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CHAPTER OF COMMUNITY CHILD HEALTH COMMITTEE MID-YEAR COMMUNIQUÉ AUGUST 2014

Welcome to the Chapter of Community Child Health Committee (CCCHC) mid-year communiqué which is made available to all Fellows, Trainees and College staff. This communiqué keeps you informed and updated of matters pertaining to the CCCHC for the first half of 2014.

Dear Fellow and Trainee Members,

Following discussion in 2013 the CCCHC further discussed the notion of 'family' earlier in the year. The CCCHC reached consensus that the notion of family is an essential component of the work of all Chapter members and in the training of all Community Child Health paediatricians.

In the Child Behaviour and Development stream involvement with the family is crucial. In Child Protection re-enforcing and supporting the family is very much a part of primary and secondary level child protection. Finally in the area of Child Population Health all good policy initiatives are usually expressed through the family.

Subsequently, Dr Chris Pearson, the Chair of the CCCHC submitted a paper to the Paediatrics & Child Health Division Council (PCHD) seeking endorsement to progress this further. Support was given and a small working group of CCCHC members is now established to develop this further.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

- The Basic Curriculum Review is an important initiative for the College. In conjunction with the review CCCH Advanced Training Committee (previously called Specialty Advisory Committee) are developing a suite of Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) for the associated Advanced Training program in readiness for piloting in early 2015. This is to ensure continuity and consistency between the two programs.
- A new training template for child protection has been trialled and trainees and supervisors are positive about it; this may become an important component of child protection training in the future.

WORKFORCE

- The CCCHC supports the work of the Adolescent & Young Adult Medicine (AYAM) Committee who are seeking to have AYAM recognised as a field of specialty practice.

POLICY & ADVOCACY

- A/Prof John Eastwood is the nominated RACP representative to the NSW Child and Family Health State-wide Services NSW Child Network (January 2014).
- Dr Catherine Marraffa attended the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children: Annual Coalition meeting in Melbourne, 21 July 2014 as the nominated RACP representative.

- Representatives of the CCCHC have been involved with RACP meetings with the National Disability Insurance Agency. These meetings have provided an opportunity to discuss the RACP role in the diagnosis and management of young children with a developmental disability, and the key issues as we see them for a new and evolving system and the children and their families.

RESEARCH

- The Rue Wright Memorial Award was awarded to Dr Caroline Mahon - *Increased Incidence of Pleural Empyema in New Zealand Children: A Retrospective Review of Paediatric Empyema and Parapneumonic Effusion in South Auckland 1998-2012.*

MEMBERS

- The Chapter of Community Child Health Satellite Day was held Sunday 18 May and members of the Paediatric Society of New Zealand were invited to attend. Dr Russell Wills, the New Zealand Commissioner and Chapter member gave the plenary [Child poverty advocacy in New Zealand: progress and lessons learnt](#). The excellent program and presentations are available on the [Chapter webpage](#). The CCCHC Committee thanked the working group members Dr Chris Pearson, Dr Tim Jelleyman, Dr John Eastwood, Dr Terry Donald and Dr David Newman.
- The Chapter Annual Dinner was held Sunday 18 May, 2014 in Auckland, New Zealand.
- [Chapter Chat](#) was published in April 2014.

GOVERNANCE

Terms of Reference

CCCH Committee resolved to approve:

- Child Protection SIG Terms of Reference;
- Child Population SIG Terms of Reference; and
- Child Development & Behaviour Terms of Reference.

Membership of the CCCHC

- There were no new representatives, and no representatives left the CCCHC during the College election cycle in May 2014.
- The CCCHC membership is available on the [Chapter webpage](#).

Annual Meetings

- The Chapter of Community Child Health Annual Meeting was held at the RACP Congress, Monday 19 May.
- The Child Development Behaviour SIG, Child Protection SIG, Child Population Health SIG annual meetings were held Sunday 18 May during the Chapter Satellite Day.

CCCHC Meetings

- The CCCHC met 7 February (face to face) and 16 July 2014 (teleconference).
- The CCCHC is scheduled to meet 10 October (face to face) and 10 December 2014 (teleconference).

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