

## Clinical Reference Group (CRG)

### Meeting 1/2017

Tuesday 7 March 2017

6:30 – 8:00pm

Boardroom

Monash School of Rural Health

Latrobe Regional Hospital campus and via video and teleconference

### Meeting Notes

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies

**In Attendance:** Associate Professor Joseph Tam (Chair), Dr Fred Edwards, Dr Ryan Hoy (videoconference), Dr Jo McCubbin (teleconference), Ms Angela Scully, Dr Ian Webb, Clinical Associate Professor Alistair Wright.

**Guests:** Ms Marianne Shearer and Ms Jeannette Douglas (Gippsland Primary Health Network).

**Ex Officio:** Dr Jill Blackman (Senior Project Manager – videoconference), Professor Michael Abramson (Principal Investigator – videoconference), and Professor Judi Walker (Principal Co-Investigator).

**Observers:** Dr Matthew Carroll (Investigator), Ms Susan Denny (Recruitment Coordinator), and Ms Kylie Sawyer (Secretariat).

**Apologies:** Dr David Monash, Associate Professor Paul Lee, Professor Andrew Tonkin, and Professor Bruce Thompson.

Professor Walker acknowledged Associate Professor Joseph Tam's contribution to the Hazelwood Health Study and as Chair of the Clinical Reference Group. He leaves to take up the position of Consultant Paediatrician at the Mildura Base Hospital at the end of April.

The Chair welcomed members and introduced Marianne Shearer (CEO) and Jeannette Douglas (Health Pathways Coordinator) from Gippsland Primary Health Network.

#### 2. Minutes from meeting held 20 December 2016 for confirmation

The minutes of Meeting 6/2016, held on 20 December 2016, were endorsed subject to removal in Item 2 of reference to confidentiality of minutes.

#### 3. Brief study update and plan for dissemination of results in 2017

The March Status Report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Dr Matthew Carroll provided an update on the Adult Survey, Early Life Follow-Up (ELF), Community Wellbeing, Older People, Psychological Impacts, and Hazelinks research stream activities.

It was noted that the HHS is about to commence clinical assessments, with the ELF infant study starting in mid-March and the Adult cardiac and respiratory Clinical Streams starting in late-May.

The Hazelinks analyses of linked datasets is continuing, with the current focus on analysing hospital admissions and emergency data. This will be followed by further analysis of the ambulance call out data.

It was noted that all streams would be releasing findings throughout the year, with short summaries and detailed reports to be uploaded to the HHS website. CRG advice will be sought prior to the release of any clinically significant findings.

#### **4. Gippsland Primary Health Network: Health Pathways**

Ms Marianne Shearer (CEO) and Ms Jeannette Douglas (Health Pathways Coordinator) provided an overview of the Health Pathways project.

Discussion included the potential of using Health Pathways and the broader GPHN as a dissemination outlet for HHS clinical findings and of incorporating HHS Clinical Pathways for abnormal results (next item) into Health Pathways. Members agreed that this may be possible once the Health Pathways tool is more developed.

The CRG was asked to provide feedback on the material currently available on the GPHN website.

#### **5. Clinical Streams: Clinical Pathway for Abnormal Results**

Dr Ryan Hoy gave a brief overview of the draft clinical pathway for abnormal respiratory function results. There was considerable discussion regarding the level of detail to be provided to local clinicians. The possibility of engaging a part-time cardiologist to review ECG results was discussed, as was the possibility of engaging a local pathology firm who have a fast turnaround time. It was noted that the ASPREE protocols did not cover abnormal findings from ECGs or blood tests. Members were thanked for their input.

#### **6. Membership issues**

With the departure of Associate Professor Joseph Tam, the need for a new Chair was noted. Members interested in taking on the role were invited to forward an expression of interest to the Secretariat within the week, with the new chair to be confirmed out of session prior to the next meeting.

GPHN membership was endorsed and it was noted that Ms Jeannette Douglas will be the GPHN representative.

The expansion of membership was discussed and suggestions should be emailed to the Secretariat.

#### **7. Other business**

Next meeting to be held after Easter (late April).

Meeting closed at 8:15pm