



PHAA-QLD



## Minutes of branch meeting 18 June 2012

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

Attended	Apologies
Sara Gollschewski	Shannon Dias
Danette Langbecker	Kerrienne Watt
Tania Patrao	Jillian Scholes
Kyoko Miura	Audra De Witt
Gaery Barbery	Paul Gardiner
	Robyn Mobbs

### 1. Welcome

- Meeting commenced at 4:35pm
- Danette has taken on the position of secretary, given that Carmen has stood down from the position.

### 2. Committee updates

#### a. Professional Development Committee

- R Course
  - The Professional Development course to teach attendees to use the statistical package R was held at QUT Kelvin Grove campus on Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - 17 people paid to attend (11 PHAA members & 6 non-members), and 16 actually attended.
  - The feedback was that the event was very well received.
  - QUT has invoiced us for the room booking fee; Adrian Barnett is yet to invoice us for his services.
- Advocacy workshop
  - Suggested to hold an advocacy workshop, entitled 'Advocating in a challenging environment' or similar. Could hold workshop at Cancer Council Queensland offices, possibly concurrently with our AGM, around/after September.
  - Danette to look at when AGM should be held & notifications to send out
  - If held with the AGM, would need 1 speaker only (to keep event from going too long). Sara suggested Michael Moore – Sara to contact Michael re interest/availability.

**Action Point 1:** Sara to contact Michael Moore re speaking at Advocacy workshop

**Action Point 2:** Danette to investigate paperwork/dates for AGM

#### b. Other committees & committee organisation

- No members present from Communication committee.
- As Danette is taking over Secretary role, she is stepping down from the advocacy committee. Given the current status of advocacy activities and the political climate

(especially regarding abortion decriminalisation), the advocacy committee may be disbanded.

- The committees were set up to provide a way of organising activities and ensuring the workload is distributed across exec members. At the next meeting, we will discuss how this is going and if people need help or if committees need to be re-organised, to ensure people don't feel overwhelmed.

### **3. Update from Branch Presidents' meeting**

- Last BP meeting was postponed
- Megan Myer has resigned from national office. New Executive & Projects Coordinator: Ms Gabrielle Weppner.

### **4. Other Business**

#### a. Advocacy re Healthy Communities funding cuts

- Sara attended the rally. There was some contamination of issues being protested against at the rally, diluting the message. The rally did not appear to gain much media coverage.

#### b. Ministerial Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS

- The Qld Minister for Health called for nominations for membership on a new committee on HIV/AIDS. To speak with regard to public health efforts on this issue, Sara helped to identify and nominate Dr Lisa Fitzgerald (senior lecturer at QUT) and Elisha McGuinness (president, AHPA Qld) for the committee.

#### c. PHAA-Qld scholarship to the Public Health Congress

- Three high-quality applications were received by PHAA-Qld members for the scholarship(s) to attend this year's congress. All applications were carefully reviewed. Tamzyn Davey was chosen to receive \$1463 to help cover the costs of congress registration, flights and accommodation. Congratulations to Tamzyn.

#### d. Sponsorship of Branch President to Public Health Congress

- All members president voted for the branch to sponsor Sara in full to represent the branch at this year's Public Health Congress.

#### e. Konrad Jamrozik award

- Danette has been in discussions with the Australian Epidemiology Association re offering an annual award in Konrad's name at the Public Health Congress. Likely that all Congress partners will join together to offer the award. All members present agreed to sponsor the award to the value of \$300. Danette to continue to liaise.

### **5. Correspondence**

- Received acknowledge of submission to the health minister re organisation of public health services in Queensland.

### **6. Next meeting/close**

- Meeting closed at 5:10pm.
- We were scheduled to have the next meeting in mid-July, but several members will be unavailable so the July meeting has been cancelled. Discussions will take place as needed via email.
- Next meeting: Aug 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.