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<b>Draft Minutes</b>	<b>Australian Council of PVCs and Deans of Health Sciences</b>		
<b>CHAIR</b>	Professor Ian Wronski		
<b>DATE</b>	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> of October, 2015	<b>LOCATION</b>	Hotel Realm, 18 National Circuit, Barton, ACT - <i>Ballroom 4</i>
<b>TIME</b>	10am – 5.30pm		
<b>CHAIR, MEMBERS and INVITED GUESTS</b>			
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Ian Wronski			
<b>Guests</b>			
Leanne Harvey	Executive General Manager, Australian Research Council		
Fiona Cameron	Executive Director, Biological Sciences and Biotechnology, Australian Research Council		
Wendy Southern	Deputy Secretary, National Programme Delivery, Department of Health		
James Hart	A/g Group Manager, Higher Education, Department of Education and Training		
Melissa Reardon	A/g Branch Manager, Funding Policy and Legislation (Higher Education), Department of Education and Training		
Chris Robertson <i>(by phone)</i>	Executive Director Strategy and Policy, Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)		
<b>Members</b>			
Curtin University	Lorna Rosenwax		
Flinders University	Meredith Peters		
Griffith University	Allan Cripps		
Griffith University	Peter Westwood		
James Cook University	Ian Wronski		
James Cook University	Pamela Stronach		
Latrobe University	Karen Dodd		
Monash University	Jenny Keating		

QLD University of Technology	Ross Young
University of Canberra	Stuart Semple
University of Newcastle	Judith Scott
University of Newcastle	Elaine Terry
University of South Australia	Esther May
University of Sydney	Lindy McAllister
University of Sydney	Stella Vasiliadis
University of Queensland	Bruce Abernethy
Western Sydney University	Gregory Kolt
ACPDHS Executive Officer/ James Cook University	Robyn Adams
ACPDHS Submissions and Policy Officer	Allan Groth
<b>Apologies</b>	
University of Sydney	Katherine Refshauge
University of Sydney	Lisa Carrick
University of Canberra	Diane Gibson
University of Canberra	Maggie Jamieson
Curtin University	Michael Berndt
Curtin University	Paula Goss
Griffith University	Tony Perkins
Otago University	Peter Crampton
Otago University	Deborah Wallace
University of Tasmania	Steve Campbell
University of Tasmania	Justin Walls
Flinders University	Michael Kidd
Flinders University	Bruce Whitby
Queensland University of Technology	Monica Rimland
Queensland University of Technology	Robyn Nash

University of Queensland	Sarah Roberts-Thomson
Flinders University	John Coveney
La Trobe	Meg Morris
Jacinta Elston	Associate Dean, Indigenous Health, James Cook University
Sharon Appleyard	Assistant Secretary, PHN Establishment, Department of Health



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AGENDA		
Item		Actions
1	<p><b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b></p> <p>Following general introductions, the chair acknowledged the contributions of two outgoing members of ACPDHS: Jenny Keating (Monash University) and Allan Cripps (Griffith University) and welcomed new ACPDHS staff members: Robyn Adams, Executive Officer and Allan Groth, Submissions and Policy Officer.</p> <p>Jenny Keating indicated that Marilyn Baird (Monash University) would attend future meetings.</p> <p>Apologies received: Meg Morris, Jacinta Elston and Sharon Appleyard</p> <p>The meeting confirmed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ the minutes from February ACPDHS meeting</li> <li>➤ the notes from Strategy meeting -10 April 2015</li> </ul> <p>Brief discussion on the status of previous actions and plan for progression.</p> <p>Correspondence  <i>In:</i> Request for Allied Health contacts in the Western Pacific region International Chief Health Profession Officers group (ICHPO) - virtual day for allied health, 3 December 2015. <i>Members present agreed to the circulation of their details</i>  <i>Out:</i> Letter to Dr Wendy Southern providing background advice on the continuation of the Clinical Training Reform Programme (CTRP) was tabled.</p>	<p>Outstanding actions from the February and April Strategy meetings to be prioritised then progressed by the EO.</p> <p>Members to send to EO allied health contacts in the Western Pacific for collation and reply to Catherine Turnbull</p>
2	<p><b>ACPDHS – sector developments and context</b></p> <p>Professor Wronski provided an overview of sector developments and context to inform discussions by members.</p> <p>IHPA - Teaching, Training &amp; Research Working Group (TTRWG) and Research Working Group (RWG) update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Confirmed that funding to states will continue to be activity based</li> <li>➤ IHPA costing studies of teaching, training and research were recently conducted in Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia. The aim of the costing study was to develop a costed data file to inform the development of the teaching, training and research classification.</li> <li>➤ The National Health Reform Agreement 2011 requires that IHPA provide advice to the COAG Health Council on the feasibility of transitioning</li> </ul>	<p>JCU, UniSA, CSU, Griffith and Curtin to provide data and relevant vignettes for collation to inform further advice to DOH</p> <p>Data to be sent to EO (ACPDHS@jcu.edu.au) by Friday, 6 November.</p>

	<p>funding for teaching training and research to an activity based funding (ABF) system by 30 June 2018.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Member discussion points included the importance of distinguishing between costs of research and education and the value of budgetary line items and reporting measures</li> <li>➤ Noted that IHPA applies only to the public sector whereas CTF is designed to extend and innovate clinical education capacity across sectors</li> </ul> <p>Clinical Training Fund CTF)- Future of funding yet to be confirmed, which impacts decision making about 2016 placements, services and ongoing employment of staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Key to highlight success in addressing maldistribution. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Action: Sample data to be collated reflecting the impact of CTF funding on the distribution of new clinical placements to address geographic and sector maldistribution.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>International - APEC update; International Education Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Opportunities for increasing workforce mobility following signing of FTA</li> <li>➤ Accreditation of health professional workforce requires progression</li> <li>➤ ASEAN provides an exemplar with agreed mutual recognition across countries for a number of health professions</li> </ul>	
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Research developments</b></p> <p>Dr Fiona Cameron, Executive Director, Biological Sciences and Biotechnology, ARC provided an overview of the <b>Industrial Transformation Research Programme (ITRP)</b> and the 5 key priority areas. Dr Cameron noted that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To date there had been no successful application from the health sector</li> <li>➤ Business priorities were the key point to stress in applications for either the Industrial Transformation Research Hubs or the Industrial Transformation Training Centres.</li> </ul> <p>Ms Leanne Harvey, Executive General Manager, ARC provided an update on <b>ERA</b> issues and recent developments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Primary aim of ERA is the quality of Australian research. Provides a national stocktake which <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ aids identification of areas of excellence and areas for support</li> <li>○ enables benchmarking internationally</li> <li>○ assists universities to understand own strengths and weaknesses</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Stressed that ERA rating and metrics to be appropriate for each discipline. Metrics to be robust and replicable. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Members noted constraints for many allied health professions with current metrics</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Data reflecting the publication location of Australian content to be published in 2016</li> <li>➤ ERA ratings due for major review in 2018. Ms Harvey indicated that she would be happy to receive input prior to this (including examples at 6 digit code level)</li> <li>➤ Useful to review Evaluation Dashboard which is sent to each university <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ NB: Annual census date 31 March</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Members suggested that adding ACPDHS to the consultation contact list would aid their input to future reviews of ERA ratings.</li> </ul>	<p>EO to write to Ms Harvey seeking consideration for ACPDHS to be added to the ERA consultation contact list.</p> <p>ERA working group to be convened to scope ACPDHS objectives and plan for changing ERA (including ARC engagement)</p> <p>Katherine Refshauge (USyd), John Coveney (Flinders), Gregory Kolt (Western Sydney), Tony Perkins (Griffith), Bruce Abernathy (UQ)</p> <p>Members to access and review Evaluation Dashboard for own organisation</p> <p>Invite Ms Harvey to next ACPDHS meeting to continue discussion and process for reforming ERA.</p> <p>EM to forward <i>Measuring the Impact of Allied Health Research</i> paper to EO for distribution</p>

	<p>Ms Harvey offered to attend a future ACPDHS meeting to provide members with greater detail</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Subgroup of ACPDHS members to develop an issues paper and action plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Suggested membership to include Katherine Refshauge (USyd), John Coveney (Flinders), Gregory Kolt (Western Sydney), Tony Perkins (Griffith), Bruce Abernathy (UQ)</li> <li>➤ Esther May noted and provided the EO with an informative paper by Heath, Grimmer-Somers et al <i>Measuring the impact of allied health research</i></li> <li>➤ ERA data collated by ACPHDS in 2014 may be useful to consider</li> </ul>	
4	<p><b>Accreditation – the NRAS Review and next steps</b></p> <p>Chris Robertson, Executive Director Strategy and Policy, Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) provided an overview of the NRAS review and ministerial response.</p> <p>Issues raised by members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Current structures do not meet policy imperatives such as health workforce dimensions and maldistribution</li> <li>➤ Opportunity for education to contribute to discussions on accreditation</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Follow up recommendations 14-18. Recommendation 18 suggested as an initial focus. R18 recommends the formation of a standing committee within NRAS to include the education sector, National Boards, accreditation authorities, and representatives from employers and jurisdictions.</p>	EO liaise with Chris Robertson ... re: Recs 14 to 18, and especially 18 which relates to the formation of a workforce advisory body.
5	<p><b>Department of Education and Training (DET)</b></p> <p>James Hart, A/g Group Manager, Higher Education and Melissa Reardon A/g Branch Manager, Funding Policy and Legislation (Higher Education) attended the meeting.</p> <p>Mr Hart noted the HE reforms had been deferred for 12 months to allow further consultation by Minister Birmingham.</p> <p>Issues raised by members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Identification of mechanisms to harmonise Health and Education at a macro level. This is particularly relevant in the area of health workforce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Department staff work collaboratively where possible yet the policy imperatives of each Department require prioritisation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ CTF contracts ending in December 2015 with no clarity about the allocation of the \$90 m funds. Uncertainty eroding partnerships and services with conversation focus on dollars rather than education quality</li> <li>➤ Mr Hart indicated this was primarily a matter for Health</li> <li>➤ Cluster rates of funding historical and requires review – may be feasible to progress during the 12 months deferment</li> </ul>	Develop commentary on cluster funding with possible recommendations for consideration
6	<p><b>Department of Health (DoH)</b></p> <p>Wendy Southern, Deputy Secretary, National Programme Delivery provided an overview of the major bodies of work that the Department is currently progressing including the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Federation white paper- with the Commonwealth-State funding split of particular relevance to health</li> </ul>	<p>A sample from 4-5 university data to be collated to illustrate the impact of CTF funding</p> <p>Develop suggested membership for a possible Allied Health Advisory Network</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Green paper is now available (health section p.28)  <a href="https://federation.dpmc.gov.au/sites/default/files/publications/reform_of_the_federation_discussion_paper.pdf">https://federation.dpmc.gov.au/sites/default/files/publications/reform_of_the_federation_discussion_paper.pdf</a></li> <li>➤ Mental health reforms</li> <li>➤ Primary health networks</li> <li>➤ Medicare review</li> <li>➤ Private health insurance</li> </ul> <p>Issues raised by members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Status of decision of Clinical Training Funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Data sample to be provided to illustrate the impact of this funding</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Globalisation of the health workforce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Regulation is the key issue for health professionals</li> <li>○ Accreditation and recognition of overseas placements are key issues for students in the health professions</li> <li>○ Advantage to work with larger sectors e.g. write to Health, noting these developments and suggesting that a process be put in train to establish a similar body for Allied Health, with ACPHDS happy to help g. Health and Trade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Health is a priority area for AusTrade (Dr Southern suggested Pip Dawson as a contact)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Possibility of establishment of an Allied Health Advisory Network following the establishment of the advisory committee for medicine and more recently a proposed Nursing and Midwifery advisor network. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Action: write to Department of Health, noting these developments and suggesting that a process be put in train to establish a similar body for Allied Health. ACPHDS happy to help.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
7	<p><b>Work Integrated Learning – clinical education</b></p> <p>Lindy McAllister, Professor of Work Integrated Learning and Associate Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Sydney provided a presentation on Models of education in the workplace - beyond payment; what students bring, and notably evidence of the increase in service capability associated with clinical training, and how to influence arrangements as a basis for discussion.</p> <p>Strong interest in emerging data and the supervision risk matrix in use</p>	EO to liaise with Professor McAllister to obtain PowerPoint presentation and information on the supervision risk matrix for distribution.
8	8. Indigenous Health - Special Interest Group - Postponed	

9	<p><b>Allied Health Rural Generalist Training Pathway Update</b></p> <p>Robyn Adams, previously a project officer for the QH Allied Health Rural Generalist Training Pathway scoping project, provided additional information to the handout attached to the minutes and addressed questions from members in the area of transparency and recognition of competency assessment and distinguishing a rural allied health generalist from any concept of a generic allied health worker.</p>	<p><i>No action required</i></p>
10	<p><b>10. Strategy discussion – review</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Actions to be prioritised then progressed by the EO.</li> </ul> <p><b>Actions for council members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Virtual Allied Health Day December 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Members to send to EO allied health contacts in the Western Pacific for collation and reply to Catherine Turnbull</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ CTF funding examples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ JCU, UniSA, CSU, Griffith and Curtin to provide data and relevant vignettes to EO by 6 November 2015 for collation to inform further advice to DOH.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ ERA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ working group to be convened to scope ACPHDS objectives and plan for changing ERA (including ARC engagement) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Suggested membership to include Katherine Refshauge (USyd), John Coveney (Flinders), Gregory Kolt (Western Sydney), Tony Perkins (Griffith), Bruce Abernathy (UQ)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Members to access and review Evaluation Dashboard for own organisation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>EO to update and progress action list incorporating actions from current and previous meetings.</p>
11	<p><b>General Business -</b></p> <p>No additional business raised</p> <p>Next meeting: Date to be confirmed-February or March 2016</p>	

**Minutes Approved at the meeting of the Australian Council of Pro Vice-Chancellors and Deans of Health Sciences**

Date:

8/3/16

Signature:



Professor Ian Wronski, Chair ACPDHS