



FRAME Managers' Meeting Minutes

1:00 pm – 3:00pm Tuesday 7th May 2019

LOCATION: University of Newcastle Department of Rural Health, 114-148 Johnston St, Tamworth NSW 2340

MINUTES

1.	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Acknowledgement of Country by Dee Risley.</p>
2.	<p>RHMT Activity Plan & Reporting Format</p> <p>The Department of Health have changed the reporting format to the previous 3 year cycle. There didn't appear to be any consultation. Was distributed as template change. Now introduced as an activity plan with no consultation. Some universities have more than 1 organisation unit. Concern that it duplicates.</p> <p>Agree we should put forward our recommendations for the next cycle. Hoping for consultation in the next funding cycle. Consensus is that previous feedback given hasn't been taken into consideration.</p>
3.	<p>Evaluation</p> <p>Discussion around what we want out of the upcoming Evaluation, operationally and strategically. Will discuss at Business Meeting on Wednesday. Consensus that we need to be involved in the evaluation so we can contribute from a local level.</p>
4.	<p>REB Audit</p> <p>Rural Background Entry/Rural Origin. Do universities do an audit to ensure the students are authentic? Each rural school is determining it differently. Would like to see Rural Origin criteria looked at in the evaluation. Was originally developed in mid 90's and is very out of date. Is the target appropriate & should it be individualised for different universities? Medicine is harder to achieve than Allied Health. There's a variance between universities in targets.</p>
5.	<p>Utilisation of Funding Underspend</p> <p>Rural schools haven't been informed of the process regarding the utilisation of an underspend to cover CPI. If overspend is higher than the commonwealth's interpretation of the CPI costs/funds do we have to pay it back?</p> <p>How long after the election will the commonwealth be in contact with the rural schools with feedback and letting us know the reports have been accepted?</p>

6.	<p>Integration of RTH into RHMT Activity</p> <p>Most agree it's now working well. The early set up RTH's were working more independently rather than together. Agreeance across the board is that it's more settled and cohesive.</p>
7.	<p>Average Placement Week Calculation</p> <p>A scenario was described of a short term placement; Nursing student placement 4 x 2 week. Do these constitute an 8 week placement? UONDRH have been recording them as 2 week placement as per the Commonwealth guidelines. Are we to record it as the longer placement so that the average placement length doesn't decrease? At meeting in Sydney DOH said we can as long as your university approves it. Need to look at average placement week reporting for individual disciplines.</p>
8.	<p>Murray-Darling Network</p> <p>Fiona Pacey from Western Sydney University gave an update on the new schools who form part of the Murray Darling Network.</p>
9.	<p>Timetabling of Programs</p> <p>Discussion around timetabling of clinical schools with numerous sites. What systems are other people using? SONYA & InPlace, but all utilised differently. Everyone using different systems.</p>
	<p>Other Items</p>
1.	<p>Timing of next FRAME meeting. Will discuss at FRAME Business Meeting on Thursday. Likely to be in Canberra.</p>
2.	<p>Indigenous recruitment target continues to be a challenge for most universities. Target is hard to achieve, but consensus is that it should remain. Evaluation should recognise work the universities are doing to add to the overall pool of students.</p>