



Minutes of the PHAA QLD Branch Meeting



Held in the Prof John McCaffrey Room at Cancer Council Queensland
553 Gregory Terrace, Fortitude Valley
Monday 20 February 2012

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Apologies</u>
Sara Gollschewski	Rhianna Murray
Dr Peter Anderson	Jillian Scholes
Danette Langbecker	Carmen Blatchly
Dr Kerrianne Watt	Gaery Barberry
Paul Gardiner	
Tania Patrao	
Shannon Dias	
Letitia Del Fabbro	
Dr Kerri-Anne Watt (teleconference)	
Prof Richard Franklin (teleconference)	
Robyn Mobbs	
Maxine Whittaker	
Xing Yan	

*Welcome

Meeting commenced at 5:00pm

*2012 Strategic Plan Update from sub-committees

Professional Development Update (Shannon, Peter, Tania)

Peter provided update –Sub-committee met before the PHAA meeting at 4:30.

1. We looked at the survey from last year and the topic that came up as the most popular for a seminar was “Social Determinants of Health”
 - Suggestions for speakers were Jake Najman (UQ) or Gavin Turrell (QUT)
 - Event date (middle of the year)
2. Focus group workshop with 2 speakers (Academic Qualitative Analysis person and a market research person)
 - Suggestion for Market Research person was Rhonda McClaren

ACTION- Peter to email Rhonda

Event date: possibly March

- For Qualitative Research Person, Robyn suggested Chi-Wai Niguan (not sure of spelling) or Lisa Fitzgerald from UQ

3. Introduction to R (Statistical package workshop). R is a free statistical package that is being used more widely now.

- Suggestions for speakers, Peter Baker (UQ) and Adrian Barnett (QUT)

ACTION – Shannon to email Peter Baker, Tania to email Adrian. Robyn suggested an NVivo workshop. NVivo is a qualitative analysis statistical package. UQ is looking at providing a workshop on it. We could tie in with UQ.

- Barriers- large cost for the package, organising the use of computers for the workshop
- Jeanine from Griffith Uni is the expert on Nvivo
- NVivo is owned by QSR which delivers the program. They have online workshops and sometimes 1 or 2 day workshops

ACTION - Tania to follow up on costs of NVivo workshops offered by QSR

ACTION - Tania to follow up with Robyn on the progress of UQ conducting an Nvivo workshop.

4. Careers Night/Careers Café – Peter is speaking at UQ to the students. The group will look into doing a career café (speakers talk about their professions and then students get a chance for more one on one discussion)

- we could do it at UQ and Griffith as QUT already has one
- Possibility of rolling it out in Townsville too

ACTION- Kerri-Anne to look into the delivering the career café in Townsville

5. A few other suggestions came up- Doing webinars, we have the ability to do this with the Redback Teleconference group.

Advocacy Sub-Committee Update

1. Collaboration with ProChoice
continue what we are currently doing
 - Look more into possible solutions to the problem rather than yes we know there is an issue with the abortion law
 - After the election- write to politicians, ask their views on women's health issues not specifically abortion to start the dialogue
 - Literature review/Environmental Survey
 - On what solutions are available
 - Present the lit review at the Sexual & reproductive health conference in Melbourne 2012
 - Maybe do a workshop/session at the conference
2. Engage with political parties to raise the profile of public health
 - What has been done and what do we need to do
 - State election debate update
 - ACTION** Peter to send an update on the state election debate responses, awaiting response
 - Maybe approach Labour and Greens first
3. Advocacy has been sporadic
 - Build on the survey
 - What is the best direction

- Danette has a calendar of actions for the advocacy group
- Conduct an advocacy workshop (speaker Michael Moore? Or ex state government politicians Jim Elder)

*Communications and Support Sub-Committee Update

1. University Liaison
 - Identifying people on the exec committee to act as contacts with the Uni's
 - Maybe have student reps from each Uni on the exec committee
 - Academic prizes(only providing to QUT so far
 - Provide to all Uni
 - Liaise with post-grad or RHD students
 - Group has identified contacts at Unis (Joanna Rego- QUT, Allison March- UQ undergrads, Deirdre- UQ post grads)
2. Website
 - Group debated whether external links should be included in the website
 - Not possible to do that as restrictions from head office
 - Increase traffic on FB page. Have one person update it every week
 - Maybe start a linked in site. Students will probably like FB better
 - Issues- having a moderator to monitor it
 - Maybe have a discussion board with a different theme every month.
 - This month- What are the top Public Health Issues?
ACTION Everyone on the committee should "like" the PHAA- QLD " FB page
3. Scholarships for the National conference
 - Continue with the Konrad Jamrozik award
 - Check if local conference branch will match the donation and award prize
 - Indigenous scholarships(There was debate at the National Meeting that we should have a standard form and standard amounts cross all states)
 - Peter suggested this will probably not happen
ACTION Paul to contact Megan Myer or follow up with Juliet about scholarships

OVERALL Discussion

- Each sub group should provide updates at every meeting
- We may need more help and there is the potential to hire an RA for specific tasks

* Branch Presidents Meeting Update

Update from Sara and Peter- Branch Presidents & SIG convenors meeting

- ACTION-** Sara to send notes from meeting to exec committee
- National Website is being redeveloped/looking at functionality and artistic redevelopment

ACTION - Exec committee to check out the national website and email Danette ASAP with recommendations

- Public Health Equity Statement was developed by the president

ACTION - Sara to email it to everyone

ACTION - Exec committee to email Danette feedback on statement ASAP

Other topics discussed- National Conference

- The numbers of attendees have reduced over the last few years

- Maybe due to more specific conferences now being organised in specific fields

Peter- Conference organising committee should engage the SIG's more

- SIG's should be involved from the start

- Format for national conference is controlled by National office so this might be hard

- Last conference was the best of the last few years- feedback from Peter

- Maxine is the rep for the International Health SIG

- Recommended having a plenary from her SIG for the national conference and engage with the scientific committee from the beginning

- Richard suggested looking at the bigger picture

- Why do people go to conferences?

- What worked in Brisbane?- It was not a part of the main convention centre and was separate, Good food.

- The 2 important questions to ask are:

What dragged you in?

What kept you there?

How do we incorporate early career researchers?

ACTION- Send feedback to Peter re conference

ACTION- Tania to check budgets with Anne and look at profit from the 2011 conference

- Sara gave info: Vanessa Lee is the new ATSI member on the board.

ACTION- Peter to update us at next meeting on Mark McArdle's response to the PHAA proposal for organisation of public health services in Queensland

- Sara announced she is taking some time off and handing over to Danette as acting president

*Next Meeting

Next meeting on 19th March 2012 at 4:30 pm