

SHARP Committee Meeting

Date: Monday 24 August 2009

Time: 12.30pm - 1.30pm

Location: 41.319a

Chair: Simon Reid

Minutes: Teesha Downton



Present: Sorrell Ashby, Chris Bentley, Teena Downton, Teesha Downton, Emma Harvey, Kay Kent, Viktor Ko, Aarielle McLaren, Simon Reid, Brent Venning, Aggie Williams, Catherine Williams, Naomi Yates

Apologies: Amanda Francis, Ed White

1. Preliminary Business

(i) Items for Noting

Kay and Teesha informed everyone of the following items:

a. Community Engagement Newsletter

The Office of Community and Partnerships puts out a regular newsletter that highlights the relationships between the university and the community. Newsletters are accessible at <http://www.uow.edu.au/about/community/newsletters>.

Teesha and Kay to submit an article for the August/September Newsletter.

b. Faculty Research Committee Newsletter

SHARP got a mention in the July 2009 newsletter (Vol 6 Iss 2) for helping out with Schizophrenia Awareness Week. The newsletter can be downloaded from <http://www.uow.edu.au/content/groups/public/@web/@health/documents/doc/uow063318.pdf>

c. Illawarra Police Charity Ball

SHARP received a certificate for supporting and assisting with this event which raised ~\$16,000. All SHARPIes who helped out on the night will also receive an individual certificate of thanks.

d. Thank you from the Academic Registrar's Division (ARD)

SHARP received a letter of thanks from the senior manager of the ARD for sponsoring an event they held last week. SHARP donated shampoo and conditioner.

e. BBQ

On August 20, SHARP sponsored a School of Health Sciences fundraising BBQ.

(ii) Arrangement of the agenda

It was agreed that General Business would be discussed before Reports to ensure that there would be adequate time to discuss these more important items.

2. General Business

(i) **Mental Health Education Forum (August 31)** - Kay, Brent

Preparations are underway for this mental health forum. SHARP will not be able to enter the lecture theatre until 6.30pm on the night, and refreshments from International House will be provided at 7.00pm. The aim is to have everyone arrive by 6.00pm and there will be 3-4 mental health service providers setting up stalls in the McKinnon foyer.

Kay expressed concern that we are not sure of what the attendance at the forum will be like since RSVPs are not being collected. She encouraged everyone to spread the word (and flyers) about the forum, and mentioned that she would like to get some more media coverage of the event. There has already been an article in the Illawarra Mercury about the event, and the event is currently being advertised on the UOW Current Students website. Paul Chandler (Dean of Education), Andrew Dalley (Illawarra Division of General Practice), and the Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs and Health have confirmed that they will be attending the forum. Topo Rodriguez is currently in discussions with other RHCs about holding similar mental health awareness events at other universities.

Simon to add details of the event to the NRHSN weekly email and/or email UWS and other RHCs, inviting them to attend.

Kay to email all UOW staff, inviting them to the forum. Kay also to organise gifts for speakers, printing of programs and materials to pack into showbags.

SHARPIes are needed to help on the night from 5pm onwards (e.g. to organise drinks, ice, and hand out programs), as well as for bag-packing. Anyone available should contact Kay.

(ii) **Health Careers Expo for Illawarra High School Students (Sept 4)** - Kay, Amanda

170 students (mainly years 11 and 12) from Illawarra High Schools who have an interest in health careers will be attending an expo at Wollongong Hospital. High School students will have the opportunity to tour the hospital and participate in workshops. SHARP will have a 'Pathways to University' stand at the expo and it is hoped that a university student from each discipline will be present to talk to the high school students. Kay has already sourced flyers etc. for the stand.

The expo starts at 9.30am and SHARPIes are needed to help set up beforehand. Bus-loads of school students will be dropped off at the front of the hospital and SHARPIes will also be needed to direct the school students to the lift and up to level 6 of the hospital. Catherine commented that 1st year health science students have no class on Fridays.

SHARP has been invited to perform a dance routine at the conclusion of the expo. Most of the NURHC09 delegates indicated that they would not be available and so it was decided that instead of doing the Golden Windmills performance, a slide-show of SHARP and NURHC would be shown.

Aggie (with the help of others) to put together a slide-show.

Kay and Amanda to contact SHARPIes who expressed their interest in helping out at the expo and organise bag-packing and generate a roster.

(iii) **Deadly Days Indigenous Festival (September 2-4)** - Simon

4 SHARP students have been chosen to represent SHARP and the NRHSN at the Deadly Days festival in Grafton. Accommodation and transport has already been booked.

(iv) Combined Harbour Cruise (September 11) - Simon

Kay and Simon have already collected a number of payments from SHARPIes who will be attending this event. Simon and Aggie are investigating accommodation for after the event. SHARPIes who expressed their interest in attending have already been contacted.

(v) Sexual Health Week (September 16) - Emma, Aggie

Patrick Duley from Family Planning NSW will be coming to talk and give a slideshow presentation about his work on sexual health issues in Indigenous, rural and remote populations. Naomi Holt from SESIAHS will also be coming. The talk will be at 12.30pm and held in the building 41 foyer. The event will be informal and include a BBQ lunch. SHARP has also booked Connie for the whole week (September 14-20).

Emma and Aggie to contact SHARPIes who expressed their interest in Sexual Health Week events and organise the final details of this event.

(vi) Rural Appreciation Weekend (October 2-5) - Emma, Aggie

Registrations for RAW will open on September 1 and be via the RAHMS website (www.rahms.org.au). A trailer promoting RAW can be downloaded from <http://www.mediafire.com/?sharekey=868c532ce469c296a0f2f20c509059d9385c2b2e75376388c95965eaa7bc68bc>. Emma will collect details of SHARPIes who want to attend RAW and inform Shannon, who will then send through the passwords for students to register on the website. SHARP is planning to send 15 delegates, and hopes to organise a university bus for the weekend. Other transport options discussed included hiring 2 mini-buses that students on car licenses could drive, and booking a bus and driver through a bus company. Both options were not preferred due to safety and financial issues respectively.

Emma to contact SHARPIes who expressed their interest in RAW and coordinate their registration. Chris to talk to medical students (e.g. International students) about RAW.

Kay to source a bus to transport SHARP's delegates to RAW.

(vii) Pink Ribbon Breakfast (October 28) – Kay, Catherine

The Pink Ribbon Breakfast will be held on October 28 and all SHARPIes are encouraged to come and wear pink. The breakfast will be launched on September 17 on the McKinnon lawn, and SHARP will get involved in a number of fundraising activities including looking after stalls, and running a Pink Cake Stall and Pink Lolly competition. SHARP will also organise a Krispy Kreme Doughnut Drive (start selling doughnuts on September 21 for delivery on October 16). SHARP hopes to present a big cheque to the Chancellor on the day of the breakfast. Balloons and raffles on the day of the breakfast have already been organised by the University's Pink Ribbon Breakfast Committee.

Simon to organise a meeting with FASSA, who have expressed their interest in helping SHARP with some fundraising activities.

(viii) Rockin Rural Road Trip (Nov 20-22) - Kay, Ed

This event was postponed from the original date of Aug 28-30 as 2nd year medical students have a compulsory clinical competency on the Friday. The Road Trip will be open to all SHARP members, but the Murrumbidgee GP network would particularly like 2nd year med students to attend as the trip will allow them to get a better idea of whether they would like to do their Phase 3 placement in the Murrumbidgee. There are 6 UOW Phase 3 medical students currently placed in the Murrumbidgee and they are all keen to participate

in the trip, including social functions and winery visits. Liz Elwin is putting together a new itinerary and arranging accommodation for the trip.

(ix) NURHC10 Working Party – Teena

Teena and a group of other SHARPIes met last week to discuss preferences for conference venues and accommodation. The group is in the process of confirming final details. Teena invited anyone with an interest in joining the Working Party to contact her.

Simon commented that he had looked through some proposals from last year and they all had a page recognising everyone who had contributed to the proposal. Simon proposed that SHARP include such a page in the NURHC10 proposal and this was agreed upon.

Teena to add a page to the NURHC10 proposal recognising contributors.

2. Reports

(ii) President

a. SHARP-WUHOW

A few weeks ago, Simon and Emma met up with the WUHOW (Wollongong University Health Over Wealth) president and some other WUHOW members to discuss the SHARP-WUHOW relationship. WUHOW acknowledged that SHARP has helped them to find their feet, and WUHOW now wants to become more autonomous. It was agreed that WUHOW and SHARP have different focuses, which are Global Health and Rural, Remote and Indigenous Health respectively. Whenever SHARP is invited to advertise/participate in WUHOW events/activities, SHARP will first consider whether the event/activity is in alignment with SHARP's objectives. Teesha commented that the main connection between WUHOW and SHARP will be the Hills Hoist Seminar Series project which Teesha is currently working on with some WUHOW members. Kay added that a benefit of doing events with WUHOW is that SHARP students who are not studying medicine can interact with medical students and have a look around the GSM building.

b. PSV Program

Simon has a contact who works at the TIGS preschool and Kids' Uni. The contact is interested in having medical and health students visit the preschool and talk to the kids through games and song. The visits could have a range of focuses, such as to encourage the children to be less nervous about seeing a doctor, or to educate them about how to be safe and healthy at home and at the beach. Simon's contact approached the GSM, who have decided to not to do the visits, and SHARP is happy to do the visits instead.

(iii) NRHSN Senior and Junior Representative

a. Potential COOEE! Reports

SHARP is looking to submit a few articles and photos for the next issue of COOEE. Anyone who wishes to contribute should contact Teena or Emma. Entries are due in on August 30

b. SHARP's NURHC09 sponsors

Emma and Kay are putting together a folder of reports and photos from NURHC09 to present to those who sponsored SHARP's NURHC09 delegation.

Any NURHC09ers who have not yet submitted their report should do so ASAP.

(iv) Secretary and Administrator

a. SHARP Scholarships

Kay is hoping that SHARP can budget to offer scholarships next year, similar to the scholarships that RHUUWS offers its members. SHARP would set up a kitty to fund these scholarships. Kay is thinking along the lines of 4x \$500 scholarships. It was agreed amongst the Committee that conditions of the scholarships should include that the scholarship money be used to assist students to go on rural placements, and that scholarship holders be required to submit a report at the conclusion of their placement. Kay added that the SHARP scholarships should be linked to the University's scholarship administrative process and that they be awarded at the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences Prize Night. The scholarships would be an opportunity to further increase awareness of SHARP across the University.

b. Black Opal

SHARP has been asked to advertise the upcoming Student 4 Student National Leadership Conference in the next SHARP email. SHARP will do this. The committee discussed whether SHARP would sponsor a SHARPie to attend this event, but it was decided that SHARP would not.

Kay and SHARP have been approached from Black Opal students for advice on one of their projects involving a small rural community. Kay is currently in discussions with them about making the project fit better with the course structure and requirements of students in the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences.

(v) Clubs & Societies Representative

a. C&S International Week (August 24-28)

This week is International Week and all Clubs and Societies are invited to participate in the celebrations. It was agreed that SHARP would not participate in these events as there are a number of SHARP activities next week that need more of our focus.

b. C&S Funding

Teesha and Catherine to discuss and prepare applications for funding from Clubs and Societies.

4. Late Business and Next Committee Meeting

(i) Date of the next Committee meeting

Teesha to organise the date and venue of the next Committee meeting.

(ii) Other business

There was no other business raised.