

Polio Advisory Committee Minutes

24 November 2006

Present

Margaret Cooper, Geoff Dean, Jane Henderson (Polio Services Victoria), Michael Judson, Mary-ann Liethof, Christine McAuslan (Minute Taker), Jo McKenna, Gordon McKinnon (Chair), Jill Pickering and Barbara Watson (also 2006 member Mary Reid and PQV CEO Peter Turner)

Apologies

Helen Bryant and Cliff Wise (also 2006 members Beth Clisby, Janny Ryan, Cathy White)

Minutes of Previous Meeting held 27 October

Minutes Confirmed – Moved by Jill, seconded by Barbara

Agenda Items

Welcome to Geoff Dean

Gordon welcomed Geoff Dean who has been seconded to the PAC.

PAC Election Issues

Mary-ann requested PAC members let her know how long they have been on the committee. This is in relation to the PAC Guidelines requirement for no longer than 3 consecutive terms to be served. (Followed by a one year break before option of standing for election again.)

Presentation to Ashburton Primary School

At the request of a mother who's daughter was doing a school project on Sister Elizabeth Kenny, Mary-ann gave a presentation to 150 Year 5 and 6 students at Ashburton Primary School. This also provided an opportunity to talk to teaching staff regarding suitable subjects to mention when promoting the Schools Program.

Review of Previous Action Plan

Review of PAC Draft PAC Guidelines

Michael spoke to his draft changes to the PAC Guidelines and all were in favour. Question as to whether it requires approval by the CEO or the Paraquod Board. Mary-ann will discuss with Peter T.

June Middleton and the Guinness Book of Records Update

Michael had received June Middleton's certificate from the Guinness Book of Records (GBR), which was shown to the PAC. Michael has also approached the Carlton Football Club (CFC) to determine if they are interested in making the presentation of the certificate to June. As the PAC supported this idea, a follow up request will be made by Michael for the presentation to be made, hopefully prior to Christmas. Copies of the certificate are available through the GBR for 12 pounds sterling. Barbara suggested that Michael gets the kudos for obtaining the certificate. All in favour.

Clinical Service Provider Brochure Update

The brochure is with the printer and a copy will be included in the Polio Perspective mail out. Mary-ann received a suggestion in relation to having the brochure partially or wholly funded by a company. Mary-ann approached polio vaccine producers, GlaxoSmithKline, (who assisted in the funding of the PPS film) but their budget is based on a calendar year, i.e. 2006 funds are already expended and 2007 not currently available. Mary-ann can approach them for 2007 funding possibly in relation to a reprint or possibly book marks (see below).

Book Marks quote

Mary-ann has received a quote of approx. \$530 (+ GST) for 2,000 bookmarks printed on both sides. These could be distributed throughout the network and by members to their libraries to raise awareness within the general community.

Correspondence

PSV Funding: Several PNV members sent letters to Patricia Faulkner, DHS Secretary. These letters were redirected to and answered by Brian Joyce, Regional Director of the North & West Metropolitan Region. DHS response did not provide any information that was not already known, i.e. looking at ways to “assist PSV to continue their valued contribution within its current budget”. Jill to draft a response regarding current budget being insufficient and will email to everyone.

Reports

Polio Services Victoria

Jane reported that a meeting was held with DHS on 13 October in regard to PSV's submission for an increase in funding dating back to August 2005. 5 pages of action points were received from DHS from that meeting. DHS to arrange another follow up meeting. PSV now has a clinic waiting period of 5 months, with 3 months to see an Occupational Therapist and 2.8 years for Orthotics.

PQV Board

No report was given due to Cliff's absence.

Polio Community Officer

Mary-ann received a call from the NSW Support group Co-ordinator Neil von Schill who is reporting to his AGM in regard to commitments for attendance at a proposed national 'Polio Think Tank' to be held early May 2007 in Sydney. Jill and Mary-ann are planning to attend with several others having shown interest. There may be some funding from NSW to assist with attendance.

General Business

No general business discussed.

Action to be followed up

- Mary-ann to discuss paragraph insert in PAC Guidelines with Peter T.
- Michael to further approach Carlton Football Club re GBR presentation
- Jill to draft response to DHS letter in relation to PSV and circulate draft

Date of next meeting: 12.00pm, Friday 19th January 2007, ParaQuad Victoria Boardroom, 208 Wellington Street, Collingwood