



PalliativeCare
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ACT BOARD OUTCOMES

from meeting of 22 January 2018

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

I am pleased to present the outcomes from the first Board Meeting of 2018. Our President, Louise Mayo, is currently overseas but will be back shortly. The year is already shaping up to be a busy one as, apart from the regulatory compliance activities we need to undertake as a not-for-profit organisation, we will, in May, be launching some new videos that promote palliative care services as well as holding a number of exciting fundraising activities.

CEO & OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT

The CEO attended a presentation by the Director General of ACT Health, Nicole Feely. The D-G outlined the proposed new ACT Health framework. As well as informal discussions, PC ACT will provide a formal response to the proposed framework. Both the Health Department and the Director General provided positive feedback on the work of, and the need for, PC ACT.

The CEO has drafted a Style Guide to ensure that our brand identity has a consistent look and feel in both public and internal documentation. She is working with Content Grasshopper, our media specialists, to finalise the document.

There has been a significant increase in residential and home-based referrals in the October-December 2017 period compared with the same period in 2016, thanks to some excellent work undertaken by our staff. Similarly, the number of client hours in Residential Aged Care has significantly increased in 2017 when compared with 2016. PC ACT now has an MOU in place with all but one of Canberra's residential aged care facilities.

We received a wonderful testimonial from the Chronic Care Team at the Canberra Hospital thanking us for the excellent service provided by our volunteers. Other testimonials from staff within Clare Holland House talk about our volunteers making "a world of difference" so a huge thank you to all volunteers for your continuing good work.

An information night for the next intake of volunteers took place this week. Twenty-two people attended, and should all progress to the next stage, participants will be divided into two groups for training.

MARGARET CORDEN SCHOLARSHIP

This year the Margaret Corden Scholarship has taken a slightly different format. PC ACT is partnering with Clare Holland House Outpatients department to produce a series of short videos. The videos will focus on three topics:

1. General Palliative Care in the ACT
2. Outpatient Services at Clare Holland House, and
3. Engagement of Volunteers

The videos will be launched during National Palliative Care Week (20-26 May), which is coincidentally also National Volunteers' Week. They will then be posted on the website as a tool to assist people seeking palliative care services.

FINANCIAL REPORT

PC ACT continues to be in a sound financial position, largely due to the bequest from Alistair Swayn, the Equal Remuneration Order funds from ACT Health and the Fundraising Dinner held in October.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD

The next meeting of the PC ACT Board will be held on Monday 26 February 2018.

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Vice President

