

MINUTES OF MEETING - Summary

Wednesday 4 April 2018 (12.30 – 3.30pm)

PSA House, 11 Aurora Terrace, Wellington

1	<p>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</p> <p>Chair, Jennifer Pelvin welcomed everyone to the meeting, including Caz Thomson from the Public Service Association; Saya Hashimoto from the Nutrition Society of New Zealand and Chris King, Associate Director of Allied Health Scientific and Technical at Capital and Coast DHB.</p>
2	<p>ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS</p> <p>a. Minutes of the Meeting held 7th March 2018</p> <p>Members noted the minutes of the last meeting held 7th March 2018. The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Moved: Jennifer Pelvin Seconded: Lucy Sandford-Reed</p> <p>Unanimously carried</p> <p>Georgia clarified that these minutes were not intended for wider circulation, however, public summaries would be made available on the AHANZ website.</p> <p>b. Financial Statements of the year ended 31 December 2017</p> <p>Members noted the updated financial statements from the year ended 31 December 2017, having accounted for the previous discrepancy in the accumulated funds identified at the AGM. These were moved as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Moved: Jennifer Pelvin Seconded: Antony McFelin</p> <p>Unanimously carried</p> <p>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</p>
3	<p>Feedback from the Executive Committee's meeting on the 4th April 2018</p> <p>Jennifer reported that the Executive Committee (EC) had reviewed their internal governance policies and procedures, as well as the vision, mission statement and strategic goals.</p> <p>Jennifer informed members that Georgia had indicated of her intent to relocate to Australia later in the year. Jennifer reported that the EC would be considering how to plan and prepare for this, to ensure the continuity of the organisation's activities.</p> <p>Jennifer also advised members that AHANZ had been informed of Dietitians NZ's decision not to renew their membership. However, the EC saw the value in retaining their membership in the interests of having a strong united representative allied health voice. The EC had discussed offering Dietitians NZ an observer status with complimentary membership for one year, during which time they would be required to have a representative at every AHANZ meeting. If they were unable to comply with this requirement then they would lose this observer status.</p>

Motion: To offer Dietitians NZ an observer status under exceptional circumstances for 2018, where they would be offered complimentary membership with an obligation to attend every AHANZ meeting or forum during the remainder of the year.

Moved: Arish Naresh

Seconded: Hayden Thomas

Unanimously approved.

Jennifer highlighted the discussion about the format and frequency for the members and EC meetings to minimise the travel requirements for members.

Jennifer presented the proposal from the EC to have four members meetings (February, May, August and November) annually from 12.30-4.30pm (in July and October for the remainder of 2018) with the EC meetings earlier in the morning. She also proposed changing the format to include:

- Administrative activities;
- Information sharing;
- Networking;
- Invited guests to share in strategic and structured conversations; and
- Workshop of strategic issues to develop policy positions shared among members or sub-group meetings on topics of mutual interest and relevance.

Members agreed that the member meeting times were more feasible for those travelling. Members were supportive of the new structure and in particular, having a conversation rather than a presentation and dedicated time for developing coordinated policy and positions or sub-group activities.

Proposed dates were highlighted as during the school holidays which may be prohibitive to some members. However, members agreed that Wednesdays were the most convenient day.

Jennifer also outlined that the EC saw value in hosting a wider summit in key policy topics where members' Boards/EC could join, share, grow and start to think more strategically. Topics could include models of integrated care.

Jennifer outlined the plans to host a revenue-generating event, similar to the previous events hosted in 2017 which had been well attended and well-valued by participants. The EC were supportive of hosting a one-off event regarding utilising social media for the maximal promotion and advocacy, as well as safe conduct online including testimonials.

Sandra Kirby suggested Mike Walker (Digital Strategist Plato Creative) who presented on the topic of "Making the Most of Digital Marketing". She recommended him to presenting on using social media as a marketing and advocacy tool but felt that there was a lack of specific information pertaining to the Therapeutic Advertising Code.

PROGRESS REPORTS

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a. Briefing letter and meeting with the Minister of Health

Jennifer recalled the recent positive meeting held with Dr David Clark, Minister of Health, and the outcome of this being a meeting with Claire Austin, General Manager of Health Workforce NZ. Jennifer outlined the importance of building a relationship not only with the Minister, but also the Health Select Committee, Associate Health Ministers, National Spokesperson for Health, the Labour

	<p>Health Caucus and key figures within the Ministry of Health. Jennifer encouraged members to invite the Minister to participate in activities and share success stories.</p>
	<p>b. Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act Amendment Bill Submission</p> <p>Jennifer reported that AHANZ had made a submission on the HPCA Act Amendment Bill, along with Podiatry NZ, Physiotherapy NZ, NZ Audiological Society, Osteopaths NZ, Acupuncture NZ and NZ Chiropractors' Association. Jennifer encouraged all members to consider using the AHANZ submission to make their own submissions. She highlighted the key concerns, including the inequities of registration costs for allied health practitioners, lack of consultation with practitioners, implications of amalgamation.</p>
	<p>INFORMATION EXCHANGE</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>a. Update from Partners</p> <p>PSA Feedback</p> <p>Caz Thomson advised that the DHB Allied MECA bargaining was progressing, there had been some agreement on a variety of issues but others remained in dispute. PSA were taking stride from the action of nurses and were also proposing strike action in May if these issues are unable to be resolved.</p> <p>ACC Feedback</p> <p>Kim Eland advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next phase in the ACC 32 changes had rolled out, allowing further autonomy before extensions are required, as well as making extension requests easier. However, some of the changes trialled with the physiotherapy workforce have been poorly received. • Upcoming communication regarding a new way of working with clients – including client's online access to ACC records, direct contact with case managers, ordering their own services, and triaging with allied health advisors (integrated alongside other advisors). To date this model has worked very well and over time will start to impact more clients and providers. • Tendering for the escalated care pathway trial was open. This built on the ACL trial looking at improvements on the traditionally surgical ACL knee injury pathway in the integrated prehab and post-rehabilitation level. This trial has shown to improve recovery, reduced re-injury and reduce the necessity for surgical intervention. This two year escalation pathway trial will also cover shoulders, ankles and lower back, in addition to knees. <p>National Directors of Allied Health Feedback</p> <p>Chris King advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Allied Health Scientific and Technical Conference is upcoming in May with the speakers organised and details are on the website. • The DAHs were aware of the Social Work registration legislation bill (as Social Workers working in DHBs have mandatory registration). • The collective bargaining was also on the radar of the DAHs as was contingency planning should strike action occur. <p>The National Minimum Data Set had been published (previously circulated in the AHANZ newsletter).</p>

	<p>b. Environmental Exchange</p> <p><u>Philippa Friary and Annette Rotherham, NZ Speech-Language Therapy Association, advised that:</u> They have recently consulted with members and stakeholders regarding regulation with split support for registration vs self-regulation. Members had valued the title profession but the plan was to progress with tightening up their self-regulation process.</p> <p><u>Hayden Thomas, NZ Chiropractors' Association, advised that:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recently attended the Australia NZ Clinical Trials Network launch which went well – multidisciplinary event launched by the Federal Health Minister who highlighted the issues of musculoskeletal conditions. <p><u>Deborah McDougall, Hospital Play Specialist Association Aotearoa NZ, advised that:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National hui on 3rd March with great regional representation via teleconference. A new logo and mission were ratified, and they were exploring the future direction. Also proposing a change in title to reflect the broader roles that they could play. • They also held a recent conference with the highest ever number of attendees. <p><u>Kate Roberts, Acupuncture NZ, advised that:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They were evaluating the role of the Association in light of the upcoming registration once the regulatory role is divulged. • A media campaign to proactively report positive stories was underway with uptake with among the regional newspapers and the Dominion Post. • The NZ Medical Journal published their response to the Sceptics Society article. <p><u>Nikky Winchester, NZ Association of Psychotherapists, advised that:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changed the conference pattern to trial a biennial conference and a small profession-specific and a large professional development event (open to any practitioners interested in mental health) on alternating years. <p><u>Saya Hashimoto, Nutrition Society of NZ, advised that:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition was a self-regulated profession currently evaluating registration under the HPCA Act due to concerns regarding title protection. • They have developed a public complaints process. <p><u>Pamela Hyde, NZ Psychological Society, advised that:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was the Society's 50th Anniversary this year, which will be celebrated with a public seminar series roadshow, free professional development event for members and a Jubilee conference.
	FUTURE MEETINGS and OTHER BUSINESS
7	<p>Developing a public Facebook page to raise the awareness of allied health albeit with some moderation of the posts was discussed by members with general support.</p> <p>July 2018 TBC</p> <p>October 2018 TBC</p> <hr/> <p>Meeting closed: 3.25pm</p>