

SHARP Committee Meeting

Date: Friday 8 May 2009

Time: 12.30pm – 1.20pm

Location: 41.201 (SHARP Storage Room)



Chair: Simon Reid

Minutes: Teesha Downton

Present: Teena Downton, Teesha Downton, Emma Harvey, Kay Kent, Simon Reid, Brent Venning, Ed White, Catherine Williams.

1. Preliminary Business

- (i) Opening and apologies

Apologies were received from Aggie Williams, Amanda Francis, and Chris Bentley.

- (ii) Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting (03/04/09)

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings.

- (iii) Business arising from the minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes other than those included elsewhere. All committee members now have a NRHSN shirt.

- (iii) Arrangement of the agenda

It was agreed that Committee Business be covered first to ensure that there would be adequate time to discuss these items.

2. Committee Business

- (i) Shining a Light on Schizophrenia (21 May)

Posters and flyers have been printed and many distributed around the University. Kay recently met with Kelly and Lisa and they've already sent out personal invitations to the event to all the UOW deans. Prof. Don Iverson, the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences and Lynne Wright, the Director of the Employment, Equity and Diversity (EED) unit have already confirmed their attendance at the event. The publicity coordinator at the UOW library has contacted Kay and is keen to advertise the event through the library also.

Kay informed the committee that the venue of the event 25.107 will have a class inside until 5.30pm. Ed commented that the 6.30pm start for the event will mean that some of the Shoalhaven medical students will be a bit late on the night. On the day, SHARPIes will be required to help hand out bags and help with the food. Bag packing was planned for 9.30am onwards on Wed 13 May in the SHARP storage room. Nb. As Kay will be away at

the Illawarra Career Market, and not all the materials to put in the bags have arrived, bag-packing has been post-poned to 9.30am onwards on Mon 18 May in the SHARP storage room.

(ii) Indigenous Festival Involvement

(a) Coonamble Vibe Alive (27-28 May)

A number of applications were received from SHARPIes interested in attending this festival. Ciaran O'Brian and Ellie Coxledge, who are both 1st year health sciences students, have been chosen to represent SHARP at this event. Teena and Simon reported that preparations for transport and accommodation were well underway. It looks like the students from the four clubs who are going will drive up in cars (e.g. Ciaran drive a car, and RHUWS take a car) as hiring a bus for 10 students would be too expensive (~\$4000).

(b) Broken Hill Wakakirri (10 July)

Simon is participating in teleconferences regarding the Broken Hill Wakakirri. Teena reported that SHARP has received \$1100 from the NRHSN Additional Pool of Funding to go towards SHARP's participation in this festival. Teena also reported that the cost of flying 5 members is looking to be \$3000. Simon commented that going by train may be only ~\$97 per person and should be another transport option to consider. It was discussed that train travel would allow SHARPIes to see the countryside, and since the festival is in the mid-year recess, there would not be a time constraint for getting to and from Broken Hill.

Simon and/or Kay to investigate the possibility of travelling by train to Broken Hill.

(iii) Port Macquarie Deadly Days (2-3 September)

Many RHCs expressed interest in going to Coonamble, and not many expressed interest in going to Port Macquarie. Subsequently, SHARP has less delegates going to Coonamble but will be a driving force, and be taking many more students to the Port Macquarie festival.

(iv) NURHC09 Update

(a) Registrations

SHARP has 6 confirmed NRHSN funded places (Amanda, Chris, Erika, Nikki, Simon, Teena), 3 confirmed RHC funded places (Aggie, Catherine, Ed), and 2 waiting list places (Brent and Emma). Unfortunately, Chris and Teena have been unable to apply for funding through ACRRM as part of the BMP support scheme, as they are ineligible to apply for conferences until the second half of the year. Teena though successfully applied for \$400 from the Graduate School of Medicine's Student Professional Development Support Scheme. Teena is arranging swapping her NRHSN funded place with a RHC funded place. Catherine, Aggie, and Ed still need to finalise registrations for NURHC09.

All three abstracts submitted by SHARP members were accepted for presentation at the conference.

All NURHC09 delegates to email Teena/Kay ASAP their flight details.

(b) Funding and Fundraising

SHARP will be receiving \$200 from Clubs and Societies to go towards NURHC. This is the result of a successful application for a Training Grant.

Krispy Kreme day is coming up on Tues 19 May. Whatever the number of boxes sold, it will be rounded up to the next multiple of 100 to take advantage of the free 10 boxes with every 100 boxes sold. Kay is to organise transport of the doughnuts to the university. Teesha will drive up to Wollongong on the day and pick up any Shoalhaven orders. SHARPIes will be required to help on KK day with doughnut pick-ups and sales of the extra doughnuts.

(v) NURHC10 Working Party Update

Teena has created a Wiki for members of the NURHC10 Working Party to post the findings of their research. The working party has so far identified the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre and the Yoogali Club as the best venues in the Shoalhaven and Griffith respectively to hold a NURHC, based on capacity to hold at least 400 people, availability of break-out rooms, and closeness to accommodation.

Teena commented that she has looked over previous applications by other RHCs to host NURHC, and that it seems that it would be better not to have any bus trip from the airport to the rural location more than 2 hr in length, and subsequently that Griffith was looking to be the better option.

(vi) Illawarra & South Coast Youth Services Conference 2009 (11-12 Nov)

Kay would like everyone to take note of the date of this event. More details are to come.

(vii) Sexual Health Week (14-20 September) (ATTACHMENT 1)

As described in the attachment, there are \$1000 community grants available for non-government organisations to promote Sexual Health Week 2009. The South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Area Health Service representative to contact regarding the grants is Naomi Holt, an ex-SHARPIe. It is hoped that SHARP can get Patrick Duley (also an ex-SHARPIe) on board to do a presentation on the Family Planning NSW education programs that he has been involved with relating to sexuality and relationship issues for Aboriginal people. SHARP is also hoping to get Liz Deane (wife of Prof. Frank Deane) involved, who works with relationship services.

Emma self-nominated to start working on a proposal for SHARP's sexual health week event.

3. Reports

(i) President + Kay

(a) Event Wrap-Ups: Clubs Day, SHARP at Shoalhaven

On 22nd April, SHARP participated in Clubs Day at Wollongong and held a BBQ at Shoalhaven. The BBQ at Shoalhaven was very successful and many students and staff

from medicine and nursing came along to the event. ~18 new members were signed up on the day, and the nursing staff at the Shoalhaven campus are keen to hold more SHARP BBQs and events later in the year.

(ii) NRHSN Senior and Junior Representative

(a) NRHSN Impact Survey and April 2009 COOEE

Teena informed everyone of the online NRHSN Impact Survey and encouraged committee members to fill it in and encourage other SHARPIes to do the same. Teena also informed everyone that the April 2009 COOEE is available and that SHARP and Kay are mentioned a number of times throughout the publication.

(b) Other NRHSN announcements (ATTACHMENT 2)

The NURHC 09 Photo Competition is now open and closes on 1 June. The NRHSN is looking for photos that can be used in future publications to promote rural and remote health. Kay mentioned that a photo taken of the SHARP/RHUUWS Bomaderry RHSV is the current NRHSN photo of the month.

The National Rural Faculty of the RACGP is offering a bursary to a medical student that covers flights, accommodation and registration for a GP conference held in Perth in October. Applications close on 19 June.

The GPNNT (General Practice Network NT) and the NRHSN are once again co-ordinating a NT Rural High School Visit Program. Any RHC member can apply, and applications close on 5 June. Last year Simon participated in the program and had a great time.

These opportunities will be advertised in the next SHARP email, and more details on each are available on the NRHSN website.

Teesha to work with Helen to update the SHARP website with these events.

(iii) RHSV Project Officer + Kay

(a) Southern Highlands Visit (Bowral and Moss Vale) (10 June)

It is planned that ~8 students will go along to this RHSV, including ~4 from RHUUWS. Kay is thinking that RHC members going will stay overnight in Bowral the night before. Kay is hoping to source a dentistry student for the visit.

Some medical students will be on placement in the Southern Highlands at the time of the visit and may be able to get involved with the visit. Catherine raised the point that many of the first year health students will not be able to participate in this visit because they have an anatomy exam on 10 June.

(b) Illawarra Health Expo (ATTACHMENT 3)

Kay has been in discussions with Patrick O'Connor and other organisers of the Illawarra Health Expo. Since the University Hall will be in use for Early Entry in August, and Hope theatre will not be available since university will still be in session, the Expo will most likely be held in the new URAC stadium. The organisers are hoping to make the expo as

interactive as possible e.g. have a helicopter arrive outside and a scenario unfold. Kay is thinking that we'll invite RHUUWS to get involved also. ~250 high school students are expected to attend.

(iv) Clubs and Societies Representative

(a) National Volunteer Week

Week 10 is National Volunteer Week and Clubs and Societies is inviting clubs to set up a stand on the duckpond to promote their club and sign up new members. It was agreed that SHARP will not participate in this event, and instead concentrate efforts on the major events coming up.

Catherine to inform Clubs and Societies that SHARP will not be participating in National Volunteer Week. Teesha and Catherine to pass on details of SHARP events to Clubs and Societies for advertising to the wider campus community.

4. Late business and Next Committee Meeting

(i) Date of the next Committee meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will most likely be a meeting of the NURHC09 delegates rather than a Committee meeting. Date will probably be in June, and once more details become available e.g. regarding Golden Windmills.

(ii) Other business

SHARP has been donated two pallet loads of shampoo, and it is hoped that they can be used to make up packs for students going on placement.

Kay requested that pizza be provided at future committee meetings. This was agreed upon by all committee members in attendance.

Brent queried about advertising population health/public health scholarships on the SHARP website or UOW Scholarships website. Brent has found a number of placement and bonded scholarship opportunities offered through QLD health targeting students in these disciplines as well as nutrition and dietetics and other allied health. Even though NSW Health offers similar scholarships, it was agreed that it would be a good idea to advertise these opportunities on the SHARP website, especially since many allied health students have difficulty finding work when they finish university.

Brent to forward links and information about the scholarships to Teesha, and together work with Helen to have them included on the SHARP website and/or emails.