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**Paediatrics & Child Health Division**

## **CHAPTER OF COMMUNITY CHILD HEALTH COMMITTEE END OF YEAR COMMUNIQUÉ DECEMBER 2015**

Dear Fellow and Trainee Members,

The Chapter of Community Child Health (CCCH) Committee has a productive year with several noteworthy outcomes.

The Chapter has formalised a relationship with International Society for Social Pediatrics and Child Health (ISSOP) an international association of paediatric professionals with the stated mission of 'professionals acting locally and globally to improve the health and well being of children and young people with a focus on social pediatrics and child health'. We look forward to collaborating with, and contributing to, their work in 2016.

This year the Chapter developed a number of priorities that we will carry into 2016 that align with the PCHD Council Plan.

Member support was identified as an important priority and the Chapter Committee has undertaken a review to determine the numbers and location of Chapter members across Australia and New Zealand. This review determined that the number of Chapter members in rural areas was low, a factor which may be partly attributed to practitioners identifying primarily as general paediatricians. In response to the low numbers a survey will be conducted to seek feedback from all Chapter members on issues such as their level of value and interest in the Chapter. This survey will be undertaken in 2016 and I urge all members to take part. This feedback will allow the CCCH Committee to identify problem areas and better support our member needs.

As Community Child Health Paediatricians we come into contact with a range of social and health issues and it is vital that we keep an open discourse with our colleagues to ensure continuing best practice. To support this, the CCCH Committee has agreed that a series of papers are to be developed that act as a motivator for change and begin discussion. Further work is to be done in this area in 2016 and you will be notified once complete.

The Chapter continues to support the work in education on the CCH Entrustable Professional Activities (EPA) pilot that took place earlier this year. Trainees and supervisors who participated in the pilot gathered in the Sydney RACP offices for the CCH EPA Pilot Wrap-up Session on Friday 18 September. Sections of the debrief sessions were filmed in order to share insights from pilot participants on the reality of using EPAs. These videos will be made available on the College YouTube channel before the end of 2015.

A full report will be made on the pilot's results. In the meantime, those interested can access [an overview and the latest update on the pilot](#) which is available on the [College's CCH EPA Pilot webpage](#).

Thank you to the [Community Child Health Advanced Training Committee](#) for their tireless work in this area and constant improvement of the training program.

The Chapter Satellite Day will be held on the 15 May 2016. This is an annual event focusing on Child development and behaviour, child protection and child population health and is a

great day to spend with colleagues and discuss important topics related to your work. I urge everyone to attend and take part. Further details will be released in 2016.

We have had the opportunity to contribute to RACP policy & advocacy areas this year such as:

- National Framework for Child and Family Health Services – Secondary and Tertiary Services, March 2015.
- Proposal for a National Disability Insurance Scheme Quality and Safeguarding Framework, National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA), April 2015.
- Developing the Third Action Plan (2015-2018) [National Framework for Protecting Children], Driving change: engaging the community – A Discussion Paper, Department of Social Services, May 2015.
- The Use of Photo and Video Imaging in Cases of Suspected Child Sexual Abuse, Physical Abuse and Neglect – draft policy, NSW Kids & Families, May 2015.

Chapter participation:

- National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children: Third Action Plan Consultations, Dr Terry Donald, 30 April 2015.
- National Community Child Health Council Meeting, Dr Kerri-Lyn Webb, 30 April 2015; Dr Brad Jongeling and Dr John Wray, 12 & 13 November 2015
- Representatives of the CCCHC continue to be involved with PCHD meetings with the National Disability Insurance Agency.

Please note that we are seeking a budding or experienced editor for [Chapter Chat](#) the premier e-newsletter of the Chapter of Community Child Health. Please contact [paed@racp.edu.au](mailto:paed@racp.edu.au) for further information including the position description.

I would like to thank the CCCH Committee for their efforts this year; we are moving forward as a committee and Chapter with many priorities being set and achieved. I look forward to seeing what 2016 brings and urge any Chapter members to contact [paed@racp.edu.au](mailto:paed@racp.edu.au) with any questions or comments.

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