

AAAPC Executive Meeting November 27th, 2017

Attending Kirsty Douglas, Dimity Pond, Lynsey Brown, Elizabeth Sturgiss, Nick Zwar, Jan Radford, Bianca Brijnath, Oliver Frank, Liz Halcomb, Katharine Wallis, Louise Stone, Kitty Novy

Apologies Alistair Vickery, Lucie Walters, Grant Russell, Sarah Larkins, Michelle Guppy, Tim Stokes, Lauralie Richard, Danielle Mazza, Lauren Ball, Eileen McKinlay, Lena von Schuckman, Lucie Walters, Richard Reed, Phyllis Lau

Action items arising from the November meeting

- Kirsty and Dimity to secure date to talk to Colleges in 2018 and to include Tania Winzenberg
- Kirsty to draft ideas from discussion on RACGP budget bid and distribute and for further discussion with HODS
- Kirsty and Lynsey to draft email to send to members specifically early career asking if they want to be on any of the strategic subgroups
- Kirsty to ring Liz Halcomb to discuss broader primary care research response
- KD to liaise with IT re the MedConnect to improve connection problems

Confirmation of Agenda: Confirmed: Kirsty Douglas noted additional items of the conference developments and Bastian Seidel(RACGP) invitation to discuss budget bid

1. Correspondence: None

Actions arising from the October meeting

- a. Kirsty and Dimity yet to secure date to meet with Colleges and have asked Tania Winzenberg as the chair of the RACGP Expert Advisory Committee to also be present
- b. Draft terms of reference with updated groups circulated and any further input to be emailed by COB today
- c. NHMRC panel discussion: A discussion on whether AAAPC should make a response: Kirsty noted that she attended one of the information and advisory meetings that NHMRC held around Australia regarding their proposed new peer review process. She thought that there will probably be significant changes to how track record is assessed The processes that they outlined will make it more viable for those with a less traditional track record.to complete. Their overall view is to reduce the number of applications, so people are spending less time writing applications that have no possibility of being funded. They are considering the possibility of an EOI process for some of the types of grants, but this has not yet been decided.
A discussion on whether an EOI process would be advantageous and if so we should we consider putting in a submission. Nick Zwar felt it would be advantageous to put in a submission but realised that there is work involved and unless we could pull together previous submissions.it might not be

possible Kirsty however felt they were wanting feedback from specific questions

2. New Zealand Matters

- a. No updates to report this meeting

3. Primary Care research funding in Australia

- a. Kirsty reported on RACGP budget bid Bastian Seidel distributed the near final version of the RACGP's 2018 budget bid. They have 3 major foci, one of which is improving and supporting general practice research. They have put in a bid for a considerable amount of money to support general practice and practice-based networks
 - Funding general practice led research has been proposed and Kirsty's sense is that we should be broadly supportive of this but to remind RACGP that not all high-quality research about general practice is done by GP's but by broader primary health teams
 - Kirsty noted that in the proposal there is funding to go to individual practice base research networks and a proposal to seek funding of a network of networks -does not name APCReN but is certainly that sort of coordinating National role
 - Kirsty asked for items that she and Dimity could raise at the meeting that is still to be arranged. Dimity felt that it was important to build on the existing networks rather than starting from scratch. It was suggested that Kirsty update RACGP on APCReN role
 - Louise Stone was curious to know whether the College would be interested in GP's researching GP's. In terms of this current document it might be some money to ensure that there are adequate GP representatives on the big data initiatives looking at understanding primary care
 - Dimity felt we should advise them on the interpretation of data collected in the practices, the research foundation and the spread of grants available lack of funding available for early career researchers
 - Nick Zwar thought that there might be other organisations that would be willing to partner with the College to increase funds. Oliver Franks noted that this already being done
 - Kirsty to summarise points and send out to executive and her notes will be the basis for a conversation with HODS group. Any other perspectives from broader primary care executive welcome

4. For discussion

- a. RACGP Request - Academic Posts and Education Research Grants opportunity
 - Kirsty noted that Monash in combination with the University of Sydney were successful. The first education day has been completed She also noted that the College will update departments on the education program.
- b. NAPCRG Conference: A discussion on it's success and Kirsty noted there was continued enthusiasm to continue the AAAPC collaboration prizes. The selection process working very well
- c. Crowd Sourcing: Oliver Franks talked about email he sent to the members about crowdsourcing investigators for proposed trial of point of care testing of

white blood cell count and differential in general practice. The idea of distributing it to as many people as possible Will report back to group if something useful comes out of it

- d. Strategic subgroups: KD reported that although we had initially wanted to open out to non-executive members in subgroups the feedback is that they are already big enough. It was felt that if a group feels that they need resources they can directly approach individuals. Lynsey also felt that in some cases there is an opportunity to include students and early career members who might have more time and capacity to do some of the tasks It was though we might write an email to the broader groups specifically targeting these groups

5. Standing Items

- a. PHC Research Conference: Lynsey Brown reported that the Save the date announcement had gone out and the Conference will be held from 1-3rd August in Melbourne at Pullman on the Park
- b. Communication
 - The Newsletter: Coming along and room for more articles
 - Social Media Strategy: Lynsey noted that all going well and to keep sending in information
- c. APCReN- updates: AAAPC still currently paying for hosting of the APCReN website.
- d. Financial report: \$7,189.99. There is still wages and other outstanding accounts. The membership group will be considering making it easier for people to renew and the possibility of linking with the PHCRIS research group
- e. New Membership: None

Next Meeting Wednesday 31st January 12.30pm