



Advisory Committee Minutes

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Meeting of the HM Information Clearinghouse Advisory Committee

28th June 2012

At 2.30 p.m.

Dean's Meeting Room

Level 5, Red Centre West Wing,

The Faculty of the Built Environment

University of NSW

Present	David Gonzalez (<i>DG</i>)	Lifetime Care
	Nicholas Loder (<i>NL</i>)	NSW Housing
	Greg Killeen (<i>GK</i>)	SCIA
	Susan Dinley (<i>SD</i>)	DVA
	Jordana Goodman (<i>JG</i>)	PDCN
	Annette Hanley (<i>AH</i>)	SCOPE Access
	Lucy Moore (<i>LM</i>)	ADHC
	Lisa Langley- by phone (<i>LL</i>)	COTA
Apologies	Lesley Radbron	Lifetime Care
	Steven Malvern	HMMS State Council
	Shalla Thomas	HMMS
	Stacey Sheppard-Smith	HMMS State Council
	Robyn Chapman	ILC NSW
	Sandra Lightfoot	NSW Health
	Ian Maxwell	Wesley HMMS
	Ruth Robinson	PDCN
	Wendy Noller	ADHC
	Margaret Kay	LGSA
Chair	A/P Catherine Bridge (<i>CB</i>)	UNSW
Notes taker	Ianina Rubinsztein	UNSW

<i>Notes</i>	<i>Actions</i>
1. Welcome, introduction & apologies CB opened the meeting at 2:30pm Sandra Lightfoot Collins tried to join the meeting by phone without success.	
2. Ratification of minutes of last meeting Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.	
3. Clearinghouse update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Webstats <p>The number of registered users has increased to 770.</p> <p>Upward trajectory, mirroring previous trends.</p> <p>JG asked if we had a target. CB explained that although we do not have a specific target, we do pay attention to number of users, number of new users, number of visitors per month and returning visitors as well and how this number related to new publications posted on the web.</p> <p>GK asked if we promoted the website in any way. CB explained that we do not really. We work in relation to specific projects, so whenever important information is released through the website, we contact local government and parties that we think might be interested in the information and let them know that we have a resources available and then we distribute it on the HHMS State Council.</p> <p>CB noted the mobile technology is really starting to change, people are accessing the website through mobile devices more frequently. This is interesting because we are designing the website to be used by this technology.</p> <p>Board members had no questions regarding the website statistics.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website <p>CB shared snap shots of the new website. The launch date is expected to be by the end of July.</p> <p>10 years of the Clearinghouse, CB asked the Committee for suggestions on what to do to commemorate the occasion.</p> <p>GK asked if we have a 'Home Modification kit'. CB answered that although we do not have it, she believes that this is a good idea.</p>	As we get closer to the launch date, we will share the link with the Committee members for them to give us feedback.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publications 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Summary Bulletin: Environmental Assessment & Modification for Occupational Therapists.</i> <p>A copy was tabled. It has to be access checked and publication checked to make sure all the formats are correct. It's has been through</p>	Lyndal Millikan to send an electronic copy to Adv Comm once ready for

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peer review already and it should be up in the next 2 weeks.	publication.
<p>➤ <i>Showering over floor drainage (working title) – Consumer Factsheet and Summary Bulletin.</i></p> <p>This is already available on the website. The summery bulletin is in progress, Lyndal Millikan requested approval to allocate time to it.</p>	Committee approved this.
<p>➤ <i>Landscape Modifications as an alternative to ramps and lifts.</i></p> <p>It has been published and it has been on the website for a while. Currently it's being turned into a factsheet and checklist to make it easier for the Home Mods builders and industry to access its information in a more applied manner.</p>	
<p>➤ <i>Enabling Block Library.</i></p> <p>Available on the new website.</p>	
<p>➤ <i>User appraisal of environmental factors on the independence and wellbeing of older people in three town centres.</i></p> <p>This is a project funded by non-recurrent funding granted in 2010/11. Draft report was tabled. The original project was of 3 town centres but it did not include the Ipad app, we lost one town centre but we added the development of the Ipad app. In conjunction with engineering we develop an app for older people to use to rate their own town centre. The product is a walk and talk map.</p>	CB to set up a forum to discuss the implication of this work
<p>➤ <i>Review of Aboriginal Housing guidelines in relation to adequacy and appropriateness of functional impairment provisions – final draft.</i></p> <p>It's in Final draft stage and has to go out for peer reviewed.</p>	
<p>➤ <i>Home Modification Follow-up by Occupational Therapists.</i></p> <p>Jenny Fishpool has been working on it. She just had ethics clearance to launch the surveys. It's another 18 months to go before we will have a draft analysis.</p>	
<p>➤ Three papers were presented at the Adelaide Housing Researchers Conference with excellent feedback from audience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What is the nature of the age-specific housing market in Australia at present? (AHR Conference)</i> 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Home modifications: implications for care provision within existing housing stock for an ageing population (AHR Conference)</i> 	CB to send copies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The consequence of inappropriate housing options for high level disability– stay in the frying pan or jump into the fire? (AHR Conference)</i> 	CB to send copies
<p>▪ Events & Training</p>	
<p>➤ <i>International Federation of Ageing Conference 11th Global Conference on Ageing in Prague 28th May, 2012</i></p> <p>Copy of one of the presentations was tabled. CB presented 3 papers (Age friendly, downsizing, housing for low income people)</p>	

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<p>➤ <i>Universal Design Conference, Oslo June 11th - 13th 2012</i></p> <p>Norway is committed to make the whole country completely universally designed by 2025. CB presented 2 papers (landscaping and waged care)</p>	
<p>➤ <i>ENHR CONFERENCE, 24th June 2012 in Lillehammer, Norway, "Housing: Local Welfare and Local Markets in a Globalised World"</i></p> <p>The downsizing paper was presented.</p>	
<p>➤ <i>AQR/DPR Conference, August 23rd - 25th, 2012</i></p> <p><i>This was noted as an upcoming event.</i></p>	
<p>4. Other Funded Projects</p>	
<p>The positioning paper was accepted by AHURI and it should come up in the next couple of weeks and the Final Paper is due to be released in September.</p>	
<p>5. Grant Applications</p>	
<p>The ARC LIEF application which was submitted to the ARC in March 2012 will set up a Ageing, Disability and Carers Domestic liveability lab it will complement the ARC-Linkage with Caroma working on bathroom for the future. There were three assessors all with positive feedback, the rejoinder was submitted and now we await .</p> <p>SD mentioned that the Vet Affairs research funding will be available soon and might be worth thinking about.</p>	<p>Awaiting final outcome decision from ARC.</p>
<p>6. Other Business</p>	
<p>▪ The Home Modification List Serv</p> <p>This project is taking a considerably amount of time. The idea is that with the new website people will be able to see all the previous discussion so they won't have to ask the same question that was asked before.</p>	
<p>▪ Reforms to the Home Modifications Program.</p> <p>CB has received an email from Lucy Moore with the final paperwork. LM explained the major changes for the centre, which include the centralisation of referrals for home mods, the standardisation of fees and major funding for the sector.</p>	<p>CB to meet with NL and LM to decide the new work plan for the Clearinghouse for the next 12 months.</p>
<p>▪ Budget implications for the Home Modification Clearinghouse</p> <p>The Clearinghouse budget hasn't increased as part of the changes to the Home Modifications Program.</p>	