

**Minutes of the
AASW Qld
Private Practitioners Practice Group (PPPG)
Tues 8th June 2010**

Venue Kookaburra Cafe, 280 Given Tce, Paddington
Time 5.30 pm for 6pm

Attendees

Joan Abbott, Helen Baker, Margaret Beckman, Lyn Blighton, Doug Burke, Sharon Burke, Margaret Byrn, Jude Covell, Dorothy Clark, Liz Fallon, Karen Gosling, Sue Jensen, Lody Levy, Sonia Lonne, Heather Lord, Robyn Purvis, Lou Todd, Ann Turner, Deborah Tew, Ingrid Wagner, Georgina Walton.

Apologies

Geraldine Coyne, Shirley Duckett, Dave Formby, Tracey Harris, Michele Juratowitch, Nicole Kinnaird, Geoff Fitzgerald, Jenny Martin, Judith Merari-Lyons, Sonia Oleksyn, Fritha Parkes, Christine Pronger, Chel Quinn, Leza Schulz, Yaro Starak, Anne Turner.

Agenda

New members were welcomed. Members introduced themselves and their practices and spoke of some of the challenges they were facing. Members included those in full time and part-time private practice, as well as some in the process of setting up or planning for the future.

PP issues /developments

1. CPE Update

AASW (through Doug and Sharon Burke) is offering the following one day Saturday workshop on 24July 2010:

- “Navigating the Medicare Maze”
- “Creating a Successful Social Work Private Practice

The one day weekend format was in response to requests for a one day delivery to enable regional participants to attend.

2. CPE proposals

Robyn Purvis discussed training proposals for future CPE for private practitioners and gained feedback from members. She will provide written information about her proposals for circulation to members.

3. Ethics Update

Doug Burke provided an update the AASW national office review of the AASW code of Ethics. Drafts of the proposed Code have been circulated and members are encouraged to peruse this and comment, particularly from a private practitioner’s perspective.

4. New Supervision Program – Yaro Starak

Yaro was a late apology. He will present this item at a future meeting.

Forum for Discussion - Medicare update and discussion – Better Access and ATAPS - and future planning for AASW response

- ✚ The removal and subsequent reconsideration (to April 2011) of SWs and OTs in relation to Medicare's Better Access to Mental Health program were discussed. Members outlined their individual lobbying efforts.
- ✚ **Questions** raised by the CEO of the AASW in recent communications were discussed and members were encouraged to provide written comment as part of a survey to be circulated shortly.
- ✚ **AASW communications** - the importance of regular communication from AASW was stressed. Only a few members had used the Facebook and blog pages created by members, mainly due to time constraints.
It was agreed that the issue is one for the whole profession, and all members need to be involved in the lobbying efforts.
- ✚ **Future Actions**
 - Members were encouraged to continue their lobbying efforts and it was suggested MPs and GP Divisions be approached in groups, as well as individually.
 - It was agreed that a survey of the CEO's questions (and some others) would be circulated to make it easier for members to respond.
 - Members were encouraged to attend the AASW state teleconference to be held at QUT Kelvin Grove on 10 June 2010, when further statewide actions would be discussed/planned.

Next meeting: 5.30pm Tuesday 10 August, 2010 at Kookaburra Cafe, Paddington.

(Minutes prepared by Sharon Burke)