

Health Professions Council - 11 December 2008

Council representatives on external bodies

Executive summary and recommendations

Introduction

In 2006, the Council agreed to appoint Miss Eileen Thornton as HPC's representative on the Advisory Board of a new federation called HEALTH (Higher Education Academy Learning and Teaching in Health). Due to other commitments, Miss Thornton is now finding it difficult to get to the Board's meetings and would like to step down.

An email was sent to members of the Council on 3 November 2008 to invite expressions of interest. The following member of the Council has expressed interest in representing the HPC:-

Mr Alan Mount

Decision

The Council is asked to agree that Mr Alan Mount should be HPC's representative on the Advisory Board of HEALTH.

Background information

See attached terms of reference and background information on the Board from 2006.

Resource implications

None.

Financial implications

None. The Board will meet reasonable travel and subsistence expenses for Board meetings.

Appendices

Terms of reference and background information.

Date of paper

19 November 2008.

Higher Education Academy Subject Centres for *Health Sciences and Practice and Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine (HEALTH Network Group)*

Advisory Board

Terms of Reference

- **Advice and support to the HEALTH Network Group Directors and team**
- **Acting as the first point of subject accountability for the HEALTH Network Group**
- **Advising on the development of the federal HEALTH Network Group**
- **Advising on the HEALTH Network Group development of its strategic and operational plan and progress**
- **Advising the HEALTH Network Group on strategies to support and enhance student learning in both academic and practice contexts**
- **Advising the HEALTH Network Group on policy issues that may impact upon the students' learning experience with a view to influencing future strategic direction and approaches**
- **Receiving reports on current activity, annual reports and monitoring information**
- **Reviewing budgets and spending**
- **Championing the work of the HEALTH Network Group constituencies and bringing feedback from these**
- **When necessary, and jointly with the host institution and Academy's Director of Networks, appointment of the centre Director**
- **Liaison with the Higher Education Academy Senior Executive Group (York) and advice to Academy on subject related matters**
- **Annual evaluation of the HEALTH Network Group work, including receiving the report from the external evaluator**

About

The Higher Education Academy (<http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/>) Learning and Teaching in Health (HEALTH) Network Group is a collaboration between the Academy Subject Centres for Health Sciences & Practice (HSAP) and Medicine, Dentistry & Veterinary Medicine (MEDEV). For more information please see <http://www.health.ac.uk/>

The Higher Education Academy Learning and Teaching in Health (HEALTH) Network Group arose following the Academy's review of Subject Centres, including those in health and social care in 2003. Professor Janet Finch (Vice Chancellor, Keele University) chaired the review group, who reported to Professor Robert Burgess (Vice Chancellor, University of Leicester). They recommended that the relevant subject centres work closely together to support the health constituency.

The Subject Centres for Health Sciences & Practice and Medicine, Dentistry & Veterinary Medicine have worked hard to establish a single advisory board (chaired by Professor Dorothy Whittington) which has steered the work of the two Centres since 2006, including the development of a common mission and strategic aims.

"On behalf of the Board, I would like to offer you a very warm welcome to this website which reflects close collaboration between our health related subject centres. A single advisory board was established in 2006 to guide and steer the collaborative and separate activities of the centres for Health Sciences & Practice and for Medicine, Dentistry & Veterinary Medicine. We think this multi-professional approach reflects policy direction for health care education and practice and hope it will result in a better service to you."

Professor Dorothy Whittington, Chair, Advisory Board

The mission of the HEALTH Network Group is:

To work with educators, communities, networks and organisations to promote and enhance student learning in the health related disciplines.

Our strategic aims are:

- To influence the development, implementation, and dissemination of policies that impact on student learning in the health related disciplines.
- To support higher education partners, including those in work/ practice settings, with the development and implementation of their strategies for improving the student learning experience.
- To promote and facilitate the professional development and recognition of educators in the health related disciplines.
- To contribute to the development and dissemination of effective and innovative educational practices.
- To support research and evaluation activities that inform the development and enhancement of learning and teaching in both academic and practice contexts.
- To be a proactive, responsive, efficient, transparent and accountable organisation.

- To foster a collaborative, inclusive ethos that reflects an agreed set of core values.

Planning and reports

Subject centre documentation, such as annual reports, etc, can be downloaded from their websites. Links to latest reports are provided here.

- Health Sciences and Practice (<http://www.health.heacademy.ac.uk/aboutus>)
- Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine (<http://www.medev.ac.uk/about/more>)