



Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting of the HMinfo Advisory Committee

20 June 2019

At 3.00 p.m.

Room 4035, L4, Red Centre West Wing, BE Faculty, UNSW

Welcome, Introduction, Attendance & Apologies

Professor Catherine Bridge opened the meeting at 3.00pm.

Attending in person

Julian Werrett (JW)	3 Bridges Community
Weixu Ji (replace NL)	NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC)
Susan Dinley (SD)	Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA)
Deborah Hammond	Occupational Therapy Australia (OTA)
David Clark	Paraquad
Konstantina Vasilakopou (KV)	Home Modification Information Clearinghouse (HMinfo)

Attending via Zoom

Annette Hanly (AH)	SCOPE Home Access
Angela Peri (AP)	Wesley Mission
Karen Appleby (KA)	Council on Ageing NSW
Alice Dixon (replace ES)	Physical Disability Council Network (PDCN)
Lyndal Millikan (LM)	iCare

Apologies

Megan Roach (MR)	Australian Government Department of Health (DOH)
Kersi Vajifdar (replace LD)	National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)
Irene Stein (IS)	National Seniors Australia (NSA)
Donna Dives (replace MH)	National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)
Steve Pretzel (SP)	Technology for Ageing and Disability WA (TADWA and MODA)
Agnieszka Kuna (AK)	Domiciliary Equipment Services South Australia (DES SA)
Anthony Ryan (AR)	Young Care (YC)
Robyn Chapman (RC)	Assistive Technology Australia (ATA)
Greg Killeen	Spinal Cord Injuries Australia (SCIA)
Suzette Skobier	Australian Government Department of Health

Chair

Prof Catherine Bridge (CB) HMinfo

Minute Taker

Vincent D'cruz (VD) HMinfo

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes from 20 June 2019 Meeting were approved.

Follow up actions:

- (i) Send marketing collateral for wash basin project to Lyndal Millikan to enlist iCare's assistance in advertising for volunteers for the project.

1. HMinfo Website

Action

1.1. HMinfo Website Report

The HMinfo Website Report was included in the Advisory Committee Member's Package for review and comments. There seems to a slight decrease in the number of members for OT Forum List Serv due to several reasons e.g. changed organisations, changed email address, etc.

1.2 HMinfo Website Progress

CB updated the committee on Helmut's consolidated reports from PDCN and Vision Australia in which there were 10 accessibility issues and 11 usability issues, which needs to be addressed.

Helmut

CB advised other website enhancements that were undertaken in the past three months:

- Event date range control utility
- automatic population of source acknowledgement fields

1.3 Website Development next 3 months

The web development proposed includes:

Helmut

- Real Time Report Progress – creating a progress bar to indicate that a report is being generated.
- Website Manual Update – redesigned based on roles and giving greater clarity on steps and process.
- Liveability App – rebuilding the app based on Android version and expected to be completed by the end of August

2. Publications and Research Activities

2.1 HMinfo Publications

a. Evidence based research: Designing home environment for people who experience problems with cognition and who display aggressive or self-injurious behavior 2nd Ed.

STATUS: updated and available for review. Published in March 19

b. Consumer Factsheet: Bidet douche seats, flexible hoses and bidets

STATUS: Under review and to be published in July 2019

c. Summary Bulletin / Industry or Consumer Factsheet: Assistive Technology on Smart Controls

STATUS: under consideration for future publication

2.2 Grant Applications

The following grant applications were made in the last quarter:

- a. Disabled Peoples and Families Organisations – ILC Readiness Grant Round 2018-19 (NDIS)
- b. Commonwealth Home Support Programme Innovation Funding – Expression of Interest Stage One (GO2108)
- c. 2019 Investing in Women Funding Program

3. Events & Training

3.1 Conferences / Symposiums / Congress

a. OT Australia Conference in ICC

CB was the keynote speaker at the OT Conference and spoke on 'Occupational Therapists in Environmental Modifications'

b. MBG SPHERE Frontiers Technology Networking

CB attended the meetings

c. Disability Confident Training in UNSW

KV attended on 11th April 2019

d. Caroma Launch new suite of bathroom products

Launch of the Caroma commissioned whitepaper focused on "The Future of Bathroom Design for an Ageing Population".

4. Governance & Administration

4.1. Governance

Undertaking Google Ad Grants strategy to optimize the funding for effective outcomes.

4.2 Health Pathway GP website

HMinfo now listed in the website as a resource for those who require assistance in the area.

5. EBEP Funded Projects

5.1 Australian Research Council's (ARC) LIEF scheme

Work in progress

5.2 GWA / Caroma: Under basin clearances for wheelchairs

Project work in progress. In active recruitment for volunteers

5.3 AHURI – AT for ageing and disabled housing

Liaising with relevant external stakeholders on project

6. Reports from Committee Members

Action

AH

Mentioned about the NDIS website indicating 2 quotes were required for works costing \$15k or more (as opposed to the previous \$10k limit). OTs are struggling to get a second quote from a Builder and concerns are in relation to the impact / implication of this new rule. Scope Access expecting funding from Aged Care Review sometime soon. AH felt that the new NDIS format for reporting for home modification was much simpler than previous format.

KA

Highlighted the issue about finding funding for AT for people over 65 years old. COTA will present a paper to address this issue. There needs to be streamlining of guidelines across all States for uniformity of treatment across the country.

LM

Informed the committee that iCare home mods team now manages specialist home mods dealing with equipment for medical reasons e.g. spinal cord. The student placement program is still ongoing and investigating areas within the kitchen. Kari Kari is now known as Odyssey Builders and the person in charge is Frank Pinneri.

DC

Brought to the committee's attention about a gentleman aged 67 years old who was denied funding to live in Ferguson Lodge as he was deemed under NDIS rules as not being eligible. He was eventually given a one off grant by NSW government. An ex Board member of Paraquod was also not entitled similar benefits and his case was raised to the Human Rights Commissioner.

DH

Spoke about her involvement in the Property Council's NDIS SDA review of livability guidelines documents in which the focus is getting the spatial categories correct e.g. livable, robust, accessible. The strategy will be waiting to see who moves in and then decide on design customization based on the individual's needs. Design should not impede AT installation for homes.

SD

Touched on Department of Defence including major mods into their contracts and advertising it next year. AT would also be incorporated into the contracts. SD had also been attending a couple of NDIS courses.

JW

Spoke about their involvement in South Home Mods Managers meeting and being the one of only two organisations doing work for NDIA. 3Bridges was involved in My Aged Care Home Mods for above 65 but recently due to subsidy cuts, has witnessed a decline in business in home mods. Currently doing project management for various organisations e.g. iCare.

Close

- Professor Catherine Bridge closed the meeting at 4.15pm.

Next Advisory Committee Meeting 19 September 2019