



Alliance for the Prevention of Mental Disorders

Minutes of the APMD Annual General Meeting

held at Deakin University, City Campus

on Wednesday 14th February, 2018 at 9.30 am

Present: Prof Felice Jacka (Chair), Prof John Toumbourou (minutes), Prof Tony Jorm, A/Prof Nicola Reavley, Dr Steve Carbone, Dr Amy Morgan, A/Prof Marie Yap, Dr Allan Mawdsley, Prof Brian Oldenburg, Prof Michael Berk (phone), A/Prof Nicola Newton (phone)

1. Financial report

There is \$700 remaining in the APMD account held at Deakin. This is what remains of the money given by Australian Rotary Health, most of which was used for awards to early and mid-career researchers. ARH has indicated that they will consider further financial support in the future.

Action: Amy and Marie to submit annual statement to Consumer Affairs Victoria.

2. Nominations for Executive Committee members

Several Committee members resigned their positions. The new committee members are as follow:

- President: Associate Professor Nicola Reavley, University of Melbourne
- Vice President: Associate Professor Nicola Newton, University of New South Wales
- Secretary: Dr Amy Morgan, University of Melbourne
- Treasurer: Associate Professor Marie Yap, Monash University

Prof Felice Jacka and A/Prof Alison Calear nominated as Executive Committee members.

Actions: NR to email other Executive Committee members confirming their intention to remain on the committee.

3. Model rules

A decision was made to continue with the model rules for an incorporated association.

4. The 2018 Strategic Plan

A number of activities for 2018 were discussed and agreed upon:

- a. Research priorities exercise, involving asking stakeholders to nominate these (Tony Jorm to lead).
- b. Update on what's next in the prevention area, with ANZJP (Tony Jorm)



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- c. Development of position statements on topical issues in the area of prevention (where possible, to tie in to political/election priorities) including: (1) youth crime and prison building (John Toumbourou); (2) high-quality childcare (Felice Jacka); comorbidity with other chronic conditions (Brian Oldenburg)
- d. Links to other prevention organisations, including Prevention United (see AOB), ARACY, Diabetes Australia, Heart Foundation, Global Obesity Centre (GLOBE), with a view to joint activities, including possibly a joint seminar.
- e. Audit of current prevention programs and activities. APMD members to be emailed and invited to give details of these. They can be included on the APMD website.

5. Any other business

Dr Steve Carbone reported on the establishment of Prevention United, a new not-for-profit organisation with an exclusive focus on the prevention of mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety conditions, behavioural disorders, eating disorders, psychoses and other conditions. Prevention United is keen to work in partnership with other likeminded organisations, including APMD on joint initiatives to increase public and political support for the prevention of mental health conditions.

Meeting ended at 10.30am