

Polio Advisory Committee Meeting
28th April 2006
Paraquad, 208 Wellington Street Collingwood

In Attendance

Helen Bryant, Beth Clisby, Margaret Cooper, Marilyn Grimme, Mary-ann Liethof, Gordon McKinnon (Chair), Jill Pickering, Mary Reid, . Barbara Watson (Minutes)

Apologies

Jo McKenna, Cliff Wise

Minutes of Previous Meeting 31st March

Accepted

Agenda Items

- Farewell to Janny Ryan
- Guest Speaker Ingrid Kariuki, Multi purpose Taxi Program – Apologised for not being able to attend. Requested another meeting. Ingrid will be invited to May meeting.
- DHS VAEP Focus Group Meeting – Mary-ann reported service provider target audience not for PolioNetwork. Health Care Professionals frustrated over lack of funding, waste of equipment. Mary felt not enough time was give to attend from notification to actual meeting.
- PAC Election – One metropolitan nomination received after March meeting closed. Mary Reid and Jo McKenna to re-nominate so a ballot will be required to elect 2 of the 3 nominees. As the only rural nominee, Marilyn Grimme will not be required to go through the election process. Ballot papers will be included in Winter Ed Polio Perspectives.
- Disability State Election 2006 Campaign – Helen is on an ACROD committee consisting of other disability service providers which is currently seeking stories from people experiencing difficulty accessing Aids & Equipment, Attendant Care, Children's' Services, etc. These stories may be used for media interviews to highlight issues around disability legislation. Helen said she can be contacted direct if people require help telling their stories. Polio Support Groups will also be sent this information with a request that members provide stories of problems encountered.
- Dr Stephen de Graaff – Margaret advised the PAC that there had been discussion between one of her friends and Dr de Graaff regarding the PolioNetwork advocating for respite beds. However, as Dr de Graaf has not discussed/clarified this with Mary-ann, no action will be taken at this stage.
- School Program – Mary-ann is keen to resume the school program whereby polio survivors volunteer to speak to school groups. Marilyn to look into how this activity could fit into the curriculum and advise how best to promote the idea to schools. A sub committee of Marilyn, Barbara and Jill will meet one hour prior to the July meeting to discuss options.

Review of Previous Action Plan

- New PolioNetwork Service Brochure – PAC members approved and it will now be printed
- Rodney Angwin – Mary still to follow up

- PolioNetwork Website Sub Committee Feedback – Margaret, Beth, Jill and Mary-ann met one hour prior to PAC meeting to discuss progress. Andrew, InfoXchange’s website designer, will be invited to attend the next Website Sub Cttee meeting at 11.00am Friday 26th June to respond to any queries. If possible, he will then be asked to provide a mock-up to present at the PAC meeting in June prior to implementing in July at the start of the new financial year.

Correspondence

Email from Jane Henderson, new PSV Co-Coordinator. Jane to come to June meeting. Her first Clinic was on 28th April 2006.

Reports

ParaQuad Board Report – in Cliff’s absence, Helen reported that PQV has appointed a new officer for O. H. & S.

Polio Community Officer

- Mary-ann reported she had been to Mildura, 6 people attended meeting, although many more in the area.
- Regional Libraries only requesting Polio DVD and video at clients request. All network members should be encouraged to visit their libraries to order.
- Convenors meeting to be held at Metropolitan Youth Hostel in North Melbourne on 24th October 2006, day after Polio Day.
- 75 people booked to attend Marcia Falconer forum.

General Business

- Discussion re Aged Care – Polios over 65 who receive Aged Care funding lose eligibility for benefits from A & E. Margaret to approach her local MP or Research Officer. Over 65 Aged Care provides 1 hour per day for carer. Margaret to write and arrange to meet with Telmo Languillier. PAC members asked Mary-ann to follow up re meeting with Rosy Buchanan and Telmo Languillier.
- Barbara Watson will be an apology for May meeting.

Action To Be Followed Up

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| • Ingrid Kariuki to be invited to May meeting | MAL |
| • Rodney Angwin | Mary |
| • PAC election in Polio Perspectives | MAL |
| • Andrew from InfoXchange to be invited to May website sub committee meeting | MAL |
| • Contact local MP re disability vs aged care payments | Margaret |
| • Arrange meeting with Telmo Languillier | Margaret |
| • Follow up meeting with Rosy Buchanan and Telmo Languillier | MAL |
| • School program | Marilyn |

**Next Meeting – Friday 26th May 2006 at Paraquad, Collingwood.
Meeting begins at noon and includes a light lunch.**