



Health Sciences Australia

Australian Council of Pro Vice-Chancellors and Deans of Health Sciences

Minutes	Australian Council of Pro Vice-Chancellors and Deans of Health Sciences		
CHAIR	Professor Ian Wronski		
DATE	Tuesday 8 March, 2016	LOCATION	Crowne Plaza Canberra. Room : 'The Crossing' 1 Binara Street 2601 Canberra ACT Australia Tel: +61 2 6247 8999
TIME	9am – 4.30pm		
CHAIR, MEMBERS and INVITED GUESTS			
Chair			
Ian Wronski			
Invited Guests			
David Hallinan	Fist Assistant Secretary, Health Workforce Division, DoH		
Tarja Saastamoinen	Assistant Secretary, Health Workforce Reform, Health Workforce Division DoH		
Brenton Rodgers	Health Workforce Reform, Health Workforce Division, DoH		
Katy Roberts	Rural Training Pathways Section, Health Training Branch, Health Workforce Division, DoH		
Rachel Yates	Policy Director (Health and Workforce), Universities Australia		
Members			
Charles Sturt University	Tim Wess		
Curtin University	Michael Berndt		
Flinders University	Meredith Peters (proxy for John Coveney)		
Griffith University	Allan Cripps		
Griffith University	Peter Westwood		
James Cook University	Ian Wronski		
James Cook University	Pamela Stronach		
Latrobe University	Karen Dodd		
Monash University	Wendy Cross		
University of Canberra	Diane Gibson		
University of Newcastle	Judith Scott		

University of Newcastle	Elaine Terry
University of South Australia	Esther May
University of Sydney	Kathryn Refshauge
University of Sydney	Stella Vasiliadis
University of Queensland	Sarah Roberts-Thomson
Western Sydney University	Gregory Kolt
ACPDHS Executive Officer	Robyn Adams
ACPDHS	Allan Groth
Apologies	
David Meredyth	Assistant Secretary (acting), Health Training, DoH
Curtin University	Phil Hocking
Curtin University	Lorna Rosenwax
Flinders University	John Coveney
Flinders University	Michael Kidd
Flinders University	Bruce Whitby
Griffith University	Tony Perkins
Latrobe University	Meg Morris
Monash	Christina Mitchell
Otago University	Peter Crampton
Otago University	Deborah Wallace
Queensland University of Technology	Ross Young
Queensland University of Technology	Monica Rimland
Queensland University of Technology	Robyn Nash
University of Canberra	Maggie Jamieson
University of Queensland	Bruce Abernethy
University of Sydney	Lisa Carrick
University of Tasmania	Justin Walls



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Item		Actions
1.	<p>Welcome, introductions and apologies</p> <p>Following general introductions, the chair congratulated Professor Kathy Refshauge on being awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to physiotherapy and medical education in the 2016 Australia Day awards. The Chair also acknowledged the valuable contribution of Mr Allan Groth, who recently completed his contract with ACPDHS.</p> <p>Apologies noted.</p> <p>The meeting confirmed the minutes from October 2015 ACPDHS meeting.</p> <p>Brief discussion on the status of previous actions and plan for progression.</p> <p>Outstanding action re the development of a National Allied Health Training Advisory Network (NAHTAN). The chair noted it was timely to progress this action.</p> <p>Correspondence: Discussion of correspondence –no action required.</p>	<p>Chair to sign approved minutes of October 2016.</p> <p>Outstanding action re NAHTAN to be progressed with Dr Wendy Sothem [EO]</p>
2.	<p>Clinical education and other sector developments</p> <p>Professor Wronski provided an overview of activities and developments re CTF and clinical education since the last meeting in October 2015. Clinical Training Fund (CTF) ceased at 31 December 2015 with \$41m of the \$78m allocated to support rural workforce initiatives. Broad discussion by members, including the need to highlight innovative models, whole of systems approach and contribution of students to service delivery. Require a predictable clinical environment within states if not nationwide: including a more predictable financial environment.</p> <p>IHPA- TTR- National Efficient Price-Line Item for teaching almost certain: research harder because of flow of research monies in block allocations.</p>	<p>Develop updated Clinical Training paper highlighting innovative models, whole of systems approach and contribution of students to service delivery. Require a predictable clinical environment [EO]</p>
3	<p>Governance and Policy</p> <p>Draft Constitution</p> <p>Discussion on sections highlighted in circulated draft. The meeting confirmed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The name of the council be changed to the Australian Council of Deans of Health Sciences, also operating as Health Sciences Australia. Meeting frequency for the council and the executive be listed as a minimum of two times per year. 	<p>Amend constitution to reflect changes proposed and accepted by Council [EO].</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership-the list to remain with a qualification that the courses have received accreditation. <p>Motion to move that the constitution be accepted subject to the above changes.</p> <p>Moved- Ian Wronski; Seconded- Allan Cripps; Endorsed unanimously.</p> <p>Election process and timeframe for chair elect The constitution provides a process for election of office bearers. The council agreed to minimise change to current executive team and to progress only with the election of the chair elect position during 2016. EO to develop nomination form and voting forms for chair elect position. Voting to be completed by mid-year.</p> <p><i>Location of Executive officer</i> Discussion occurred on the location of Executive Officer. Noted that it currently sits in the same location as the Chair and that while this arrangement meets current requirements, changes may occur in the future in line with organisational requirements. The discussion concluded by noting that it was not necessary to have Chair and EO collocated.</p> <p>Representative to Australian Allied Health Forum (AAHF) Professor May agreed to be the executive member representative to the AAHF. Executive Officer, Robyn Adams will be the second representative.</p> <p>ERA working party Professor Refshauge provided a summary of the working group meeting. The group propose to seek an additional 4 digit code within Division 11 Medical and Health Sciences. <i>'Allied health and rehabilitation therapies'</i> was agreed as a working title for the proposed code.</p> <p>2nd IAHA –ACPDHS Collaborative Agreement and update Noted the 2nd Agreement was signed in December 2015. Thank you to Professor Dodd for representing ACPDHS at the presentation of the Agreement to the IAHA conference.</p> <p>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Curriculum Framework The Framework was officially launched on Feb 26 2016. Details are available at http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/aboriginal-torres-strait-islander-health-curriculum-framework</p> <p>Proposed scoping exercise of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health capabilities within curricula Following discussion of the survey structure, content and use, the Council recommended not to progress with the proposed survey of members. It was viewed as a useful reflective tool that could be used by members for internal purposes. Provide feedback to IAHA and Professor Elston that the Council decision was not to progress with the survey.</p> <p>Submission: Inquiry into innovation and creativity: workforce for the new economy Discussion on circulated draft. Suggested amendments included adding recommendations and key points. Amendments to be made prior to submission on Friday March 11 2016.</p>	<p>Develop communication strategy re organisation name change. [EO]</p> <p>Agenda item for next meeting: review of disciplines forming membership criteria.</p> <p>Develop nomination and ballot forms for chair elect position [EO]. Conduct ballot by mid-2016.</p> <p>Inform AAHF secretariat that the ACPDHS representatives will be Professor Esther May and Executive Officer, Robyn Adams [EO].</p> <p>Convene 2nd meeting of ERA working group to develop action plan and consultation process with ARC [EO].</p> <p>Provide feedback to IAHA and Professor Elston [EO].</p> <p>Update document and submit on or before closing date 11/3/2016 [EO].</p>
4	<p>Department of Health and Ageing (DoH)</p> <p>Tarja Saastamoinen -Assistant Secretary, Health Workforce Reform, acknowledged the work of Curtin University in the development of the Framework and the contribution of many Council members. Ms Saastamoinen provided an and provided permission to circulate the PowerPoint presentation.</p> <p>Discussion points included the importance of accrediting bodies to reflect the capabilities in course accreditation requirements.</p>	<p>Thank you letters Distribute PowerPoint</p>

	<p>David Hallinan, First Assistant Secretary, Health Workforce provided an overview on Commonwealth priorities for health workforce including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matching workforce to community need • A focus on rural and regional workforce • the effect of specialisation and the need for generalist workforce • focus on chronic disease management • need for team based care <p>and noted a number of the MYEFO announcements sought to better target rural areas and workforces, including increased training in the UDRH and the announcement of 30 regional training hubs for doctors.</p> <p>Subsequent discussion with members included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HWA CTF targets also specified key areas of aged care, mental health and private sector, with many positive examples of clinical training models developing in these key areas in both metro and rural areas. • The positives (increased investment in clinical education) and the negatives (price inflation for placements/lack of coherent approach) that resulted from HWA funding for clinical education. • the challenge of meeting multidisciplinary targets in many rural and remote areas due to the lack of allied health positions and available supervision capacity, particularly for the professions of allied health • Accommodation for allied health students remains limited and is a significant barrier to increase rural, regional and remote placements. • That the student workforce is a significant provider of services across all sectors • The importance of considering health workforce and education as a key export earner, particularly with the adoption of Universal Health Access in many of the APEC economies. • The opportunity for the recently announced regional training hubs to be established not just as medical training hubs, but as multidisciplinary rural training hubs. Recognising that the current funding announcement is for medicine, however a broader conceptualisation may enable allocation of multidisciplinary funding in future rounds. <p>Katy Roberts and Brendan Rodgers from the DoH were also in attendance.</p>	
5	<p>ACPDHS activities 2016</p> <p>Develop an updated clinical training paper including the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTF was not considered additional funding to prop up recurrent funding; • CTF was for innovation and exploring new models of care and to reshape health service delivery; • challenges to meet increased targets; • affordability and sustainability; • Quality of clinical placements – levels of control over placements <p>Consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHNs, • NDIS, including the impact on price where there is insufficient workforce; • Models of supervision, • relationship between public and private providers, • integrated care, • 'cradle to grave' service delivery • Support for international workforce • Possible oversupply- strategic response to increase number of health graduates 	<p>Develop an updated clinical training paper [EO].</p> <p>Develop 2-3 key messages for use by members [EO].</p>

	<p>Some discussion on the feasibility of a data collection study of student activity (eg record the Occasions of Service provided by students) - no action specified.</p> <p>Discussion on the variation in clinical hours required for course accreditation and the increasing demand for clinical education resulted in the formation of a time limited working party.</p> <p>The working party will review the evidence and arguments for the current clinical education requirements and develop a draft a discussion paper addressing the key question of how much high quality work-integrated learning is enough.</p> <p>Professors Refshauge and Cripps will take a lead in this work. Professor Rosenwax was nominated by Professor Berndt.</p> <p>An important point that emerged during the discussion was that the graduate requirements of the professions of allied health are fundamentally different to medicine where graduates are provisionally registered and are required to complete and intern year to be fully registered</p> <p>Action: time limited working party to report back at next meeting</p>	<p>Working party to review number of hours required for accreditation [KR, AC]</p> <p>Add working party feedback to agenda for next meeting [EO]</p>
6	<p>Universities Australia update Rachel Yates, Policy Director Health and Workforce), Universities Australia provided an overview of current work and future direction for the Health Professional Education Standing Group (HPESG). Rachel provided the following for circulation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information sheet on HPESG (NB it is currently a Draft until UA sign off) AHEAI paper on future university health workforce referred to in broader discussion at the meeting. 	<p>Thank you letter [EO] Circulate documents with minutes [EO]</p>
7	<p>General Business and next meeting/s</p> <p>Matters without notice- e Health –electronic medical records- no action specified</p> <p>Agenda items for next meeting/s:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> feedback from Working Party on clinical education hours required to meet accreditation review of disciplines forming membership criteria <p>Location and approximate timeframes for 2016 meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> November 2016 – Canberra Optional meeting mid-year 	<p>Schedule November meeting date [EO]</p> <p>Add working party feedback and review of disciplines forming membership criteria to next agenda [EO]</p>
4.30pm - Meeting Closed		

Minutes approved at the meeting of the Australian Council of Deans of Health Sciences

Signature

Date *29 August 2016*

Professor Ian Wronski, Chair ACDHS

