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BAPN Business Minutes

Tuesday 4th April 2006

Royal College of Paediatric & Child Health Spring Meeting, York

Members Present	Maurice Savage (President) Allan Watson Stephen Marks Nick Webb Judy Taylor Rachel Lennon Caroline Jones Jane Deal Ihab Shaheen Brian Judd Shivaram Hegde Chris Reid Malcolm Coulthard Raj Krishnan Mark Taylor	Heather Maxwell (Secretary) Judith Van der Voort Denis Gill David Hughes Jane Tizard Richard Coward Gail Moss Eric Finlay Kjell Tullus Zahida Ahmed Farida Hussain Sally Feather Nadeem Moghal Mohan Shenoy Kay Tyerman
Apologies	Jean Smellie Rodney Gilbert Shuman Haq Heather Lambert Sue Rigden Richard Holt Simon Waller	Lesley Rees Sally Hulton Mary McGraw Carol Inward Richard Trompeter Kate Verrier-Jones

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record of the last business meeting after correction of minor typographical errors.

2. Matters Arising

All matters arising from the minutes were dealt with in the Agenda.

3. Renal Association Standards

The haemodialysis standards are now available and Sally Feather has distributed these to the members of the Haemodialysis Sub-group. The rest of the adult standards are awaited. When they are available they will be put on the Renal Association Website.

4. Written Report from CSAC

A written report from CSAC was distributed for information.

5. Renal Information Strategy

Kate Verrier-Jones will forward a written report on the Renal Information Strategy for information.

6. Report from the Renal Registry

The Paediatric Chapter for the Renal Registry has been written. The Executive and the Membership are grateful to Malcolm Lewis for his efforts in putting this together along with the members of the Registry Committee.

The Renal Biopsy Audit

10 Centres have so far provided data on 470 biopsies. The data is undergoing preliminary analysis at the moment. The audit for 2006 is on blood pressure in renal transplant recipients and Manish Sinha and Larissa Cerecuk will visit all centres to collect blood pressure data on all paediatric renal transplant recipients. To do this work they will require honorary contracts at each of the centres.

The BAPN Renal Registry Sub-Committee will meet on May 15th with Charlie Tomson and David Ansell in Bristol, along with Jane Tizard. This meeting is to discuss how best to take the BAPN Registry forward. Units can start collecting data for April 2006 and in the meantime they are asked to hold onto their data.

7. Report from the European Registry

A written report from the European Registry was sent round for information.

8. Update from ESPN

A written report from the ESPN was sent round for information.

9. UK Transplant Update

The new allocation system is in place as of 3rd April 2006. The Kidney Allocation Review Group has been set up at UK Transplant to monitor the new allocation system.

10. Kidney Alliance

Nick Webb updated the membership on the activities of the Kidney Alliance. They continue to have discussions about Payment by Results, but no new business has been raised.

11. British Renal Society

The annual BRS meeting is to be held in Harrogate at the beginning of May and is held jointly with the Renal Association. The programme is interesting and contains paediatric presentations.

A research Fellowship is being offered between the BRS and Kidney Research UK (formerly NKRF) on renal disease and its management. This is aimed at multidisciplinary and patient orientated research. Information about this fellowship is available on the BRS website www.britishrenal.org

Work on the NSF continues. A meeting on Acute Renal Failure was held on 23rd March and Nadeem Moghal and Sally Feather attended on behalf of the BAPN. There was a heavy adult influence, but paediatric commissioners were present, as were representative from paediatric ITU. We are aware that there is a considerable amount of work going on with the NSF at present and the Executive have been communicating with the Department of Health to keep up to date with this work. Criteria for Success – Part II is being devised. Jane Tizard has been involved in this work.

12. Payment by Results

Jane Tizard has been in communication with a representative from the Department of Health, who has had a very full diary but has agreed to meet Jane this month. In the first instance the Representative has asked to speak to Jane on her own, so specific questions should be addressed via Jane. It will take 2yrs to put the renal HRG's into use, but it is important that we are involved at this stage to make sure that these are accurate. Jane has also been involved in the work of the ITU / High Dependency Group.

13. Trainee Issues

There were no new trainee issues.

14. Treasurer's Report

A written Treasurer's Report was sent round for information.

15. New Members

Ganesh Ganesan and Zahida Ahmed were welcomed as new BAPN members.

16. UK Juvenile SLA Steering Group

The UK SLA Study Group has proposed a Steering Group to look at Juvenile SLA. Kjell Tullus has been invited to be the nephrology representative on this steering group and David Hughes is his deputy. They are proposing yearly collection of data on patients with SLA to look at outcome and prognosis. The group is driven by the Paediatric Rheumatologists.

17. Future Roles of the BAPN

This agenda item was discussed in detail. Mark Taylor, as incoming President, had previously circulated a paper with 5 proposals for changes to the BAPN constitution to allow the BAPN to be more responsive to changes in the workings of the NHS.

17. Future Roles of the BAPN contd...

- Proposal 1 This is for a Communications Officer to oversee the development of BAPN pathways and protocols for patient management. Discussion took place as to the difficulty in producing guidelines when there is little evidence in many areas of practice, but it is possible to agree minimum standards for the management of certain conditions.
- Proposal 2 This is the setting up of a Service Advisory Working Party to look at different ways of delivery service with an emphasis on networks and collaborative working with DGH paediatricians.
- Proposal 3 This is the setting up of a Working Party to investigate the impact of Payment by Results. Some work has already been done in this area by the BAPN.
- Proposal 4 This related to research and the suggestion that we should work collaboratively with the Renal Association to form a Renal Research Network. With this in mind it was proposed that Nick Webb be asked to stay on for at least 1 further year or for a full further term of office, depending on whether there is interest in the Research Secretary's Post.
- Proposal 5 This looked at the role of the BAPN as an advocate for our patients and whether we should look at working with a "patron" to advise us on future activities. There was considerable discussion about this proposal and some concern that by appointing a patron that we might risk our close association with the Renal Association, that it might be costly and that to a certain extent the Kidney Alliance already perform this role to a certain extent. After a full discussion it was felt that Proposal 5 should not be taken forward.

Proposals 1-4 will be sent out to the membership who will be asked to vote on them separately. A deadline for responses will be set. These proposals will require the BAPN constitution to be revised.

18. AOCB

There was no other competent business.

The membership thanked Prof Savage for all of his hard work during his term of office as BAPN President, and welcomed Mark Taylor as incoming President.

19. Date of Next Meeting

The next Business Meeting will be held on 8th December 2006 at the Institute for Child Health in London.