



**Minutes for the ANAPHI Executive Committee teleconference meeting  
Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2008, 3pm (EST – Daylight Saving Time)**

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**1.0 Welcome, Introduction, Apologies and Objectives**

**VL**

Attendees: *Chair* - Vivian Lin (La Trobe University), *Deputy Chair* - MaryLou Flemming (QUT), Elizabeth Geelhoed (University of Western Australia), Carol Lankuts (DoHA), John Moss (The University of Adelaide), Kate Senior (Menzies School of Health Research), Judy Simpson (University of Sydney), Donald Stewart (Griffith University), *Secretariat* - Penelope Smith (La Trobe University)

- New members to the ANAPHI Executive were welcomed by VL
  - Judy Simpson (University of Sydney) representing NSW
  - Kate Senior (Menzies School of Health Research) representing NT
  - MaryLou Flemming (QUT) incoming ANAPHI Chair, current Deputy Chair
- Previous minutes 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2008 accepted
- Minutes from face to face meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2008 accepted

**2.0 DoHA Update**

**CL**

- There has been little response so far to the advertisement for position previously occupied by Renee Deschamps. Hope to have someone on board by mid-May. Department is not encouraging active recruiting externally.
- Bill Genat (The University of Melbourne) has recently submitted a revised paper around the Indigenous competencies which both CL and VL have looked at. It will be circulated through the ANAPHI executive when it reaches its next stage. There is a recognition that there has been a significant amount of work that has been undertaken up to date, and avoiding revisiting old ground needs is important.
- The expenditure review is still continuing. The Government is very keen to know where each department is at and where it is planning to go in the future. They are also looking at any possible redirection of monies. There has been a significant amount of internal briefings.

*Executive questions for CL*

- With regards to ANAPHI submitting a funding proposal, CL advises that there is no guarantee of funding however ANAPHI should still submit a proposal. CL advised that ANAPHI should ensure that within the proposal that there is strong accountabilities, strong outputs and outcomes and a strong link to public health more broadly. Also, the sooner this is submitted the better.

### 3.0 State by State Report

#### *Victoria (VL)*

- The Vic Public Health Traineeship Scheme is currently under review. There has been a fair bit of liaison with the NSW scheme as both schemes want to look at the MPH competencies and how they might review theirs accordingly.
- The current Victorian trainee's will look at the competencies at the end of next week (Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> March) and have agreed for CL to come and participate. They are looking at inviting the NSW people also.

#### *South Australia (JM)*

- Not much to report currently. Mainly everybody is recovering from NHMRC applications and the beginning of the new academic year getting under way.

#### *Western Australia (EG)*

- Very similar to SA.

#### *Queensland (DS)*

- In terms of the consortium arrangements they have started to discuss the handover between Griffith and UQ which will occur at the end of this year.
- Currently they are discussing with QLD health a possible QLD public health forum.
- QLD Health late last year put up 4 quite substantial public health scholarships and the outcome from this should be advised soon.
- Kathleen Lilley is working on developing the lunchtime session on health workforce for the congress.

#### *Northern Territory (KS)*

- Menzies School of Health Research are working with the NT Health Promotion Strategy to strengthen courses and they have promised a bit of funding as result of this.
- Menzies School of Health Research are still continuing to work with the Indigenous institutions in the territory to co-develop public health teaching.

#### *New South Wales (JS)*

- UNSW enrolments are looking health in all the courses.
- As a new member to the Executive, JS requested some guidance of what she's meant to do in her role.

ACTION: PS to send all ACT/NSW ANAPHI contacts to JS. **ACTIONED**

### 4.0 Review of Face to Face meeting

#### *4a - Location of secretariat*

- VL put forward to the executive the issues of a permanent or roving secretariat. This issue had been discussed at the face to face meeting in January and the full membership had agreed for the ANPAHI executive to take this to the next stage.
- MLF expressed concern about the secretariat being part of the QUT application for chairing the ANAPHI.

- Executive agreed to put the issue on hold for now and discuss in 6 months time when the chair is handed over between QUT and La Trobe University.

#### *4b - DoHA application*

- Executive agreed for QUT to make first draft and then circulate amongst the Executive for comment.

#### *4c - Workplan*

- Executive was generally happy with the workplan, but recognised that ANAPHI goals 3 and 4 have not been addressed.

**ACTION:** PS to update ANAPHI workplan, particularly addressing goal 3 and 4 and circulate amongst the Executive.

#### *4d - September Teaching and Learning Forum*

- In principle the Executive are happy with Canberra as a venue and 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> September as the date.
- CL brought to the attention of the Executive that it would be a parliamentary sitting week though.

**ACTION:** PS to circulate more specific details of dates to Executive for comment. **ACTIONED**

### **5.0 ANAPHI Endorsement of Indigenous Public Health Curriculum Framework**

- PS reported back that an email response was received from UQ, UWA, ECU, QIMR, and La Trobe University. These have all been passed onto Bill Genat.
- The Executive endorsed the framework in principle.
- There was concern regarding how it would be actually taught and where the ownership would sit. VL suggested that unless there was an official teaching collaboration, similar to the Biostatistics Collaboration, it would be adapted as appropriate by institutions.

### **6.0 Other business**

#### *6a - NHMRC review on public health research*

- Executive agreed that this is a very important review and it is something ANAPHI needs to be tracking.
- Executive agreed that they would like to contact Don Nutbeam to let him know ANAPHI's interest to be involved.

**ACTION:** PS to draft a letter from ANAPHI Executive and add this item to the ANAPHI workplan in terms of tracking it and making submission as appropriate.

#### *6b - ERA*

- Executive agreed that it is important for ANAPHI to follow this closely, and consider putting forward a submission at the appropriate time.

**ACTION:** PS to add this item to the ANAPHI Workplan.

*6c - July Population Health Congress Lunchtime Session Working Group update*

- EG updated the Executive on what was a good first teleconference. There was some concern that there is some overlap with workforce session put together by Kathleen Lilley, but the discussion assisted in clarifying this.
- Originally the working group was simply looking at the competencies with regards to the relationship to undergraduate courses, but it was expanded before the meeting to include doctoral competencies.
- The working group realised that the audience was to include some stakeholders and have discussed the impact of this.

*6d - National Coaching Program update*

- Issues or questions for the team to follow up from the Executive:
  - a. How do we build capacity nationally and how do we keep our competitive edge?

**ACTION:** Request to team for another report for next Executive meeting.

*6e - Roxon letter and follow-up call*

- VL outlined the intent and the process for the Executive. Currently PS has contacted the office to ensure the letter has arrived and they have advised that response will come in a few weeks.

**Next Teleconference – Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm (EST)**