



## Advisory Committee Minutes

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Meeting of the HM Information Clearinghouse Advisory Committee

8 Dec 2011

At 2.30 p.m.

Dean's Meeting Room

Level 5, Red Centre West Wing,

The Faculty of the Built Environment

University of NSW

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| <b>Present</b>     | David Gonzalez ( <i>DG</i> )              | Lifetime Care                   |
|                    | Nicholas Loder ( <i>NL</i> )              | NSW Housing                     |
|                    | Lisa Langley ( <i>LL</i> )                | COTA                            |
|                    | Ben Williams ( <i>BW</i> )                | PCDNSW                          |
|                    | Sandra Lightfoot (by phone) ( <i>SL</i> ) | NSW Health                      |
| <b>Apologies</b>   | Margaret Kay                              | LGSA                            |
|                    | Steven Malvern                            | HMMS State Council              |
|                    | Ian Maxwell                               | Wesley HMMS                     |
|                    | Shalla Thomas                             | HMMS                            |
|                    | Stacey Sheppard-Smith                     | HMMS State Council              |
|                    | Ruth Robinson                             | PCDNSW (Ben Williams attending) |
|                    | Lesley Radbron                            | Lifetime Care                   |
|                    | Susan Dinley                              | DVA                             |
|                    | Roselyn Barlow                            | Scope Access                    |
|                    | Robyn Chapman                             | ILC NSW                         |
|                    | Wendy Noller                              | ADHC                            |
| <b>Chair</b>       | A/P Catherine Bridge ( <i>CB</i> )        | UNSW                            |
| <b>Notes taker</b> | Ianina Rubinsztein ( <i>IR</i> )          |                                 |

**Notes****Actions****1. Welcome, introduction & apologies**

CB opened the meeting at 2.40 p.m. Apologies were noted

Updated agenda was tabled. CB asked if anyone would like to add something to the agenda. Everyone indicated that they were happy to go with the agenda as it is.

**2. Ratification of minutes of last meeting**

Minutes from September 2011 tabled and accepted by NL, DG.

Minutes ratified and can be uploaded to website

**3. Clearinghouse update**

- Webstats

Web traffic is similar to last quarter with some increases. Regarding browsers, it is interesting how the confidence in mobile technology is increasing.

- Website redesign

We have been working on our website to create a more user friendly new front end that better aligns with the new BE website redesign. CB shared a picture of how the front page will look and the proposed 'mega menu' categories.

There is a problem with colour contrast and readability of the new faculty website. CB spoke with the Dean and Vision Australia will do an accessibility audit in early 2012. The faculty has put money aside to refine its website following their report.

DG suggests promoting a bit more the benefits someone would receive by being a member, like an obvious button suggesting becoming a member.

- Publications

Things that interest to consumer are the one with largest downloads.

Regarding to new publications/projects:

- *Demountable ramps: A qualitative assessment of value for people with mobility impairments.*

This project was from the waitlist and was prioritized as concern was raised from the sector about what works and what does not. This project is a qualitative study that involves talking to a range of stakeholders however it is taking a lot of time, Trying to recruit consumers at the moment. SL suggested talking to Ruth from the Blue Mountains.

- *Summary Bulletin: Environmental Assessment & Modification for Occupational Therapists.*

Ensure understandability and ease of use of the mega-menu (CB).

Develop more standardised process for upload of new website information to make it easier to locate (CB).

Feedback to be sought regarding service relevant information (CB).

Email link to test pages in early 2012 prior to sign-off (CB).

List of people to talk to (BW). Yong to send information to BW.

Feedback from their perspective about

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It's a draft so CB does not feel comfortable at this point to distribute it, but she circulates it. SL would like to see a copy.

Consolidate a range of resources to help occupational therapists and to introduce to them about what is the scope of environmental mods within their role and scope of practice.

- *Landscape Modification as an alternative to ramps and lifts.*

Currently in Peer review. We are still waiting for peer-review feedback from Beverly Garlick and Linda Corkery both well-known landscape architects.

LL considers it's a very important paper and she would like to make it available for people on her website, CB offers to share the link with COTA so it can be put on their website as soon as the paper is published.

NL Suggested changing the title to "Alternative to ramps in NSW".

- *User appraisal of environmental factors on the independence and wellbeing of older people in three town centers.*

We are now back to a cut down version of this project solely based on original ADHC funding as we were unsuccessful with our ARC-Linkage application. The 3 councils we have contact with are Tweed Heads, Dubbo and Wollongong. Tweed and Wollongong have conformed participation

We are working with Vijay Sivaram from Electrical Engineering to produce an iphone/ipad app for use by older people to collate GIS information from the town centre via photos, audio and text.

The project will commence in early February/march. Data collection will be on May. And preliminary presentation in June at the International Federation of Ageing conference.

- Review of Aboriginal Housing guidelines in relation to adequacy and appropriateness of functional impairment provisions – final draft.

- Home Modification Follow-up by Occupational Therapists

Currently in peer-review. Hopefully will be published before next meeting

- Summary Bulletin: Showering over drainage.

Hopefully will be published before next meeting

- 2010/2011 Annual Report

- Events & Training

NL would like to have the presentations from the Apartment Planning & Design Summit

Livable Housing uptake in NSW.

Lifetime care is having an open house for their new property and NSW housing have recently completed some new model stock. CB suggested that the Clearinghouse could organise through the university a

**Actions**

Feedback about key points required (Everyone).

Link to be sent to COTA-NSW on publication (IR)

Remind the person he sent it to for feedback (NL).

Send an electronic version to NL (CB).

CB asked for feedback from everyone.

Print the .pdf to share it (CB).

CB to liaise with NL, DG and landcom regarding this.

**Notes**

symposium where the current innovations could be shared with interested stakeholders.

NL suggested that it will be good to have a series of liveable houses for people to visit during Architectural week (November 2012).

CB asked for input on what to include as metrics in the Major Cities Unit as part of their overall framework to help them evaluate if they are on track or not in terms of accessibility and social inclusion.

(Sandy left the conversation)

The Faculty was granted a 28 million grant for low carbon C2c. CB asked if someone would like to partner up regarding some projects to propose that concern social and ecological sustainability i.e. older people are more vulnerable to heat so are more likely to be impacted by climate change and this may impact home modification decisions.

**4. Other Funded Projects**

AHURI – Downsizing and Older People (led by A/Prof Bruce Judd). The paper will be available in the website soon.

**5. Grant Applications**

We were successful and were granted a ARC-linkage grant in partnership with Caroma. This will commence as soon as the contact is signed off in mid March 2012

**6. Other Business**

CB asked if everyone would be included in a strategic planning meeting to be held in March 2012.

June meeting will have to be rescheduled because CB will be in Europe.

Two member of our team (Phillippa Carnemolla and Toni Adams) will start a PhD in 2012, both with Australian government scholarships. Phillipa will further pursue care substation while Toni will look at older people and strata title impacts on ageing outcomes.

LL offered being partner up with Toni.

Lyndal will have an extra day a week, Julie (our seconded UNSW librarian) will be returning to the Library and we will be recruiting early next year for a level B academic to work on the ARC Linkage Project.

**Actions**

Talk to Karen (NL).

CB requested for ideas from everyone.

Share a paper about older people wanting to maintain their status and not downsizing (NL).

Send a reminder and suggest 3 times (IR).