Your News

Chairperson’s Report

Progress of the College to June 2009

The ACCYPN was created in September 2008. Since that time the 13 Directors of the Board and the Secretariat have been working toward creating a vibrant and dynamic organisation. We invite all members to participate in activities of the College.

The following activities have been undertaken since September 2008:

- The constitution was developed
- The Company registered with Australian Securities and Investment Commission and a company without guarantee
- A new website has been created [http://www.accypn.org.au/](http://www.accypn.org.au/)
- A new logo and image to reflect the inclusive nature of the population we provide services to.
- The website supports the registration of new members and payment on-line.
- The Board has developed a number of business rules to support the governance of the organisation (See members section of the website)
- The Board held a 2 day planning weekend and developed a Business Improvement Plan and Strategic Plan (See members section of the website)
- A communication plan was developed to inform key stakeholders of the creation of the College. Approximately 250 organisations have been advised of the creation of the College
- A bi-monthly newsletter has been published
- The states have commenced creating state chapters (watch the website for Chapter news)
- The Board has supported the creation of five special interest networks. The first has been created and this is Child Health. Again watch the website for notification of the other four.
- Board members represent the College on the Journal Management Board, National Nursing Organisation, the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Young People and the Starlight Foundation.
- The Board invited the Governor General to be patron and Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia has accepted the invitation to be Patron of ACCYPN.

It was with regret that the Board made the decision to cancel the 11th Paediatric and Child Health Nursing Conference set down for May 2010 in Tasmania. The decision was made because of financial reasons due to the economic crisis. The Board will monitor the situation and will plan for another conference once the situation starts to improve.

The Board will in the near future be putting an online survey on the web so that you can give the Board feedback on the progress of the College this far and how you think we can improve. We look forward to hearing from you.

Jan Pratt, Chairperson ACCYPN
Surfing the Web is fun and can be useful. The Internet can provide us with an easily accessible source of valid information for professional development. As an example, the following websites have been selected as they provide up to date information on a number of contemporary issues and research topics including measuring the quality of nursing care, reducing children's admissions to hospital and the science of early childhood development.

**Measuring the Quality of Nursing**

Against a background of perceived public and professional dissatisfaction with the quality of care provided by nurses, a group from the UK National Nursing Research Unit based at King’s College London has undertaken a literature review to determine current indicators of quality nursing care. The review, “State of the art metrics for nursing”, identifies indicators of safety, effectiveness and compassion elements of nursing care. The Review can be found at the following URL:

http://www.kcl.ac.uk/content/1/c/6/0/4/32/39/Metricsfinalreport.pdf

**Home-Based Childhood Asthma / Respiratory Management**

‘Using a community respiratory service to reduce children’s hospital admissions’ was published in the Nursing Times recently. The paper reports on a project that aimed to improve asthma/respiratory management through home-based parental education and support. The aim was to reduce the number of Emergency Department admissions for asthma in a region of the UK. A primary health care approach by a paediatric nurse practitioner to the care and management of children with asthma has produced excellent results for client families as well as producing cost savings for the region’s health service. Access this article via the following URL:  

http://www.nursingtimes.net/using-a-community-respiratory-service-to-reduce-childrens-hospital-admissions/1979763.article

**A nurse-led minor illness and injury home-visiting service for young children**

A home visiting service by community paediatric nurses for addressing minor illnesses and injuries in children is proving effective in reducing visits to Emergency departments. The paper outlining this service was published in the Nursing Times. Recommendations in this paper include consultation with stakeholders prior to implementation of this type of service, development of evidence-based clinical guidelines, risk management strategies, appropriate funding for equipment and evaluation methods built into the program design. The article can be found at the following URL:  


**The Science of Brain Development**

Research evidence is building about the specific biological mechanisms underlying the long term impacts of early childhood abuse and neglect, particularly related to poor mental health outcomes. Evidence of long term physiological change to the brain as a result of abuse or trauma provides a very compelling argument for early intervention and prevention. Access some recent articles on this topic from the following URLs:

http://www.nature.com/neuro/journal/v12/n3/abs/nn.2270.html

http://www.sciencedirect.com/science?_ob=ArticleURL&_udi=B6TC2-4V66DWT-7&_user=10&_coverDate=03%2F01%2F2009&_rdoc=1&_fmt=&_orig=search&_sort=d&view=c&_acct=C000051918&_version=1&_urlVersion=0&_userid=10&md5=04f16d84d66130bf4dd4b2cf66b5e


**Integrating Children’s Services**

The Executive Summary of a review into improving development outcomes for children through effective practice in integrating children’s services makes the following points:

- There is some way to go before practitioners and stakeholders develop a clear understanding of integrated services.
- There is no definitive evidence on the impact of integrating services, but there is some indirect evidence to indicate that service integration may have a positive impact on outcomes.
- Effective service integration is determined by quality rather than type of integration, the provision of leadership training, and ensuring participation of stakeholders in the planning processes.
- The literature identifies a number of workforce issues that need to be resolved in order to achieve successful integrated service provision. The issues include the provision of specific training, agreed working and pay structures, adequate funding, staffing levels to match caseloads and a clarification of roles and responsibilities of practitioners engaged in integrated services.  

The review can be found at the following URL:  

Changes to the Journal
Dear Members
The Journal Management Board (JMB) has been negotiating a new agreement with Cambridge Publishing. The JMB has made a commercial decision to take the Journal to an on-line journal plus print 100 hard copies for distribution to National Archives and other such associations. The reasons behind JMB decision are:

1. To attract more publications to the journal we need to:
   a. Make the journal more accessible to readers (Once online it makes corporate memberships to universities and health services much more attractive) and hence increase access.
   b. Achieve an impact factor - the journal has to be an online journal to be awarded an impact factor. Currently most universities expect their staff to only publish in journals that have an impact factor. If the JMB does not progress the Journal so that it is eligible for an impact factor we continue to marginalise potential authors.

2. JMB aims to maintain current costs of the journal and subscription of the association to the JMB. Economic times are difficult and to raise the capitation fee per member to associations would not be acceptable at this time.

3. Reduce advertising within the body of the journal. The issue of advertising in particular infant formula advertising has been contentious. There may be limited advertising on a banner page on the website home page. Cambridge would still liaise with JMB re the appropriateness of advertisers. The reduction of advertising within the body of the Journal also allows for the increase in the number of manuscripts per issue.

What does this mean for members of ACCYPN?
- You will still receive three issues of the journal per year
- Your July 2009 issue will be in hard copy
- Your November 2009 issue will be available on-line.
- We anticipate that you will be advised the journal is published via email or mail and you will require a logon to access the journal.
- New members will have immediate access to a journal and past issues as the collection builds up.
- Cambridge is happy to support a no infant formula advertising approach.

Whilst there may be some members that regret the demise of the printed copy we anticipate this change will encourage more articles being submitted and an increase in the circulating knowledge of Children and Young People’s Nursing.

Jan Pratt
Member of the JMB and Chairperson, Board of Directors, ACCYPN

Conference Award
IPCHN - Australia's Meeting of the Year (under 500 delegates)
2008 International Paediatric and Child Health Conference wins a National award.
Event Planners nominated the 10th International Paediatric and Child Health Conference in the first instance for a state award. The conference was a state winner in its category and was nominated for the National award.

Event Planners reported:
“Submissions closed in January with state winners announced in Queensland in early March. Winners from each state then competed at the national awards in early April, with IPCHN 2008 named the winner with the highest scoring submission in the category. There were two other finalists in the category so it certainly is a terrific achievement for all concerned.”

The criteria the Conference was judged on were:
- Project planning
- Resource management
- Financial performance
- Challenges and responses
- Meeting significance
- Creating the opportunities
- Outcome and evidence
- Additional information

Congratulations
to the Conference Committee
and Event Planners
Child Health Network
The Child Health Network has been established for members of ACCYPN. Join in the conversations, post an item of interest or simply follow the postings. To subscribe, log in to the Members Only Section of the ACCYPN website and click on ‘Networks’. (You will see a screen as pictured here)

Membership Renewal Advice
A gentle reminder to all members that membership renewal is due by 1st July 2009. The annual renewal fee for current full members is $75.00 (tax deductible). Members may receive an email from the secretariat requesting an update of their contact details. It is requested that you complete this information to ensure that all members receive all relevant information from ACCYPN and have a valid password to the Member only section on the website.

Membership Payments can be made by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), by online banking using your Credit card or offline by sending your Cheque or Money Order to the Secretariat. Click on the Membership tab on the ACCYPN to view these options.

If renewal Membership payment is not paid by 31st July, all Member benefits will cease.

Newsletter Submissions
Members are invited to submit short articles to the Newsletter. If you have a story to tell about the great work you and your colleagues are doing, maybe some innovative practice implementations, perhaps some interesting research happening in your area, then please send an article for others to read in the Newsletter which is published on the website bi-monthly. You are welcome to include photos with articles.

Name the Newsletter Competition!
We have had some interesting suggestions sent in so far – thank you to those members who have submitted so far. You have until June 30th to send your submission. Forward it via email to the ACCYPN Secretariat (info@accypn.org.au) with “ACCYPN Newsletter Title” in the subject line. The Board of Directors will choose a name from the list and the next Newsletter will bear the winning title. The winner will receive free renewal to ACCYPN for 2009/2010.

Visit our website for updated information
www.accypn.org.au

- Members Only Section now contains:
  - Business Rules
  - Newsletters
- State Chapter Updates for:
  - Queensland
  - Tasmania
  - Western Australia