



## CHAPTER OF COMMUNITY CHILD HEALTH COMMITTEE

### End of Year Communiqué – December 2017

The following communiqué highlights the key issues and activities of the Chapter of Community Child Health Committee (CCCHC) for the second half of 2017.

#### KEY ACTIVITIES

##### Chapter Satellite Day

The 2018 Chapter Satellite Day will be held in Sydney, once again in collaboration with the Neurodevelopmental and Behavioural Paediatric Society of Australasia (NBPSA) Education Day over the weekend of 12-13 May 2018. This has followed a successful collaboration in Melbourne this year where the feedback from attendees was very positive.

The CCCHC has established a Chapter Satellite Day working group (consisting of Dr Brad Jongeling, Dr Chris Ward and Dr Natalie Ong) and I would like to thank the group for their ongoing commitment to developing the program for next year. Full details, including links to registration, will follow shortly. The theme for the weekend will centre around psychopharmacology.

##### Policy and Advocacy

The CCCHC have contributed to and provided their expert feedback on a range of submissions and consultations which include:

- RACP submission to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Costs, Productivity Commission Position Paper, July 2017
- RACP submission to the Inquiry into the provision of services under the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI) approach, August 2017
- RACP submission to the diagnostic process for children, adolescents, and adults referred for assessment of autism spectrum disorder in Australia: National guideline, November 2017.

Further details on recent PCHD submissions, position statements and media can be found on the RACP [website](#).

##### Evolve

Evolve is the RACP's initiative to reduce clinical practices that are sometimes overused and not supported by current evidence. [Evolve](#) aims to drive high-value, evidence-based, and safe care to improve patient health outcomes.

The CCCH Evolve working group (consisting of Dr Lakshman Doddamani, Dr Deepa Jeyaseelan and Dr Brad Jongeling) are working to identify recommendations relating to low-value clinical practices relevant to community child health paediatricians. I would like to thank the group for their expertise and progress made to date. Further details regarding the community child health evolve list will be communicated in 2018.

##### CCCH Representation

Dr Deirdre White represented the PCHD at the National Community Child Health Council (NCCHC) meeting on 25 May 2017, and Dr Mary Burke attended the NCCHC meeting on 9 and 10 November 2017. Thank you both for representing the Chapter.



### CCCHC Vacancies

Dr Jongeling will complete his third and final term on the CCCHC in May 2018. I would like to thank Dr Jongeling for his hard work and dedication to the Chapter over the last six years.

Expressions of interests for committees will open after elections close for the Board, President-Elects and Council positions during the first quarter of 2018.

Please continue to encourage your colleagues in community child health to become involved with the College.

### **CHAPTER CHAT**

The rebranded Chapter Chat was successfully launched in April this year, with the second edition of the year published in November. I have been very impressed with the range of contributors, and would like to personally acknowledge their efforts.

The CCCHC would love to hear from you. Please send your feedback, comments or suggestions for future articles via [paed@racp.edu.au](mailto:paed@racp.edu.au). The next edition is scheduled for launch in April 2018.

### **EDUCATION**

The CCH Advanced Training Committee have had a productive year, focussing on updating the Advanced Trainee handbook, and campaigning to ensure as many clinical and hospital sites can be accredited, and made suitable for training in community child health. I would like to thank the Committee for their continued efforts to support the Chapter.

In collaboration with the CCH ATC, we continue to encourage those with general paediatric recognition to register to become recognised in community child health.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Links to useful information regarding the CCCHC are provided below for your information

- [Chapter of Community Child Health Committee](#)
- [Community Child Health Special Interest Groups \(SIGs\)](#)
- [Becoming a member of the Chapter of Community Child Health](#)
- [Community Child Health Advanced Training Committee](#)
- [Chapter Chat Newsletters](#)

Finally, your feedback and queries in relation to the Chapter are always welcomed. Please get in touch at [paed@racp.edu.au](mailto:paed@racp.edu.au).

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