



PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA NORTHERN TERRITORY BRANCH

Branch Meeting Minutes

8th December 2005 5:15 pm.

Meeting venue: Central Australian Aboriginal Congress.

Present: Clive Rosewarne, Peter Tait, Jane Ulrich, Cheryl North, Rosalie Schultz,

Phone: Danielle Aquino

Apologies: Emma Kowal

Agenda:

1. Business Arising
2. Branch President's Rpt.
3. Branch Treasurer's Rpt.
4. Other Business

Minutes:

1. Business Arising (still outstanding)
 - a. CADPHC has discussed the issue of providing secretariat support for the Peoples Alcohol Action Coalition (PAAC) and are considering their ability to resource this role. ***CADPHC have agreed to provide 4 hours per month secretarial support to PAAC***
 - b. The PHAA providing a mentoring role for students or others- agreed that this could be a valuable role given the extensive experience in the Branch and the value in gaining new people (and retaining them) ***Carried over.***
 - c. Member survey. ***Carried over***
 - d. Branch Prizes. ***Finalised. Will begin lead- in publicity in late April (after Easter) Open for entries from June 12 until August 4. Winners announced on August 25***
 - e. Banners. ***Meeting looked at draft for new free standing banner, made some changes which have been conveyed to TJ Signs. Ready to print.***
 - f. Webpage- ***Meeting agreed that there should be links to all member organisations of PHAA NT (with their permission) as well as to many 'local' sites that may be of interest***
 - g. People's Health Movement. ***Clive and John to approach Stephanie Bell to do a presentation on behalf of PHAA at the Hospital Friday talks. Carried over to 2006.***
 - h. Closure of Irrkerlantye Learning Centre. ***As agreed at last meeting a letter was sent to the Minister for Education, in support of Irrkerlantye remaining open, and cc to Irrkerlantye. A message of thanks came from Irrkerlantye for our support The letter was also sent to Letters to the Editor in the Centralian Advocate.***

2. Branch President's Rpt.

See AGM Report.

Also Clive distributed pamphlets for Annual meeting in Sydney.

3. Treasurer's Rpt.

A donation of \$771.15 was made to the 'Anti Nuclear Waste Dump/
Mining Fund by PHAA NT. Peter Tait is PHAA NT rep on the group
steering committee

4. Other Business

Recent Workshops on Nuclear Medicine held in Darwin and Alice
Springs, to highlight misconceptions re need to continue mining uranium
for medical purposes... etc. Peter Tait reported that approx 50 people
attended the sessions, and that there was some good discussion. Very
successful

Health Effects of Climate Change. Looking at Global Change. Simon
Quilty RMO Darwin Hospital is looking into making hospitals
'environmentally healthier places' – energy use minimisation, recycling,
self sustaining changes. *Clive to provide copies of discussion paper*

Rosalie brought to our attention a Journal article on the dangers of
Legionella, when people reduce their electricity costs/use by running their
Hot Water Service for just a few hours per day. The bacteria once
established spreads by becoming aerosolised by Air Conditioner. A serious
down side to environmental awareness

Date of next meeting. Tuesday 14th February 2006 5:15pm – in Alice Springs at
Congress.

Others can phone in on the conference line provided by the PHAA on 1800 500 536
809512

Attachment 1.

PHAA meeting 24th September 2005

Afternoon discussion led by Cathy Mead

State of play in public health:

Govt agenda is neoliberalism, with emphasis on personal responsibility. Public health agenda limited to individual prevention.

PHAA response emphasises equity and social determinants of health

Need for allegiances and coalition with:

AFPHM

AEA

Aust Soc of Medical Research

EHO peak body

Health promotion assoc

People's Health Movement

Coalition requires willingness to be subsumed into another organisation

Annual plan needed – work of branches and the organisation

Statement about public health

2006 Conference theme = Tackling determinants of health, from the bush to Bondi

Anti-poverty week Oct 2005, NSW branch has meeting organised

Year-long build up to the Conference, so the conference is not an annual event but part of an on-going process.

2007 Conference to follow similar themes, with daily workshop on social determinants

What is PHAA?

Policy process and documents, need for a SIG to own each policy area

Journal, must maintain its status, different from Health Promotion Assoc

Next conferences must lead up to 2009 International Congress of World

Federation of Public Health Associations, to be held in Melbourne(?)

PHAA membership is declining – must appeal to and engage all new members

1st year is most likely year for members to not renew, attributable to inadequate contact with the member, or the colleague who inspired them to join moves on

Younger people have less loyalty to organisations, need continual engagement and PHAA needs visibility

PHAA is of interest to around 40 occupations, academics are the occupation most likely to be members (30% of academics working in public health are PHAA members)

Problems where membership constitutes conflict of interest (esp C'wealth public service)

Financial difficulties may lead people to not renew.

Costs \$352 to service each member, so classes 1 and 2 subsidise all others

Why do people join?

Roles of SIG's and state branches are critical for people to share their ideas with

PHAA website

Includes NEJM book reviews of interest

Includes students' these of interest

Bulletin board on social determinants to be established in lead-up to next conference

Pieta working hard on the website

Public health champions – Stephen Leeder, Tony McMichael, have moved on

Who now?

Ageing membership – need to attract younger and student members

National co-ordination needed, interstate communication

Workforce and career issues – most public health work is now project based, not on-going

IR reforms of concern to PHAA, employment tenure of PH workforce

Intouch is communication point

Universities must be encouraged to be corporate members, but need to ensure that head of dept shares resources, this in not his private membership paid by the institution

Attachment 2.



1. Mission

To improve health in the Northern Territory by public health advocacy and action.

2. Issues

- Alcohol-to reduce per capita alcohol consumption to national average.
- Climate change- for effective actions to address factors leading to climate change and for an effective response to climate change
- Road safety issues- support for lowering urban speed limits uniformly across the NT
- Aboriginal health- priority area for improvement, with particular emphasis in supporting Aboriginal community-controlled services.
 - Disability Education services, support for more effective government support to children, parents and schools to support children with disabilities in mainstream schools.
- The People's Health Movement, active engagement with civil society action in support of the PHA nationally and internationally.

3. News

Minutes

(Insert last 6 meetings)

Press releases/Letters to editors.

(Hold up to 12 items)

Other news.

((5 items)

4. PHAA Annual Conference 2007

Venue: Convention centre Alice Springs

Theme: -“Primary Health Care, Health Inequalities and Aboriginal Health: a social determinants & political economy approach.”

Program will include a dynamic and contemporary cultural program, interactive workshops, orations etc, working and celebratory dinners, organisational tours.

More information to be posted as develops.

5. Committee representation.

*People’s Alcohol Action Coalition (Alice Springs community campaign)

*Disability Advisory Council (NT Dept Education)

6. Awards

Final version adopted 13th September 2005

PHAA (NT Branch) Awards application guidelines and judging criteria.

Public Health Impact Award.

Application guidelines.

Nominees must be nominated by a PHAA member,

You can nominate yourself or someone you know.

They do not need to be a member of PHAA and they do not need to be working in health.

Nominations must be in writing on the approved form and address as many as possible of the following criteria:

- Made a significant impact on an important public health issue in the NT;
- Made a demonstrable improvement in population health;
- Developed innovative solutions to problems, or applied effective methods with a high degree of excellence;
- Overcome substantial barriers in the design, implementation or evaluation of a program of work;
- Documented their efforts so others may benefit;
- Generated public and/or professional enthusiasm and support for a public health initiative; and/or
- Promoted the concept of public health.

Judging guidelines.

Nominations addressing the above criteria will be assessed by the NT Branch Executive.

The assessment procedure shall be final with no appeal process.

The PHAA(NT) reserves the right to withhold the award if it is deemed that there are no candidates that satisfy the selection criteria.

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Prize.

One years membership of the PHAA

Public Impact Award Trophy

Cash amount \$400

Tertiary Student Award.

Application guidelines.

Nominees can be nominated by anyone,

You can nominate yourself or someone you know.

They do not need to be a member of the PHAA.

They must have been enrolled in a tertiary institute studying in a health related field (exceptions may be considered if they demonstrate meeting the selection criteria) as either an undergraduate or post-graduate level in the previous twelve months.

The nomination must relate to the student's study.

Nominations must be in writing on the approved form and address the following criteria:

- An aspect of the student's study* which has made a valuable contribution in addressing a public health issue in the NT or elsewhere in Australia;

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The PHAA(NT) reserves the right to withhold the award if it is deemed that there are no candidates that satisfy the selection criteria.

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Prize.

One years membership of the PHAA Value \$90 (student rate)

Annual Conf registration \$350 plus in-kind support in gaining funds to attend the Annual (or another PHAA) Conference, if unable to attend the Conference in that year the prize will be held over for one year.

Aboriginal Health Worker Student/trainee Award.

Application guidelines.

Nominees can be nominated by their training institution or employee,

They do not need to be a member of the PHAA.

They must have been enrolled in a recognised Vocational training program studying in a health related field (exceptions could be made if the selection criteria could still be met) in the previous twelve months.

The award is for a piece of work or action taken as part of the student's/trainee's study.

* (which could include but not be limited to written, or other published form, practical application or experimental design)

The topic of the award will be nominated by the PHAA (NT) each year. Nominations must be in writing on the approved form and address the following criteria:

- An aspect of the student's study* that has made a valuable contribution in addressing a nominated public health issue in the NT or elsewhere in Australia;

Judging guidelines.

Nominations addressing the above criteria will be assessed by the NT Branch Executive.

The assessment procedure shall be final with no appeal process.

The PHAA(NT) reserves the right to withhold the award if it is deemed that there are no candidates that satisfy the selection criteria.

Prize.

One years membership of the PHAA value \$90 (student rate) plus appropriate SIG for that year \$10=\$100

Annual Conf registration \$350 plus in-kind support in gaining funds to attend the Annual (or another PHAA) Conference, if unable to attend the Conference in that year the prize will be held over for one year.

7. Meeting calendar

2nd Tuesday each month 5:15 pm

(unless otherwise notified- usually no meeting in January)

phone in on 1800 500 536 *809512*

or attend at Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Gap Rd Alice Springs.

8. Committee Members.

President	Clive Rosewarne
SIG membership	1. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health. 2. Political Economy of Health.
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Secretary/Treasurer	Cheryl North
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General Committee Member	Peter Tait
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9.Links
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