

## National Board Report

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Originator: Sallyanne Wissmann

Title: AHIEC Quarterly Report

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### PURPOSE OF PAPER

To provide the board with an update on AHIEC Steering Committee deliberations

### SUMMARY OF ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

The AHIEC Steering Committee met on the 20th September and on the 15th November. HIMAA representation has now moved from Vicki to Sallyanne effective from the November meeting.

The following items have been progressed:

- The AHIEC Governance Document has been finalised and approved
- A Strategic Plan has been developed for 2012 and 2013 and is now ready for endorsement by the auspicing organisations (refer Attachment 1) - endorsement is required to AHIEC as soon as possible
- A focus of the next Steering Committee will be determining the work plan for 2012
- Following the November meeting, I was tasked with finalising the Health Informatics Scope, Careers and Competencies document. Version 1.8 was released late Wednesday 16/11 to a few people. From a HIMAA perspective, feedback was received from Kerryyn Butler-Henderson, Helen Cooper and Megan Hawkins, as well as further revisions from myself. Feedback was also received by a couple of other individuals. A short timeframe was provided so that the final draft could be finalised. I am pleased to report that Version 1.9 was released on Sunday 20/11 to the auspicing organisations for endorsement (refer Attachment 2).
  - o I have been through the document in a lot of detail and feel that HIMs are appropriately represented
  - o My recommendation to the HIMAA board is for the board to endorse the document
  - o The AHIEC Steering Committee is keen to get an initial version in the public domain by the end of the year and have identified in the Strategic Plan for further revision to be done in the next 12 months following release and further feedback
  - o Next steps also includes working with the Industry Skills Council to develop these into national recognised competencies
  - o I have done an initial review of the competency ratings for the HIM stream against the latest draft of version 2 of the HIM Entry Level Competencies that are being developed by the Education Committee, and made some adjustments in the Health Informatics document
  - o I suggest that the Education Committee reviews the document in more detail in early 2012 (their next meeting is not until February), uses it to inform any further detail for Version 2 of the HIM competencies and provides comment on any of the stated competency levels for HIMs in the Health Informatics document that can be updated in the next version.
- Education Initiatives Literature Review - the Steering Committee has determined that in order for this to be published it needs to be updated as the last references were added in January 2010

- At the November meeting, Kathleen Gray provided an update on the Australian Learning and Teaching Council (ALTC) funded project 'Coordinated Interprofessional Curriculum Renewal for eHealth Capability in Clinical Health Professional Degrees'. This has a project aim to encourage and support program coordinators and directors of Australian undergraduate and postgraduate health profession degrees to include ehealth (or clinical informatics) curriculum where it is not yet in place. Degrees include all allied health, nursing and medical professions. AHIEC is supportive of this project. The AHIEC representative on the project reference group has changed from Vicki to Sallyanne.
  - AHIEC are going to start responding to relevant papers and proposals, with the first one being 'Commonwealth Support for Postgraduate Places at Universities'. HISA is going to take the lead on this one. I will distribute them as relevant & seek HIMAA involvement.
  - Sonya Hilberts has let members know of a funding grant that is available in relation to the Australian Flexible Learning Framework - \$A11.5m for the National Vocational Education and Training E-Learning Strategy for 2012-2015 - this may be something for HIMAA to consider
  - A communication was sent to the AHIEC mailing list about the recent work of AHIEC
  - The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be on the 31st January
- No working groups are currently meeting in relation to AHIEC.

## **BUSINESS PLAN ACHIEVEMENTS**

## **ISSUES FOR NATIONAL BOARD/EXECUTIVE ENDORSEMENT/APPROVAL**

1. Consider and endorse the AHIEC 2012 and 2013 Strategic Plan
2. Consider and endorse the AHIEC Health Informatics Scope, Careers and Competencies Document Version 1.9 and provide Sallyanne as the HIMAA representative with the authority to approve any further changes to the document that are forthcoming from the auspicing organisations endorsement process

## **BUDGET REPORT**

N/A