

FRAME meeting

Albury **Tuesday 6th March**

Time **0900 to 1700**

Venue

The board room of the RCS adjacent to Albury Base Hospital (on outskirts of Albury as entering town from airport)

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of minutes of last meeting (Rockhampton, June 2006)
3. Business arising

Business with Dept Health and Ageing (David Meredyth likely representative)

4. Sustainability (medical educator shortage and new medical schools) (all)
5. National scoping study of student resources in rural towns (ARHEN proposal, unfunded, see appendix below)
6. Community based medical education
 - a. Northern Victoria Medical Education Network (DDW & GS)
 - b. A FRAME National conference on Community-Based Medical Education (GS),
 - c. Ozzawa (Ottawa in Australia) (Nicky Hudson)
7. Future collaborations
 - a. Given that medical education now wants multi-institutional studies only, members to present a project they would like to collaborate on (DDW, PB)
 - b. Next progression of FRAME questionnaire data pooling and analysis (DDW)
8. Ongoing funding for RCS & RUSC (JW)
9. FRAME delegates to MedEd 2007 (Campbell Murdoch (already going for UWA), Judi Walker, Amanda Barnard, Dee Whitford, Dawn Dewitt, Graeme Jones, ??)

Lunch

10. Review of initial round Rotary Scholarships (JC)
11. ACRRM developments and implications for RCSs (RM)
12. Current innovations; any RCS can present for 5 minutes (3 slides) about an innovation/curriculum pearl?
 - a. RCSWA (CM)
 - b. Rural intern (JG for PW)

13. Should we join with ARHEN or have our own admin done through RDAA and ACRRM? (CM) Revisit the FRAME-AHREN relationship at a joint meeting of ARHEN & FRAME (all)
14. RRH e-journal (JG for PW)
15. Support network for RCS Information Technology staff (David Badger, PW)
16. Invitation to RAMUS seminar D9, 9th march, 1600-1735
17. FRAME or Heads of RCSs meetings? Does the Head of FRAME have to be a Head of a RCS?
18. Election of new Chair of FRAME

Dinner

Venue ???????????

Review progress of FRAME

Appendix

1. National Rural Placement and accommodation Audit

With the focus on developing the future rural workforce through training in rural and remote areas, the demand for community infrastructure is becoming significant.

In 2005, the UDRH alone placed over 3800 undergraduate students. Programs such as the Rural Clinical Schools (RCS) and the Rural Undergraduate Steering Committee (RUSC) also seek to provide increasing numbers of students with a rural placement experience and training.

Currently there is no collated record of accommodation available or needed for students undertaking a rural placement

ARHEN proposes to undertake an audit and identify existing accommodation infrastructure and identify what training programs require rural placements. The outcomes of this national project are to:

- Identify undergraduate training placement requirements- mandatory/ elective; discipline/ State where possible.
- Estimate the number of student weeks required by discipline.
- Identify accommodation available in each State and Territory through UDRH, RCS, RUSC, Rural Workforce Agencies (RWAs), John Flynn Scholarship Scheme (JFSS) (ACRRM) and first and second post graduate years (PGY 1:2) (ACRRM) and Deans of Nursing.
- Identify, where possible, the number and location of clinical placement opportunities.

The end product will be a valuable tool for the education and training sector, placement coordinators and policy makers. It will provide commonwealth and state government agencies with an evidence base on which to consider future the placement needs of our future rural health workforce. ARHEN is not suggesting that this be a template for demand on the Department of Health and Ageing – rather it be used for considered allocation of resources by the commonwealth and state governments, local councils and other organisations involved in increasing the rural health workforce.

ARHEN has the support of Professor Jonathan Newbury, Chair of the Federation of Rural Australian Medical Educators (FRAME), the Australia Rural and Remote Workforce Agencies (ARRWAG) and the National Rural Health Alliance (NRHA). ARHEN will where possible draw on existing information available through DGPs, UDRH, RCS, ACRRM, RWAs and Schools of Nursing and Allied Health.

This project can be commenced immediately and is planned to be completed within 20 weeks with a budget of \$85,000.