

Northland Faculty of General Practitioners

Minutes for meeting on Tuesday July 7th 2015 Kawakawa Hospital 6.15pm

Present

Norma Nehran, Damian Wojick, Mark Lankshear, Chris Reid, Tanya Quin

Apologies

Kyle, Mike and Geoff

Minutes presented to members before the meeting by email

Accepted as accurate account

Matters arising from minutes of February meeting and AGM May 2015

Registrars

Feedback on registrar attendance at conference – 12 Registrars and 13 Students attended the conference. The registrars and students that board members spoke to at the conference agreed that supporting them to attend the conference was a positive experience for them in terms of seeing themselves as being part of Northland general practice in the future. Board members wondered about their lack of attendance at the conference dinner but that was due to a prior engagement and some students could only attend for a day due to other commitments. It was agreed that paying for the conference and not the dinner was appropriate.

Feedback about Kapa Kaiaka – The college is to present Kapa Kaiaka at the college conference in Hamilton this year. To rediscuss after that launch.

Feedback about student posters at the conference. Following the conference Kyle, Tanya, Chris, Geoff and Mark met and agreed to sponsor a further \$125 for the runner up as there were only 2 posters presented with a lot of work put into both. There was feedback that the students were unclear about the subjects that they could submit. Clarify for next year and repeat the poster opportunity. Discuss with Kyle and Win closer to the next conference about how to get more students involved. They informed Tanya that the money prize was indeed adequate and attractive.

Website

Hits following conference – defer until next meeting when Kyle is present.

Expressed that the board encourage its members to use the forum on the website as it helps clarify the issues members want addressed. Mark Lankshear wrote an article for the Doctor magazine regarding the Northland Faculty. This was presented to board members before publication. He noted that at publication a comment was added to the article, and not by him, that there is a 'whiff of rebellion' from the Northland General Practice Faculty. The board thought that to be an interesting comment and wondered if that might either reflect the location of our conference or the fact that we are not a 'sleepy hollow' in terms of our activities.

Faculty direction

1. Clinical Governance

The online forum for the faculty has raised the following issues;

- Timely two way communication with hospital specialists.
- Improving accuracy of records held by the DHB on GP's.
- Timely clinic letters.
- Better access to contact psychiatrists
- That DHB pathways are to be developed by a GP board not just a liaison GP

Mark confirmed that these views have been shared with the Northland Clinical Governance Group.

2. Political Advocacy

Please see NAC discussion below

Financial report attached

Kyle web hosting 1004 \$61.53 1003 \$79.54

Second prize for student poster \$125 agreed by board

\$226 for Nov and Feb meeting meals

\$750 for student lunches see correspondence – Discussed that board members need some clarity about what lunch this is for and where. Tanya to get Kyle to clarify and add to correspondence for the next meeting

Conference summary attached

Income \$15040 (including the registrars and students free attendance)

Expenditure \$ 17071.28

Add \$125 expense runner up prize

Loss \$2156.28

Board happy with this and felt that providing a free conference for the students and registrars did not cause us great financial strain and was well received by students and GP's judging from the feedback

General Business

Education – Conference Financial summary attached and see above

Feedback attached – In general positive. Closer to planning for the next conference we will need to go through this as there were some good suggestions that we can accommodate but overwhelmingly the conference venue was supported and has been booked again for May 2015

Suggestions so far – psychiatry, domestic violence, child protection act implications, plastic surgery.

Education - Symposium It was suggested by email that we have the symposium at a community venue like a club or marae. Otiria was planned but due to the possibility of being moved in the event of a Tangi it was felt that we should return to the Copthorne. Mark and Tanya are keen on using a community venue for next year, perhaps with more time we could find a suitable venue and submit that in advance.

Political advocacy

The Board spent some time discussing the role of the NAC and the topics covered during the last meeting that Chris attended and chaired.

The list of Faculties that are represented is on the college website

The college has requested fairness in terms of the ministerial review of the VLCA funding structure.

Issues around cornerstone and foundation were discussed . All GP practices are to be at foundation standard or the higher level of excellence, Cornerstone.

The Health Quality and Safety Commission seeks to introduce a compulsory questionnaire to patients that have seen their GP in the last 6 months about the general practice. This questionnaire will be coming from the practices to the patients although it is not created by the practices. It is also 50 questions long. It will be available to patients by electronic form and paper form but the cost of the paper form will fall on the PHO's. It is unclear how the information will be used but lack of compliance to this will see repercussions in funding potentially as the proposal is that the participation in the survey will be mandatory via your PHO services agreement. NAC members were concerned about this and wanted to know what the college was doing about it and how the information would be used. Chris reported that the college felt that the ministry had made the decision and so it chose to work along side and had some input into the questions. It will be interesting to see what members think of this – Further discuss at next meeting, please share with members
Tanya to discuss with Kyle to add to forum to generate discussion.

NAC – requests an understanding from each faculty about how much of a political role members want the college to take on their behalf. This was discussed in great deal. Board members felt that GP members in their areas wanted the GP college to represent their voice on political matters rather than leaving it to the NZMA as it was felt that GP issues were not well represented by the NZMA. It was felt that members would like the college to represent them on political matters both in and

out of primary care. Board members will speak further to their colleagues on this.

The college emblem origin is on our website for interest sake The College is hoping to host the international WONCA conference in Christchurch - ?2020

Kapa Kaiaka is to be launched at the college conference in Hamilton, Northland is ahead of the college in bringing this project to our members. Feedback from college conference response to be discussed at next meeting.