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Minutes of the BAEM CLINICAL EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE meeting held on 27-04-06 at 09.30 am in the Education Board Room, Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields

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Meeting called by: Dr Stephen Nash - Chair

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Members Present:	Dr	Stephen	Nash	(SN)
	Dr	Jaydip	Banerjee	(JBa)
	Prof	Tim	Coats	(TC)
	Dr	Liza	Keating	(LK)
	Prof	Kevin	Mackway-Jones	(KM)
	Dr	Clifford	Mann	(CM)
	Mr	Shum	Dev	(SD)
	Dr	Andres	Martin	(AM)
	Mr	Kyee	Han	(KH)
	Dr	Ian	Maconochie	(IM)
	Mr	Nigel	Brayley	(NB)

1. **Apologies:** Dr Jonathan Benger (JBe), Dr Matthew Cooke (MC), Mr. Andrew Volans (AV), Ms Carolyn Dow (CD), Mr. Abel Wakai (AW)

Others members: Mr. Martin Shalley (MS), Mrs. Niru Burchett (NB), Miss Alison Gammon (AG).

2. **Minutes of last meeting:** Accepted and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.
3. **NLH / BAEM website.** We have been in communication with Paul Gillard and he is confident that navigating the CEC page is easy and requires only 2 clicks to get to the required place. SN & AW are not convinced about this. Number of hits per page is already available. NLH had a teleconference, which was poorly attended. NLH has had its funding renewed for the coming year. SN has been asked by MC to represent CEC on the management team.
ACTION: SN to contact Ruth Brown about CEM satisfaction with the website.
ACTION: Feedback to SN any comments on the CEC page of the joint website
4. **Medic to Medic:** No new news. JB's replacement is not in post yet.
ACTION: JBe to keep SN posted with developments.
5. **GEM Net:** A teleconference was held on 31st March and KM tabled the minutes. CEC confirmed the budget as outlined. It was felt that all the guidelines should be presented at the BAEM conference in Spring 2007 so the centres would need to get on with the work to be ready and also demonstrate to BAEM and CEC that the investment was value for money and had definite outcomes.
ACTION: KM to keep SN updated on developments.
ACTION: SN to clarify with Merger Board how Guidelines will be approved.

6. **Guideline Review Groups:** CM requested that we think of another name for this subgroup. SN proposed that the group was enlarged to include 25 Consultants, 25 SpRs and 25 Associate Specialists/Staff Grades all of whom would evaluate 3 or 4 guidelines per year. CM agreed to supervise this process as long as reminders etc can be automated via the website. The competence of volunteer assessors was discussed and it was felt that CM should keep an eye on this and if any individual consistently sent in evaluations at variance to other assessors they could be deleted from the list.
ACTION: SN to send the Asthma 'guideline' written by Jba to CM for review.
ACTION: SN to send to CM the Sepsis guideline for review
ACTION: CM to arrange for current guidelines to be reviewed (slowly!)
ACTION: AW & CM to take forward AGREE assessment on line.
ACTION: CM to write article for the Bulletin / Supplement.
ACTION: AW to write a 'CEC Comment' for Acute Heart Failure guideline and send to SN
ACTION: CM to write JD for the guideline reviewer role.
7. **New Guidelines.** It was felt that this should be removed as a standing agenda item.
8. **Update from The Healthcare Commission:** The Urinary Retention audit is underway and 143 of 171 Trusts have responded indicating who is responsible for audit within the A&E department. 28 Trust still have to respond and some Trusts will have more than one A&E department. Re-audit is scheduled for February 2008. It is hoped to arrange to Audit asthma in August 2007 and also do NOF for the 3rd time in August 2007. A lot has to come together for this to happen.
ACTION: SN to take this forward.
9. **DH Update:** MC had given apologies.
ACTION: SN to contact MC
10. **Casemix / IT update:** NB's secondment has ended. He presented to the group an overview of where NpfiT has come to and some of the obstacles in the process. He has written a proposal for a "Project Board and Assurance Group" to ensure that our crucial input into this 10 year project through this group is sustained. CEC should continue to influence Connecting for Health.
ACTION: NB to write an article for Supplement of EMJ.
12. **Antidote project:** The guideline is now completed and on the website.
ACTION: SN to write joint letter from the Guys Poisons Unit and BAEM.
ACTION: Julie Bloomfield to arrange for distribution to the speciality
13. **Standards Subcommittee:** The update of the Standards has been completed and is now on the website with changes visible. Draft 2 of the Cardiac Arrest standard was tabled for discussion. It has been revised following new guidance from the European Resuscitation Council and diverse views were expressed. It was felt by some that it needed significant change and others felt that it was difficult to audit and that it should be deleted as a standard. Draft 3 of the Asthma standard was tabled for discussion. Written and verbal comments were taken and will be incorporated. Standards are being prepared for pneumothorax, head injury and meningitis. Jba is involved in the Surviving Sepsis Campaign and we have given our feed back on the Standards as they should be applied in the UK. (the proposed standards were developed in USA and for their healthcare system) Patrick Nee is making a presentation in Harrogate in June so we hope to have more information by then to inform our decision.
ACTION: SN to organize next teleconference
ACTION: SN to revise asthma standard
ACTION: SN to take forward asthma with HCC and BTS
ACTION: SN to clarify with Merger Board how Standards will be approved.

14. **Joint conferences:** We are waiting to see how the structure of the College develops to see where this subcommittee/working group will sit.
ACTION: TM to keep the CEC updated with developments
15. **Maurice Ellis Award:** We need to review the criteria as BAEM as was will cease to exist when the College becomes functional. We may need to reset the closing date. Andrew Appelboam gave the Maurice Ellis lecture at the Cheltenham Conference and this was well received.
ACTION: AV to organize review of criteria
ACTION: TM to put notification in the CEM newsletter
ACTION: SN to obtain copy of the presentation
16. **Tetanus Survey:** SN met with Natasha Crowhurst on 10th February and wonders if anything of real value will come from this survey.
ACTION: SN to keep CEC posted with developments
17. **Membership of the Committee:** James Binchly and Ali Amin have resigned from the Committee after 3 years service and were thanked for their contribution. We discussed selection for new members and felt that this should be clarified with the Merger Board. We will not be enlarging the CEC at this stage until the merger is complete and the functions of the various committees clarified. It is hoped to continue to have 4 SpRs and increase the nursing representation. The BAETA should continue to be asked to have at least one member on the committee.
ACTION: SN to take appropriate action.
18. **Meetings 2006:** 26th January: 27th April: 20th July: 19th October in the Education Board Room @ 09.30.
19. Any Other Business: Nil

Additional Information

I will send out material to be read before the next committee meeting as it becomes available.

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