AAAPC Executive Committee meeting Thursday 18th February 2016

Attendees: Grant Russell, Dimity Pond, Ellen McIntyre, Christina Hagger, Phyllis Lau, Danielle Mazza, Nick Zwar, Michelle Guppy, Kitty Novy.

Apologies: Alistair Vickery, Jodie Oliver Baxter, Ngaire Kerse, Sue Pollon, Jan Radford, Liz Halcomb, Louise Stone, Sarah Larkin, Suzanne McKenzie, Jennifer Walker, Alistair Vickery

ACTION LIST

Assigned To	Action/Decision from meeting
GR	ACTION: KN to circulate the revised AAAPC submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Chronic Disease Management to Christina/Phyllis/Dimity for their input and for it to be returned to GR no later than 28th Feb for Grant to submit.
CH	ACTION: GR to follow-up on the email of 6th Feb from Frank Jones to see if we have closure on academic registrar posts and to follow-up on ACRRM
CH	ACTION: PHCRIS Conference - CH to call GR directly re the AAAPC events.
CH/LB	ACTION: CH and LB to draft a message to members re the AAAPC annual dinner scheduled for the Tuesday night - cc KN and GR for input, and to be emailed via Grant on behalf of the executive – possibility of sending out a survey to gauge opinion and numbers asap.
KN	ACTION: KN Forward email NickZwar email from Mark Priddle National Manager, Commercial Development Primary Health Care Institute and respond to his proposal
ALL	ACTION: Committee to give thought to NHMRC Structural Review - ideas on how to influence. To email KN ideas to collate and send to Grant asap
GR/NZ/KD	ACTION: To modify any existing relevant documents and to work on submitting something in 2 -3 weeks Grant/Nick/Kirsty as subgroup to refine the message.
KN	ACTION: KN to get a volunteer to write main article

Issues	Items	Action	Responsible
1. Approval of the agenda	Chair Grant Russell (GR)		
2. Past Minutes	Accepted		
3. Agenda	Agenda accepted with Phyllis Lau's additional item to discuss		
4. Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Registrar posts email from Frank Jones re the Academic Registrar posts- Grant Russell(GR) updated the group on the discussion he has had with the RACGP re administration of the Academic Registrar posts, to pass to the Colleges. • He noted he would GR to follow-up on ACRRM - Nick Zwar (NZ) suggested she contact Lucie Walters President of ACRRM (lucie.walters@flinders.edu.au). NZ felt that this was 		

a very positive move

5. New Zealand Matters

- Ngaire Kerse (NK) reported that there was continuing increased pressure on undergraduate medical student primary care placements with roll out of DHB PGY1 and 2 GP placements.

6. For Discussion

- (GR) updated the committee on action items from previous meeting and the responses he distributed. He noted the draft responses to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Chronic Disease Management. HANSARD documentation with the Colleges and AAAPC evidence the – the input from Phyllis Lau (PL) and Christina Hagger (CH) was excellent.
 - **GR discussed the issues around our support for Primary care research.**
 - (GR) noted that the request to the 2 Colleges to have a nominated member on our executive has been taken to further consultation, but general feeling seemed positive.
 - (PL) talked about discussions at a recent DGP University of Melbourne meeting regarding the NHMRC grant program and the expert advisory group, and her concern that a real primary care person should be represented on the advisory group. Who on the expert advisory group would be sympathetic to primary care? There is Melanie Wakefield who is more public health and cancer, Noel Hayman who is more Indigenous health, and Phillip Clarke who is not primary care but is about health services research. The suggestion was made that AAAPC could consider and nominate a person for the advisory group and then write to the NHMRC with the proposal. It was also suggested that we lobby some support from Phillip Clarke. (NZ) agreed that anything we can do as an Organisation to increase the understanding of Primary Care Research is a good thing but not sure who would be the right person.
 - Danielle Mazza (DM) asked the question - What is it that we would like the NHMRC to do? If we are going to lobby, what are our concrete proposals that we think will achieve the outcomes that we want. What is the outcome we want?. Is it panel representation, more primary care grant success, better representation on grant review panels or a distinct General Practice and Primary Care panel?. (PL) felt that all of the above would be good- we need proper representation
 - (EM) noted that Anne Kelso announced a review of the NHMRC structural process so there would be opportunities during the review for comments. PL said it is the structural review advisory group she is referring to above.
 - (GR) felt the 3 issues to be addressed from the discussion would be as follows: (1) representation on the program review panel (2) influencing the panel around the perspectives, challenges and opportunities in primary care research (3) having influence on the output of increased research support. GR felt that (1) would be very difficult,
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though educating the panel could easily be done through the lobbying. (2) He was also unsure if this panel would be responsible for the success rates. The AAAPC does have some highly relevant existing documents that can be modified and sent out.

- (GR) addressed the ongoing anxieties re the collapse of funding, insecurity around PHCRIS and other changes – what are the steps and the content of our demands and what do we want? GR noted that The Colleges’ assessment was good and would be something that is advantageous to us, especially our General practice members He noted the collected feedback from the members, and Nick Zwar led the discussions on possible solutions – he felt that the range of things should include support for the organisations facilitating Primary care research including PHCRIS. Need to have people support in order to sustain the workforce and need a funding stream for primary care research apart from the NHMRC. The possibility of a new research funder that focuses on applied research could be the way forward - We could argue for financial support from the medical research fund. Ellen McIntyre (EM) believed that the support could come from the future funds but it might be priority driven more than investigative driven – what should be the research agenda in primary health care that could help us advocate this. Still waiting on what Federal government funding
- GR/NZ/KD to continue to develop a one pager *On Lessons learned*.
- **Mark Piddle, National Manger Commercial Development Primary Health Care Institute.** He had contacted the AAAPC to talk about what his organisation could offer us. GR not sure if this is a person we need to liase with Nick to follow-up with Joel Rhee and discuss with GR to see if it is appropriate to talk to him.

7. Reports for noting

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- Updates on the responses of future of ACCReN - standing item – nothing to report
- RACGP Federal pre-budget submission
- House of rep - HANSARD –GR sent to the committee for their attention

8. Communication

- **Newsletter:** requests for the March-April newsletter gone out .The main article could be on funding, KN to email committee for volunteers to write.
- **Social Media Update:** members continuing to tweet.

JW/KN

9. PHC Conference

- (CH) updated executive on Conference schedule to be run over 2 day.
- Call for abstracts and reviewers gone out. Registrations now open.
- Program developing -Refining speakers for the Plenary Sessions – working on getting the Departmental message of where they would like see reform and innovation going.
- Still looking at the short list for the AAAPC slot which should be clearer by next week – to contact Grant and discuss.
- Discussion on AAAPC events that need to be organised.

CH/EM

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- AGM to be an early morning event either on 8th or 9th.
 - AAAPC dinner on the Tuesday night before the Conference.
 - CH/LB to draft a message/survey liaise with KN & GR and then send to the members re the decision to have AAAPC dinner on the Tuesday night to gauge support so we have an idea on numbers

10. Finance

- \$7,324.00

SM/KN

11. New members

- Bianca Brijnath - Monash

KN

12. Other Business

- Discussion on the future of hosting the HODS meeting at the conference. GR to canvas the executive and gauge thoughts if it was still appropriate to support this meeting in light of the changing nature of the of the AAAPC.

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13. Next meeting

March 18th 2016, 1.30-2.30pm EST
