



Minutes of the PHAA QLD Branch Meeting
Monday 23 January 2012



Held in the Cancer Council Auditorium at Cancer Council Queensland
553 Gregory Terrace, Fortitude Valley

Attendance

Dr Sara Gollschewski
Dr Peter Anderson
Jillian Scholes
Danette Langbecker
Carmen Blatchly
Robyn Mobbs
Paul Gardiner
Ana Mladenovic
Amanda Rosenstock

Apologies

Rhianna Hardie
Gaery Barberry
Dr Kerrienne Watt
Sian Cosgrove
Shalomie Kiruba
Maxine Whittaker
Nisha Abdulla
Professor Richard Franklin
Leah Robbie
Gita Mishra
Teresa Lewis
Lesley Williams
Jacki Holt

***Welcome**

Meeting commenced at 4:30pm

***2012 Strategic Plan**

- The 2012 Strategic Plan was discussed with minor changes made to role allocation. Feedback has been received by PHAA-Q members that did not attend the meeting indicating their interest. Those contact details will be forwarded to a representative in each area that interest was expressed.
- The Strategic Plan provides guidance as to what we as a committee are doing, how we are going to achieve our goals and reflective of the National objectives.
- Allows the spread of the workload amongst members, division of labour and responsibilities

ACTION POINT 1: Carmen to send the contact details of those from survey participation who expressed interest in becoming involved in initiatives to team leaders of communication support, advocacy and professional development.

ACTION POINT 2: Groups (Advocacy, Professional Development, Communication Support) to discuss the extent of work which is required within their area.

- Identify strengths and weaknesses to meeting objectives. Mapping/scoping/planning: clearer picture provided.
- State Election about to be announced: query how to push ProChoice?
- Time capacity for involvement as volunteer organisation provides challenges; additional support required? Discussed scope for RA but need to identify to what capacity? Professional Practice students could be involved on a regular basis.
- Acknowledge need to engage with the public health student body and to link in with universities.
- Groups from Strategic Plan to get together and put more detail into area of how much work needs to be contributed.
- Discussed possibility of National Branch liaising with Women's Health SIG.
- Identified that the National Policy for abortion advocacy can be used.

- Current conservative state and government, therefore abortion advocacy is a long-term up-hill battle. The goal being to see shift from ideological to health legislative.
- Health education debate: community support required, focus on equity, access, work with Children By Choice.

ACTION POINT 3: Danette to contact Angela Taft.

ACTION POINT 4: Peter to scope time frame for health debate with impending election and circulate prior to next meeting. Identify public health organisations such as AHPA that may be involved.

- Discussed how a group of experts can be established, such as VicHealth, which takes public health and creates a separate organisation. Peter liaising - national perspective in discussion with Mark McArdle.

ACTION POINT 5: Sara/Peter to email Carmen details about meeting with National CEO Michael Moore and the discussion involving the concept of public health roles to move from health portfolio into public health institutes.

- Discussion of change at community level with 'Medicare Locals'. Division of general practice.

ACTION POINT 6: Danette to email Carmen details regarding Medicare Locals.

* Meeting Dates for 2012

- All dates listed on the PHAA-Q website <http://phaaqldbranch.yolasite.com/>

Meeting dates as follows:

20 February, 19 March, 23 April, 21 May, 18 June, 16 July, 13 August, 10 September (AGM), 8 October, 5 November (to be confirmed).

- Executive Committee roles elected at the AGM. Identified need to check constitution to define difference general committee members and Executive Committee members.

ACTION POINT 7: Carmen to send out dates again of PHAA-Q meetings for 2012. AGM 10 September.

ACTION POINT 8: Sara to check the constitution guidelines about becoming an Executive Committee Member.

ACTION POINT 9: Carmen to add website link to state site with minutes and agenda.

*Correspondence

- If anyone is interested in attending, the AHPA Queensland Branch AGM is being held on Wednesday 22nd February 2012 from 5:30pm – 7:15pm at the Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital & Education Centre, Herston (Auditorium). Louise Sylvan, CEO of the Australian Preventative Health Agency will be the guest speaker. Free to AHPA members to attend or \$5.00 for non-members. Videoconferencing will be available. For more information, please contact Elisha McGuinness (Vice-President AHPA Qld) via Elisha_McGuinness@health.qld.gov.au

* Other Business

- Minutes to be sent out on the Thursday following the meeting.
- Agenda to be sent out Monday prior to the meeting.
- Sara and Peter meeting on 17-18 Feb with SIGS and Branch Presidents.

* Next Meeting

- Monday **20 February** at **5:00pm.**

* Close

- Meeting closed at 5:35pm