



**Minutes for the ANAPHI Executive Committee teleconference  
Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2008, 3pm (EST)**

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

**VL**

Attendees: *Chair* - Vivian Lin (LaTrobe University), *Deputy Chair* - MaryLou Flemming (QUT), Elizabeth Geelhoed (University of Western Australia), Carol Lankuts (DoHA), John Moss (The University of Adelaide), Judy Simpson (University of Sydney), Kathleen Lilley - Proxy (Griffith University), *Secretariat* - Penelope Smith (LaTrobe University)

Guest: Priscilla Robinson (LaTrobe University) for item 2

Apologies: Donald Stewart (Griffith University), Kate Senior (Menzies School of Health Research)

- Previous minutes 18<sup>th</sup> March 2008 accepted

**2.0 First European Conference on Public Health Core Competencies for Public Health Education**

**PR**

- In January this year the ANAPHI secretariat canvassed the ANAPHI network to see if any representatives would be in Europe at the time of the conference. Priscilla Robinson (LaTrobe University) intended to be so ANAPHI funded her accommodation to enable her to attend.
- PR provided a report for ANAPHI and briefly outlined her experience to the ANAPHI Executive.
  - The background to the event comes from the Bologna process being applied overall in Europe to facilitate the movement of students.
  - The event was attended by an extraordinary number of high-level people who came from quite diverse backgrounds.
  - It was refreshing that the competencies discussed and the experience that Europe has undergone was very similar to Australia.
  - PR recommended a discussion within Australia around how competencies can be adapted.
- In discussion points with PR about how the Europeans intended to use it, she indicated:
  - Bologna process is driving everything and it is part of the basis of accreditation.
  - These will be used also as a basis for teaching competencies
  - European institutions are headed down the accreditation pathway.
- It was agreed that the report will be circulated to the full ANAPHI membership and PR will add more description of the context of the Bologna process.
- VL pointed out that there is an event to be held in June 2008 in Ireland – Capacity Building for the Future: Health Promotion Competencies and Professional

Standards (19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June) (see website - [http://www.nuigalway.ie/health\\_promotion/conf.htm](http://www.nuigalway.ie/health_promotion/conf.htm)) and noted there is a potential conflict in having separate competencies developed for public health and health promotion.

ACTION: PS to circulate PR's report to full ANAPHI network. **ACTIONED**

### **3.0 DoHA Update**

**CL**

#### *3.1 May Budget Announcement*

- The department is currently gearing up for the May Budget and preparing for Budget Estimates Hearings. There is a degree of excitement around the budget announcements as this will bring further clarity on the future.

#### *3.2 PHERP funding*

- CL will be writing to PHERP funded institutions during this week emphasising the importance of meeting timeframes agreed in the executed funding agreements, particularly as the end of the financial year is fast approaching.
- CL advised that monies allocated within a financial year need to be expended within that same year - the Government has made it quite clear that there is no provision to carryover funds into the next year.
- Executive asked if institutions were able to renegotiate contract to revise the due dates or reduce the deliverables. CL responded that in very limited/exception cases there might be, however revising the due dates will not alter the impact, as the funds have not been included in forward estimates that have been agreed. On the other hand, changing the deliverables' due dates within the same financial year may be worth considering in terms of the administrative cost associated with contract management.
- It was noted that universities in consortium arrangements have a more complex coordination process for signing off.

#### *3.3 Restructure Processes*

- CL's branch is going through a restructure over the next few weeks. At present CL is unable to provide specifics, but the underlying purpose of the restructure is to meet better the government priorities. CL doesn't believe there will be a loss of staff.

#### *3.4 Prevention Task Force*

- CL has no comment as she is currently not part of the broader conversations/decisions. She will however keep ANAPHI advised when she is.

#### *3.5 Competencies*

- Due to changes within the department, particularly around staffing, the competencies have not progressed much further, however the Indigenous competencies are incorporated, the presentation changed and an introduction added.
- The process for obtaining feedback needs to be determined before a revised version is sent out. CL did provide this draft version to both Vivian and Priscilla at the recent VHTS meeting.
- It was suggested that perhaps a Public Health Trainee could undertake a placement to help move the competencies along - this suggestion together with others has been made, however no decision has yet been made.

## 4.0 State by State Report

### *South Australia (JM)*

- Currently they are very busy, so there is not much to report.

### *New South Wales (JS)*

- NCEPH have filled some PHERP funded positions and with other money was able to make 6 appointments in total. Also, the position of Director of NCEPH will be advertised soon and the contract for Masters of Epidemiology has finally been signed.
- UNSW is currently doing PHERP reports. Alongside this, they are implementing a revised MPH using Webteach. Also, they now have a competing demand for their PG team to teach in the medical course. Lastly, their MPH enrolments are slightly up.
- Newcastle is currently just working on their MPH for 2009.
- UWS as yet has not replaced their ANAPHI representative. Professor Gregory Kolt, Head of school, is the temporary contact.
- The University of Sydney has had a 40% increase in MPH student enrolments and are also working on their PHERP reports.

### *Queensland (KL)*

- KL is involved with both working groups for the QCPH and ANAPHI congress sessions to facilitate the link between academic and workforce issues.
- QLD Health currently working on their workforce competencies which will be interesting to watch.
- AUQA audit at Griffith soon, also they have recently advertised senior academic positions in public health.
- In June, part of their CPD series, there will be a colloquia looking at health inequalities hosted by the Queensland Centre for Public Health.

### *Victoria (VL)*

- Last week the Public Health Consortium had a workshop to review the how current Part I units deliver on the current draft on the competencies.. The workshop focused on whether there was a need to revise units or whether the competencies suggested could be too high a level.
- The review of Victorian Public Health Training Scheme also held a workshop to look at revising their own competencies, based on at the draft MPH competencies. The fellows are in a good position to look at what is the MPH level and the trainee level, given all have completed MPHs and at different institutions. CL attended
- Coming out of the Victorian curriculum review workshop is the priority for sharing of resource in the area of Indigenous health. It is planned that ANAPHI will host this on the website, as part of the ANAPHI brief for exchanging and sharing teaching resources.

### *Western Australia (EG)*

- Working with Curtin to reconnect with the WA health department. Last year they closed down the Public Health area, but this year they have reinstated it employing Tarun Weeramunthri.
- UWA working on a MPH nursing for 2009.

#### **4.0 ANAPHI application for further funding**

- MLF, EP, VL, and PS have already been undertaking some handover. The main concern however is putting together an ANAPHI application for further funding to be submitted to DoHA.
- MLF has drafted an application, which both VL and PS have provided feedback on. She has almost completed another draft, which she will circulate to the Executive later in this week for a quick turn around.

ACTION: PS to circulate draft version of funding application to Executive.

**ACTIONED**

#### **5.0 Other business**

##### *5.1 - July Population Health Congress Lunchtime Session Working Group update*

- The working group has had a few more meetings, with Catherine Bennett chairing
- The meeting have been good to ensure that the ANAPHI session is synergised with the Griffiths session (supply – ANAPHI, demand – Griffith)
- The working group hope to have a draft paper to circulate for the next Executive meeting.
  - Executive suggested that perhaps the report and the meetings minutes could go on the ANAPHI website.

##### *5.2 Meeting with Minister's office*

- This original meeting was cancelled, as it was the day before the 2020 Summit, but a new date now has been arranged (Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May). VL and MLF will keep the Executive up to date with what occurs.

##### *5.3 National Prevention Summit*

- This event was opened by Nicola Roxon, who used it to announce the membership of the task force. This really set the tone for a productive day.
- The event was attended by lots of ANAPHI representatives, and overall there was a diverse amount of individuals from a diverse backgrounds.
- The outcome was a report which will be included in the next ANAPHI newsletter.

**Next Teleconference – Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm (EST)**