

PUBLIC SUMMARY OF MEMBER MEETING
Wednesday 4 October 2017

<p>1</p>	<p>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</p> <p>Deborah McDougall opened the meeting with a karakia.</p> <p>Jennifer set out the primary focus of the meeting, being a forum for information sharing and exchange of ideas, particularly around new projects that member organisations may be pursuing.</p> <p>In response to a question from the floor, a reminder that each member organisation may have two attendees for the bimonthly meetings from their Executive/Board, or specific roles relevant to the agenda. As we are yet to know the structure of government, a discussion of strategy and what the membership would like to see from AHANZ would be timely.</p> <p>Jennifer introduced the new attendees in the room, highlighting the Executive Committee with two new co-opted EC members in attendance, Hayden Thomas (President of NZ Chiropractors' Assoc.) and Julie Hood. As Julie has been co-opted outside of Allied Health, Jennifer highlighted Julie's background in health and governance, plus her most recent experience of 9.5yrs with the NZ Veterinary Assoc., which has a solid strategic plan and strong influence in their sector.</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>REFLECTION ON LAST MEETING: Political Panel</p> <p>The overall consensus was that the August meeting was productive, particularly the opportunity to hear candidate's views around the future of health in NZ. The pre-set questions from AHANZ were, as expected, not directly addressed, with each candidate putting their own spin on health in a wider context, rather than addressing allied health per se.</p> <p>It was felt worthwhile to canvass parties on an annual basis (rather than just around an election) as it would be useful for parties to share their views, and more specifically, for them to connect with allied health, and to enable AHANZ to continually promote our sphere of influence within the health sector.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>PRIMARY HEALTH ALLIANCE (PHA)</p> <p>Both Jennifer and Georgia attended a PHA meeting in June, and Jennifer attended a second meeting on September 1. Jennifer explained the context of the group, being an alliance between PHA (the CE is a prior AHANZ Chair, Philip Grant) and General Practice NZ (GPNZ), two organisations who are considering amalgamation. Whilst GPNZ has a pure GP membership, PHA extends membership to the wider sector, such as the Heart Foundation, midwives, and AHANZ.</p> <p>Engagement is a work in progress at this stage, but Jennifer was heartened by the support shown at the PHA meeting for allied health to have a voice.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>INFORMATION EXCHANGE</p> <p>REMINDER: To keep up-to-date with all Member events/conferences please see the Events tab on the AHANZ website.</p> <p>The Information Exchange was highlighted by members at the last meeting as <u>the</u> most beneficial aspect of the AHANZ meetings. As attendees were keen to hear from each other and explore avenues for collaboration and future learnings, and the political landscape is currently unknown (as coalition</p>

discussions are yet to take place), the post-election strategy discussion was tabled by the Chair to enable the exchange to be the primary focus of this meeting.

Environmental Exchange

Lucy Sandford-Reed, Aotearoa NZ Assoc. of Social Workers:

- The PSA pay equity for Oranga Tamariki staff is expected to flow through to other sectors staffed by PSA workers.
- The Bill around mandatory registration of social workers has been read in Parliament and referred to Select Committee. The preference is for a February Select Committee, rather than it being rushed through before the end of the year. As noted at the last meeting, the Bill registers the title, but not the practice of social work, which opens the way for an unqualified workforce who perform tasks defined as social work in their employment contract. This could lead to three separate groups – qualified social workers, those not employed as social workers but registered (25-50%), and those who have no need to register. This is of obvious concern to the profession, so Lucy assured AHANZ that they will be vigorous in their submission to register the practice of social work, not just the title. Any support is welcome for submissions, and Lucy will pass on a briefing for AHANZ to circulate for member support.

Iselde de Boam, Massage NZ:

- Massage NZ are keen to promote free membership of Ngā Pou Mana to their membership.
- Iselda informed AHANZ of a plan to bring visceral manipulative studies to Wellington in 2018/19, so if any organisations are interested do contact Iselde.

Hayden Thomas, NZ Chiropractors' Assoc.:

- The new national manager resigned early in the process, so Hayden was happy to report that their Secretary has stepped up to the challenge and they are currently ticking off projects such as a website overhaul, and a new website to relaunch of the 'straighten up NZ and move' which focuses on postural hygiene via 3mins of movement per day, with a plan to work with schools and youth.
- Hayden acknowledged Kim Eland's (ACC) communication with stakeholders, having been part of a discussion on an evidence review into treatment injury around cervical artery dissection.

Peter Anderson, Occupational Therapy NZ Whakaora Ngangahau Aotearoa:

- OT NZ have been busy with a few submissions in the post-conference space.
- The Board is looking at the profession from a lens of where OTs go, either when they move overseas to work, or when they exit the profession.
- Upcoming this month is OT week (23-27 October) which celebrates the profession, showcases and raises the profile of OTs whilst raising money for charity, culminating in the World Federation of OT Day on 27 October, which this year will be shining a light on social change and justice.
- The organisation is going through a process of systems integration, which with the new technology is 25% of the cost 3-years ago. They are looking at saving 2-days per week of administration duties with this integration and Peter is happy to share what they have achieved with AHANZ via an informal workshop.
- OT NZ have also been approached by an insurer to offer cheaper personal insurance to their members, which Peter is also happy to share.
- The Board is working on a private practice toolkit to offer guidance for solo practitioners working in the community, given that this is the future of healthcare, with the aim of encouraging the profession to better market their services.

Kate Roberts, Acupuncture NZ, Member Representative:

- Kate recently wrote a submission for acupuncture to be included in the 3D Health Pathways and it has been approved where there is a reasonable evidence base. The process will roll out locally, then nationally. A further submission to the Medical Council regarding the definition of CAM has been made, and a submission on suicide prevention and mental health.
- Kate is part of an expert reference group for ACC looking at an overarching review of the acupuncture research.

- Kate is pursuing a doctorate with Otago University looking at clinical collaboration with GPs, to develop a toolkit that will be transferrable across allied health professions.
- Next week Kate will be meeting with a PR specialist to best promote World Acupuncture Day, and will forward a link to AHANZ.

Of note, despite the fact Kate had proactively approached senior policy advisors to find out when consultation was needed with respect to the statement on CAM, she only found out with 1-week to submit, and Hayden noted he found out on the submission deadline date. Wendy suggested exploring whether an alert could be set up for relevant submissions with key words, so AHANZ will follow this up.

Deborah McDougall, Hospital Play Specialist Assoc. Aotearoa/NZ:

- The association is 21-years old this year so have upgraded website and training packages, with a new project considering whether their professional identity is set up to reflect the next 21-years. For example, is there a global identity? Should play be the cornerstone of their work or psychological support? How does 'hospital play specialist' translate into other environments? Does the brand fit? This project is being fast-tracked ready for their hui/conference in March/April 2018.

Antony McFellin, NZ Assoc. of Counsellors:

- The association will be linking in with World Mental Health Day (10 October) and Mental Health Awareness week (9-15 October).

Clare Winward, NZ Speech-Language Therapists' Assoc.:

- Clare is based in Wellington so is likely to represent NZSTA for AHANZ at future meetings. She works on the education side (cf. health).
- NZSTA is considering the regulation versus voluntary registration path via a survey of stakeholders and a neutral presentation PowerPoint to members. A decision is due end of this year for 2018.
- The NZSTA Symposium (plus AGM) took place mid-September, at which one year of free student membership was agreed to boost engagement of new graduates. 2018 will see another Symposium, followed by their first trans-Tasman conference in 2019.

Jennifer commented that Podiatry NZ had reduced rates for first year graduates to engage new members.

Bec Parry, Nutrition Society of NZ (considering AHANZ membership):

- Bec attended the meeting to assess the value of being part of AHANZ and to take her message back to their Council. Bec felt that AHANZ is a good forum for ideas and supporting those members in private practice via links to other member organisations.
- The Society has 320 members who must be degree qualified in nutrition. A proportion of members (n=80) are registered nutritionists with a scope of practice and mentorship.
- They are in the midst of a change in name with a new website launched, and would like to protect the title of nutritionist so are another organisation in the process of considering regulation, perhaps in conjunction with dietitians or solely. Members have a similar scope of practice to dietitians but work more in preventative health.
- The Society has been in contact with ACC re referrals with respect to weight loss for knee injuries etc.
- They are pushing for the public to be informed on the difference between a registered nutritionist and someone who just writes a food blog (for example).

Ben Lamb, Chair, Podiatry NZ:

- Podiatry NZ held a Board meeting yesterday after a national road trip to engage with their membership.
- The podiatry profession has a skills shortage, especially south of Auckland due to the fact it is hard to encourage clinicians to move South after training in Auckland.
- The profession is experiencing a minefield of funding and contractual models around the management of high risk foot which is proving a challenge. It's important to address the concerns within the community given the potential prevention of secondary care admissions.

- The provision of orthotics contract has been initiated with ACC.
- Numerous educational offerings are in the planning leading up their conference next year, with online portals, special interest groups, practical competency workshops, all geared toward improving educational access for rural members.
- The 2018 focus for Podiatry NZ will be on best practice, with a move towards investment in fostering mentors within the professions.
- A Podiatry Handbook has been created around clinical accreditation and audit processes, based on Allied Health standards (8171 developed in 2005 by ACC). This is mandated by ACC for physiotherapy. The Handbook has been rolled out with an extensive training programme. The impetus was member-driven, with podiatrists wanting to be seen as working at the top of their scope as quality providers. Given the interest in the room, Jennifer suggested an information session/workshop could be offered to AHANZ members.

Sidharth Pagad, Music Therapy NZ:

- A new book written by their past President Claire Molyneux (with a foreword by Dr Sarah Hoskyns) looks at the lived experience of encounters in the therapy room via poems and stories. The book is Only Connect.
- Their recent AGM reviewed members and the registration process with a plan to simplify the process.
- Music Therapy NZ have their first council member on the World Federation of Music Therapy.

Melanie Young, Osteopaths NZ:

- The organisation had their largest turnout in Australasia (n=220) to their just completed conference at the Sky Tower, with a focus on pain management. The forum created an opportunity for global awareness.
- The Osteopathic Council of NZ requires that all osteopaths need to have completed online study in paediatric capabilities by 2020 through the University of Canterbury. This education component is pre-emptive to enable recognition of children (up to 18-years old) at risk. This training will incorporate mental and developmental issues, plus psychosocial red flags, and the appropriate referral routes to mental health practitioners.

Nicky Winchester, NZ Assoc. of Psychotherapists:

- Nicky reported on several press releases by their organisation in line with the election campaign. For example, around suicide prevention and promoting resilience (in line with International Youth Day); a response to National's boot camp policy for young offenders, and their e-therapy claims.
- The association has been internally reviewing all their processes, moving towards a model of a biannual conference with an AGM/training event in between (open to non-members). A 6-year trial will assess the success of this model. In addition, they are looking at the makeup of their Council ... and still looking for a treasurer....
- They have been updating their website (as have a few AHANZ member organisations).
- Nicky is keen to receive feedback re AHANZ members re use of Zoom for meetings.
- Membership stands at 480 members (there are more registered practitioners who are not members). Nicky noted it is an ongoing process to recruit members.

Trish Hart, NZ Society of Orthoptists:

- See video link for an idea of the role of an orthoptist. Trish explained that their focus (no pun intended) is on binocular vision impairments, and anomalies of visual development. Their patient population is paediatrics and post-stroke, particularly around co-ordination of vision.
- There is currently no orthoptic training in NZ, with only 27 practitioners in the country, who uphold the registration requirements of the country they qualified in, with rigid CPD programmes in place.
- Referrals come from neurologists, ophthalmologists, GPS, and Plunket nurses via GPs to avoid false positives given the small professional base. There is an opportunity to upskill nurse practitioners for primary screening.

	<p>Helen Sullivan, NZ Audiological Society:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NZAS have four new Council members. • They have a meeting with Health Workforce NZ this week to look at recruitment/retention of staff, particularly within the public sector. • A membership-wide salary survey has been administered by PSA with preliminary results providing demographics of the workforce (from a 48% response rate of practicing members).
<p>5</p>	<p>Agenda Item postponed to December (once new government in place):</p> <p>POST-ELECTION STRATEGY</p> <p>Member discussion on the way forward for AHANZ.</p> <p>How can we best fulfil our Vision?</p> <p>What key strategies would you like AHANZ to focus on?</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>FUTURE MEETINGS and OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Future meetings agreed.</p>