

Executive Meeting

Thursday 13 October 2022 via Zoom

NOTES

In attendance:

Esther May (Chair)	Terry Haines
Russ Hoye	
Michelle Lincoln	

Jen Coulls – Executive Officer

Helen McFarlane – Policy Officer

The meeting opened at 2.00pm (CST)

1.	Welcome The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.
2.	Apologies Greg Kolt Michelle Belligan
3.	Previous meeting
3.1	The notes of the meeting of 12 July 2022 were accepted as an accurate record.
3.2	The action register was considered noting that all actions have been completed.
4.	Decision items
4.1	ACDHS budget and membership fees 2023 Executive approved the 2023 Operating Budget and membership fee of \$15,000 (subject to agreement by G Kolt and M Belligan). It was further resolved to advise members at the October meeting that membership fees will revert to pre-pandemic level of \$15,000. Action: EO to seek agreement from Professors Kolt and Belligan to the 2023 operational budget and membership fee.
4.2	House of Representatives Committee Inquiry – Long COVID Executive considered the terms of reference for the House of Representatives standing Committee Inquiry on Long Covid and repeated Covid infections, and key areas for possible ACDHS submission. The following issues were discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognise the limited availability of knowledge and prevalence data about Long Covid in Australia.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The availability of community rehabilitation services for people who do not qualify for aged or disability care support is poor. States seem to have vacated this space. • Some Long Covid patient groups with complex and multisystem involvement are likely to require services in the acute setting, and multidisciplinary clinics set up by States and Territories are rapidly becoming overwhelmed. The University of Canberra Hospital Clinic is being evaluated by UC. • However, several patients will have long term chronic debilitating conditions that could be managed effectively and efficiently in the community. • Allied health professionals are proficient in supporting people with physical and mental health symptoms to increase function, endurance and resilience. • Increased access to community-based allied health services could deliver quality rehabilitative and restorative care which can reduce the demand on other primary and acute care services and allow affected individuals to lead more productive lives. • Recognise that allied health services are available through primary health care Medicare funded team care arrangements, but the cap on these services prohibits the delivery of appropriate care to people with Long COVID who may need to see a practitioner monthly for 12 months or longer. It is recommended that consideration be given to increasing the number of allied health services under Medicare funded Team Care Arrangements to at least match the current 10 services available under mental health. • Access to allied health services could be further enhanced by commissioning community rehabilitation services through Primary Health Networks. This could be particularly important in rural and remote locations where people are missing out on services. <p>Action: The Secretariat develop an ACDHS Submission to the House of Representatives Committee on long Covid along the lines outlined above.</p>
<p>5.</p> <p>5.1</p> <p>5.2</p>	<p>Discussion items</p> <p>Symposium – Graduate attributes in an age of uncertainty Executive were briefed on the forthcoming Symposium to be held on 21 October 2022. The Symposium Organising Committee met monthly and more recently, fortnightly during 2022. The ACDHS Executive Officer provided project management and support. The primary role of the Committee was to develop the program and identify suitable speakers. The Committee has had a 100% turnover in personnel since inception, due to university restructures/retirement of staff. As at the time of writing 145 delegates (at capacity) had registered from across the above sectors with a larger proportion being ACDHS member faculty. 88 have registered to attend the Welcome Reception. Nineteen (19) members of Council have registered to attend.</p> <p>Council meeting 20 October 2022 Executive were briefed in detail about the October meeting of Council, the first face to face meeting since 2020. The agenda for this final meeting of the year (and as ACDHS) combines a series of guest presentations, sector updates as well as opportunities for discussion and networking. Commencing at 11am the formal meeting will conclude with the Symposium Welcome Reception (on-site), followed by the Council dinner in the QT Hotel private dining room. A comprehensive meeting pack will be circulated to Council one week prior.</p>

5.3	<p>ACDHS Limited</p> <p>Executive were briefed about progress towards becoming a CLG, noting that all activities are on schedule to achieving company status by 31 December 2022.</p>
5.4	<p>Building the Case for a Coordinated Approach to the National Health and Care Workforce Strategy</p> <p>Members considered the update provided by Professor Haines. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following agreement from Executive to an out of session paper Professor Terry Haines has been negotiating with two applicants to secure a joint application to undertake the <i>Modelling the Future Allied Health Aged Care Workforce</i> project. • Both Universities have agreed to proceed, and they will develop a joint project plan/proposal by 24 October 2022. This proposal will address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Description of how proposals will be integrated ○ Key program deliverables and timeline ○ Overall budget including allocation between lead organisation (University of Melbourne) and sub-contracted (Monash University) ○ Justification for any request to increase the size of the grant. Additional funding of the order of \$10, 000 is likely to be requested, bringing the total to \$40,000 as Uni Melb has said there is a minimum amount (\$30,000) required to fund the development of the model and Monash would require \$10,000 to collect data to inform the model. • Professor Haines considers that this research collaboration delivers a solid value for money proposition for ACDHS. • Following submission of the project plan, this will be circulated to Executive for approval. • Funding can be released on receipt of an invoice to ACDHS. It is anticipated that the project will commence, and funds will be disbursed in 2022. <p>Executive present agreed that the proposed approach represented value for money.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>That a Monash-Melbourne joint proposal/project plan be circulated to Executive; and,</i> 2. <i>that subject to formal approval by the Executive an additional \$10,000 be released from Council reserves to bring the total funding for the project to \$40,000.</i>
6.	<p>Matters for noting</p> <p>The Secretariat Activity Report and Finance Report were noted.</p>

The meeting closed at 3.20pm

Next meeting (final): Wednesday 23 November via Zoom