


<b>MEETING</b>		<b>Australian Council of Deans of Health Sciences</b>	
<b>MEETING CHAIR</b>	Professor Esther May		
<b>DATE</b>	Tuesday 24 October 2017	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Crowne Plaza Hotel</b> The Glebe Room
<b>TIME</b>	9-4.00		1 Binara St Canberra
<b>Invited guests</b>			
Professor Anne Kelso AO	CEO National Health and Medical Research Council		
Ms Donna Murray	CEO Indigenous Allied Health Australia ( IAHA)		
MR Allan Groth	COO Indigenous Allied Health Australia ( IAHA)		
<b>Members</b>	<b>Attending</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
Central Queensland University	Carolyn Unsworth	Fiona Coulson ,Tony Schneiders	
Charles Sturt University	Megan Smith	Tim Wess	
Curtin University	Michael Berndt		
Curtin University	Lorna Rosenwax		
Deakin University	Catherine Bennett		
Flinders University		John Coveney	
Griffith University	Tony Perkins	Sheena Reilly	
James Cook University	Ian Wronski		
James Cook University	Pamela Stronach		
Latrobe University	Adam Bird	Catherine Itsiopoulos	
Latrobe University	Pamela Snow		
Monash University	Terry Haines	Wendy Cross	
QLD University of Technology	Ross Young		
University of Canberra	Diane Gibson		
University of Canberra	Lucy Chipchase		
University of Newcastle	Shane Dempsey		
University of Newcastle	Elaine Terry		
University of Queensland	Sarah Roberts-Thomson	Bruce Abernathy	
University of South Australia	Esther May		
University of Sydney	Kathryn Refshauge		
Western Sydney University	Felicity Blackstock	Gregory Kolt	
<i>In attendance</i>			
ACDHS EO	Robyn Adams		

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<b>24 October 2017</b>		
<b>Draft Minutes</b>		
<b>Item</b>		<b>Actions</b>
1.	<p><b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b> Following general introductions, Professor May welcomed new members. Apologies noted as above.</p> <p>The minutes of the 23 June 2017 ACDHS meeting were reviewed and, with no amendments, were moved for acceptance by Professor Refshauge and seconded Professor Perkins. The meeting unanimously confirmed the minutes.</p> <p><i>Discussion on the status of previous actions.</i> <b>Action item 170201</b> EO to follow up MBS review for update and formation of allied health committee</p> <p><i>Correspondence:</i> Correspondence (received post distribution of meeting papers)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <input type="checkbox"/> AHPOQ seeking ACDHS rep to 2019 NAHC organising committee – not tabled</li> </ul>	<p>Chair to sign approved minutes 23 June 2017 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>EO to follow up MBS review <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>EO to seek nominations out of session <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
2.	<p><b>Sector developments</b></p> <p><i>Accreditation Systems Review</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ ACDHS response to draft report paper submitted 16 October 2017.</li> </ul> <p><i>Committee Feedback /updates</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Executive committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Report attached to minutes</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding action: seek Vic/Tas representative to ACDHS Executive</li> </ul> <p><i>ACDHS representation</i> It was noted that requesting organisations may invite either an organisational (eg chair) or individual representative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Securing an Interprofessional Future Workshop</i> Sydney 21 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Professor May attended this meeting on behalf of ACDHS</li> <li>○ IPE council proposed</li> <li>○ the Workshop discussed Purpose, TOR, representation, governance and auspicing/hosting options</li> <li>○ IPE discussed within a framework of safety and quality</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <i>IHPA - Teaching, Training &amp; Research Working Group (TTRWG)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Professor Wronski, a member of this Group, summarised the 2017 activities and status with no new updates.</li> <li>○ Considered future would be work towards a National Efficient Price</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <i>Australian Allied Health Leadership Forum (AAHLF)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Professor May and EO Robyn Adams are the ACDHS reps to AAHLF</li> <li>○ Name change noted from Australian Allied Health Forum to the Australian Allied Health Leadership Forum</li> <li>○ Member organisations are</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>EO to seek nominations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Circulate SIF report when available <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1.11.2017</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Allied Health Professions Australia (AHPA)</li> <li>▪ Australian Council of Deans of Health Sciences (ACDHS)</li> <li>▪ Indigenous Allied Health Australia (IAHA)</li> <li>▪ National Allied Health Advisors and Chief Officers (NAHAC)</li> <li>▪ Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health (SARRAH)</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provides the opportunity to provide one voice for allied health to government and policy makers.</li> <li>○ AHHLF Priorities for 2017 are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Progress the proposal for an allied health advisory network</li> <li>▪ eHealth Record and advocacy for enabling increased allied health contribution/participation</li> <li>▪ Develop an allied health research consortium ( with ACDHS taking a lead on this priority)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Action: EO to provide an overview of national allied health organisations</p> <p><i>Clinical placement and curricula matters</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Clinical placement hours required for accreditation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Question evolving to be ... <i>“how many hours are required to achieve competency?”</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Related question: how is competence assessed?( skills/soft skills)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Quality of supervision is a critical factor ( perhaps more so than quantity)</li> <li>○ Two professions still specify hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Occupational Therapy (1000) and Exercise Physiology (500)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Emerging views within existing literature include that graduates are over-prepared for basic entry level practice (<i>? contrasting view of readiness to practice?</i>) and the need for an increased focus on “soft skills”</li> <li>○ Diversity of placements remain critical/important</li> <li>○ Once finalised this work will include number of recommendations</li> <li>○ Professor Refshaug to provide updates as available</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Meta issue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The funding of clinical education-the university or health sector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ..and any cost shifts between sectors</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Discussion of Anglo-Australian system as compared with others</li> <li>○ Underlying question: what system do we want and seek for Australia in the near future</li> <li>○ It was noted that the inclusion of clinical education within university programs is a point of attraction for international students</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Agenda item next Meeting: clinical placement hours and update from Professor Refshaug</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ University Clinic workshop held 23 October 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Positive comments received on the workshop</li> <li>○ Great potential for advocacy</li> <li>○ Notes to be circulated in near future</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> distribute workshop notes/summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Higher Education Reform Package <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Noted recent Senate rejection of package</li> <li>○ Members considered the December Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) would contain cost containment initiatives for the university sector</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>EO to provide an overview of national allied health organisations ☐</p> <p>Agenda item next Meeting :clinical placement hours and update from Professor Refshaug</p> <p>EO to distribute University Clinic workshop notes/summary</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Still of concern are impacts of future options/proposals for the education and training of health professionals, including CSP places</li> <li>○ Also noted recent release of productivity commission report <a href="https://www.pc.gov.au/inquiries/completed/productivity-review/report">https://www.pc.gov.au/inquiries/completed/productivity-review/report</a> see p100 for university sector, including comments on employability</li> </ul> <p><i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Higher Education and Health</i></p> <p>➤ Discussion scheduled with Donna Murray (IAHA) at 1.15</p>	
3	<p><b>National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)</b></p> <p><i>Professor Anne Kelso AO, Chief Executive Officer, National Health and Medical Research Council</i> provided a brief overview of recent changes and welcomed the opportunity to hear the perspectives of ACDHS members.</p> <p>The design and implementation of the new grants program has been a major strategic initiative for NHMRC.</p> <p>Pressures on the sector with a static budget after many years of expansion formed part of the rationale. Concerns included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● How to grow/fund areas typically not well funded</li> <li>● How to look after mid-career researchers</li> <li>● The cumulative wasted effort in the huge number of grant applications and related peer review process</li> <li>● A trend toward conservatism with decrease competitiveness internationally</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Distribute NHMRC Peer Review Consultation Paper –responses close 4 December 2017 <a href="https://consultations.nhmrc.gov.au/public_consultations/nhmrc-grant-program-review">https://consultations.nhmrc.gov.au/public_consultations/nhmrc-grant-program-review</a></p> <p>Subsequent discussion with members included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The criticality of peer review</li> <li>● Three current working groups: Track record, Diversity and Innovation/Creativity</li> <li>● Diversity: beyond gender and ethnicity to MDT/synergistic apps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Relevant to Allied health – team</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Research translation and Advanced Health Research and Translation Centres (AHRTCs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/research/research-translation-0">https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/research/research-translation-0</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>● Partnering with NHMRC ( eg NDIS) <a href="https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants-funding/partnering-nhmrc">https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants-funding/partnering-nhmrc</a></li> <li>● NHMRC apply priorities including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and research</li> <li>○ Health Services Research</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Research codes remain a real concern for allied health and AH research visibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ABS FoR e.g. 1103</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Professor Kelso encouraged allied health participation in peer review panels.</p> <p>Future allied health Council membership was also mentioned, but noted the challenge as there is no specified allied health role.</p> <p>As such, any allied health application would need to be presented as expertise in <i>health care training, public health, ethics or other</i> for example ( as listed below fyi)</p> <p>Current Council <a href="https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/about/council-nhmrc">https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/about/council-nhmrc</a> June 2015 to June 30 2018  NB the legislative basis of the Council including Council membership is the National Health and Medical Research Council Act 1992 (NHMRC Act).</p> <p>The Council of the NHMRC consists of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● the Chair;</li> <li>● the chief medical officer for the Commonwealth;</li> <li>● the chief medical officer for each State and Territory;</li> <li>● a person with expertise in the health needs of Aboriginal persons and Torres Strait Islanders;</li> </ul>	<p>Distribute NHMRC Peer Review Consultation Paper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7.11.2017</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a person with expertise in consumer issues;</li> <li>• a person with expertise in business;</li> <li>• at least 6, but no more than 11, persons with expertise in one or more of the following:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ health care training;</li> <li>○ professional medical standards;</li> <li>○ the medical profession and post graduate medical training;</li> <li>○ the nursing profession;</li> <li>○ public health research and medical research issues;</li> <li>○ public health;</li> <li>○ ethics relating to research involving humans;</li> <li>○ other appropriate expertise.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Possible ACDHS action: canvas nomination to NHMR Council</p>	<p>Canvas options re nomination to NHMR Council</p>
<p>4</p>	<p><b>Member recognition</b></p> <p>The contribution of the following members was acknowledged and certificates of appreciation were offered to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Ian Wronski- for his many years as ACDHS chair and outstanding leadership</li> <li>• Professor Michael Berndt- for his contribution to ACDHS and the ACDHS Executive</li> <li>• Professor Diane Gibson- for her contribution ACDHS and the ACDHS Executive</li> </ul>	
<p>5</p>	<p><b>Indigenous Allied Health Australia</b></p> <p>Donna Murray, CEO IAHA &amp; Allan Groth, Chief Operating Officer IAHA, provided a detailed presentation (attached).</p>  <p>ACDHS Oct 2017.pdf</p> <p>There was some discussion on racism, its form and impact in the education and health sectors. The following link has been provided fyi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2016 Reconciliation Barometer Report put out by Reconciliation Australia. <a href="https://www.reconciliation.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/RA_ARB-2016_Overview-brochure_web.pdf">https://www.reconciliation.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/RA_ARB-2016_Overview-brochure_web.pdf</a></li> </ul> <p>Also mentioned during the discussion of social determinants and the systemic issues where inadequate access to health care has subsequent impacts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One study showing over 90% of Aboriginal people in NT gaols had significant hearing impairment compared with about 6-7% for non-Indigenous people in detention. One link - <a href="http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-07-01/is-hearing-loss-the-biggest-aboriginal-justice-issue-in-top-end/8663102">http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-07-01/is-hearing-loss-the-biggest-aboriginal-justice-issue-in-top-end/8663102</a></li> </ul> <p>IAHA continues to advocate with Minister Gillespie for a national allied health roundtable</p> <p>IAHA acknowledged the value of the Health Fusion Team Challenges held annually at national forum/conference</p> <p>ACDHS- IAHA collaborative activity for 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collating and showcasing examples/case studies addressing culturally safe and responsive teaching and learning environments</li> <li>• Possibly sharing resources between member universities and programs             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Including how to culturally adapt treatments/interventions</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> EO to initiate and collate</p>	<p>EO to initiate collection and collation examples or case studies re Implementing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Curriculum Framework and initiatives addressing culturally safe and responsive teaching and learning environments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>6</p>	<p><b>Governance, Policy and Planning</b></p> <p><i>ACDHS planning and priorities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 2018-2021 Strategic Plan circulated with meeting papers was approved             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For formatting and publishing on website</li> <li>○ 2018 annual work plan to be developed</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ 2018 Priorities ( <i>as noted in the strategic plan</i>)</li> </ul>	

- Leadership and innovation in health professional education
- Promoting excellence in research within the health and human service systems
- Informing multidisciplinary health workforce planning and promoting health workforce research

*Research Priority area*

- Discussion re ACDHS developing a research collation/dissemination collaborative
  - To consider feasibility, models, funding
  - Background- local state and national policy and decision makers routinely ask for evidence in relation to any initiative for allied health
  - Level of interest by some decision makers to easily access allied health research on specific topics and to know of existing research centres/focus
  - Members noted existence of many research centres and organisations who collate evidence - both allied health specific and Health more broadly eg
    - International Centre for Allied Health Evidence <http://www.unisa.edu.au/Research/Sansom-Institute-for-Health-Research/Research/Allied-Health-Evidence/>
    - the Sax Institute-promotes the use of research evidence in health policy <https://www.saxinstitute.org.au/>
- Initial ACDHS activity
  - Collate a list of allied health research centres/hubs and main focus areas
  - Progress conceptual development of possible ACDHS role
  - Meeting agreed to allocation of up to \$50,000 that could be used for a number of specified reviews **if/as** requested or required *and not otherwise available*.
    - Approvals to be sought through the ACDHS Executive Committee

*Executive Officer update*

- Website development showcased and approved to go live
  - Communication plan to be developed to promote site
- NDIS working group- SDF submission
  - Robyn Johnson from Sydney University confirmed that the agreements had been signed for the SDF funding received for the project titled: *Allied Health student placements, people with disabilities and the NDIS'*
  - The project is to be delivered in WA, SA, Vic and NSW by a collaboration of researchers from Curtin, Flinders, Monash and Sydney universities.
  - A reference committee has been established ( EO attending for ACDHS)
- *Allied Health Assistant content in curricula-*
  - No specific update
- *ACDHS EO role 2018*
  - Following the completion of the initial 2 year contract, Robyn Adams will continue for 12 months at 0.6
  - a 0.4 role will be established at UniSA to support Professor May as the new chair and to assist with ACDHS website management and communications.
- *Recent submissions*
  - ACDHS response to ASR draft report October 2017.
- *Peer support*
  - With significant changes flagged for the university sector, it was suggested that members may be well placed to provide peer support.
- *2018 ACDHS meeting dates*
  - Meeting 1 – members agreed to hold on 27 February in Canberra ( day prior to UA conference)
  - Other dates to be confirmed

7	<b>General Business and next meeting/s</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Future agenda items<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ A day of strategy<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Clinical placements</li><li>▪ Demand driven model</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>➤ Next meeting: ( tbc but hold Tuesday 27 February 2018- Canberra)</li></ul>	
4.30pm - Meeting Closed		

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