

Polio Advisory Committee Minutes for meeting held Friday 5th October 2007

Present

Margaret Cooper, Geoff Dean, Jane Henderson (PSV), Fran Henke, Michael Judson (Chairman), Mary-ann Liethof, Christine McAuslan (Minute Taker), Jo McKenna and Lyndie Spurr (General Manager Community Services).

Apologies

Marilyn Grimme, Tricia Malowney, Gordon McKinnon and Cliff Wise.

Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting held 31st August 2007

Minutes confirmed: Adjustment made to show that Gordon was present and not an apology as indicated in the previous Minutes. Moved Geoff seconded Fran. All in favour.

Agenda Items

Post Polio Information Mail Out

PAC given current information kits to review content. (These kits are used for information sessions and inquiries.) Review to look for; unnecessary, repetitive, superseded or difficult to read content. Suggestions for new information, alternative fact sheets, etc. which can be found on the various library sites linked to the PNV website.

Fran suggested presentation and design, image, etc needs updating. She said she knows a graphic designer who may put together some mock ups pro-bono.

PSV Funding Support

- Rough outline draft presented by Michael for input by PAC. Members to forward comments to Michael. Jill to work on draft for November PAC meeting.
- Submission to focus on increased funding and move from Disability Services to Health and quality of life/community living and community costs regarding ageing and what polios need. Existing clinic parameters can't meet needs.
- Need pie chart or growth graft and multicultural information which can be obtained from PSV's previous submissions to DHS.
- It was suggested that DHS may get a different perspective if they had statistics that actually indicated the problems in accessing PSV. This data could be derived from a survey of polio survivors which could be included in Polio Perspectives.
- Mary-ann to liaise with Jane re questions to be included in survey and forward onto PAC and check with Lyndie. Then to be included in Polio Perspectives. (Lyndie also has access to expert advice on questions for surveys.)
- This survey should be seen as a supplement to the submission, and results may need to be presented at a later stage due to the time required in developing, implementing survey and recording results.

PAC Christmas lunch venue (November 30)

Members indicated no preferences/suggestions so Mary-ann will select two venue options for members to select from and respond by email. Majority rules.

Polio Australia Submission

Concerns were expressed that the support letter provided to Post-Polio Network (NSW) Inc. for seed funding for administration staff as signed by ParaQuad seems to have gone a long way without input. Currently:

- Basics of infrastructure are not set up
- It is clear all states want the national body to happen but there still needs to be a Memorandum of Understanding between PQV and other state networks.
- There needs to be total support based on consultation and consensus with all states and all states need to be equally involved in putting together the constitution.

Mary-ann will follow up with NSW.

Review of previous action plan

School Speaker Program Progress

- Have received feedback on one 30 minute presentation to 75 year 6 students as being very interactive with lots of questions.
- There have been 3 presentations so far.
- There has been a suggestion from the Shepparton group that the School Speaker Program may fit with Year 12 Health studies. This focus could become the next phase of the program.

Polio Day Progress

- 55 paid registrations. 34 unpaid (staff, speakers and trade displays)
- Donations - Lion's Club of Mordialloc-Mentone \$500, Warragul Lions Club \$100, Rotary Club of Keilor East \$150, and Western Region PPSG \$200 = \$950.00
- Mary-ann and Michael to check the venue
- Michael to print Polio Roll call for Display
- Janet Powell meeting Mary-ann on Tuesday to discuss MC role
- Cliff to welcome on behalf of ParaQuad
- Michael to welcome on behalf of PAC
- Fran and Mary-ann to discuss publicity
- Journalists and carers to attend at no charge
- There will be a donation box towards Jill's costs in accompanying Mary-ann to the States next year
- Information Services will have a stall including Independence Solutions and Polio related brochures

Questions for Polio Day case study

- No suggestions for additional questions.
- Change of ages in case study to Mary 63 and John 64 ½ due to timing of means test.
- There is some move to establish a National Polio Day.

Polio Day: Introduction process for Peter Ryan, MLA – Janet Powell will introduce Geoff Dean who will, in turn introduce Peter Ryan as his local Member.

Ritchies Information

The first donation from Ritchies has been received \$14.57. There have been no responses from the information printed in Polio Perspectives.

Invitation to Zaheer Khan to attend Polio Day

Zaheer has returned to Pakistan for the rest of term and will return to recommence studies in the new year.

Review goals for strategy paper

Discussion Papers reports

1. Polio history publication (Margaret)

- 'Oyster Grit' publication as an example at a Cost of \$10,000. Be aware of distribution costs not just publishing costs.
- History project needs to include a balanced selection of personal stories (what they say themselves), 2 to 6 pages each and include photographs.
- Could approach Melbourne University Oral History Dept. Possibly a Masters student could be involved/support project.
- Establish a working committee of 5 people to meet once a month, after PAC meetings, beginning January 2008
- Interested PAC members: Jo, Fran and Margaret. Mary-ann will canvass for 2 other PNV members.

2. Increasing awareness of Post Polio in the medical sector (Fran)

- Fran talked to Dr Stephen de Graaff regarding an information flyer to medico's. The PAC has already developed the Information for Health Professionals brochure especially for the purpose of polio 'patients' passing them on to their respective service providers. This has been working well. The proposed, new 'Polio Australia' would be in a good position to generate a concerted national education campaign.

Correspondence

- Mary-ann has received a requests for display material for Polio Day from Ormond Physiotherapy, Warrandyte Consulting Rooms and Hoppers Crossing Physiotherapy
- Accessible Equipment / Medicare Scheme: PPN Tasmania has approached Mary-ann regarding this issue. Victoria has already gone down that path and it may be an approach that Polio Australia could consider when it is operational.
- A visit to Tasmania by Mary-ann has been requested by the PPN Tasmania. They will fund the visit which will take place after Mary-ann's return from the USA in 2008
- A letter has been received from a local physiotherapist interested in setting up a Seymour Post Polio Support Group.
- Disabled Parking Scheme – A complaint was received regarding the Disabled Motorist's article in the last PP which referred to non disabled parking in disabled parking spots – the complainer felt this discriminated against those with a chronic illness.

Reports

PSV

Jane reported:

- Nothing new in relation to PSV's funding.
- Metropolitan clinics are introducing bulk billing for Medicare. This will not affect patients as the service is already free.
- Visit to Leongatha included 11 patients four of which were new clients. Will keep informed re one patient who had been housebound for 6 months. Next visit Warrnambool on 28 Nov - 5 booked in so far.
- Jane will be on leave from 29th October until the 9th November. There will be 2 half days of backfill and a physio covering the hydro classes.

PQV Report

Cliff absent

Polio Community Officer

As already recorded

General Business

- Michael advised - Public Advocates Office can provide guest speakers. Mary-ann will advise groups.
- Change of date for next meeting from Friday 26th October, due to PAC members traveling to Melbourne twice in the one week (Polio day and PAC meeting).

Action to be followed up

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| • Review of Information Kit | All |
| • Comments to Michael re draft submission for PSV funding | All |
| • Liaise with Jane re survey questions | MAL |
| • Venue options for PAC Christmas meeting | MAL |
| • Follow up with Post Polio Network (NSW) re Polio Australia Submission | MAL |

Date of next meeting: Friday November 2nd 2007 ParaQuad Victoria Boardroom, 208 Wellington Street, Collingwood.