



Infant Feeding

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Minute for meeting on Tues 9 Feb 2021

Meeting opened at 8.08pm

Present: Heather Taylor (chair), Shelley Reid (minutes), Rachel Jones, Jessica Hughes, Maxine Ballinger, Bronwyn Bernerius, Nicol Franz, Lee Hopper, Annette Wright.

Apologies: none received.

1. Business from previous minutes
 - Shelley to book Zoom for 13 December and arrange for information about this SIG to be included in the next round-up, including seminar topic requests – action completed
 - Suggestions for webpage content to be sent to Shelley – see point 4 below
 - Shelley to forward suggested speaker details to the Conference Committee – action completed
2. First Zoom seminar on 15 Dec: event went well, good feedback and interest in further seminars.
3. Topics for Zoom seminars in 2021: discussed topic for next online seminar with reference to list of suggestions from members and agreed to present on initiation and maintenance of lactation. Bronwyn agreed to present this on 13 April. Suggestion to make third seminar about research, have 2 to 3 speakers. Nicol suggested 'looking outside the box' by engaging with speech pathologists, for example her colleague who had helped develop an assessment tool for evaluating sucking and swallowing safety and readiness to feed. Agreed that Nicol will follow up on this topic and report at the next meeting.
4. Webpage content: suggestion from Lee Hopper to provide a link to the Global Health Media website, which has teaching videos on breastfeeding. Committee agreed to add as an extra resource, with disclaimer noting that use of videos from this site for teaching would entail a fee.
5. ACNN 2021 conference speaker: Elaine Burns from Western Sydney University, who has researched on the language used by healthcare professionals around women trying to breastfeed their babies and how this may have unintended effects. To speak for two 30-minute sessions, one SIG session, one in plenary. Rachel is to contact Elaine with these details and confirm presentation details for each. This information is required for developing the conference program, with registrations to open soon.
6. Other business
 - 6.1 Nicol raised the topic of preterm hypoglycaemia and use of Dextrose gel, discussed briefly by the committee.
 - 6.2 SIG scholarships: the Executive allocates funds to SIGs for use as scholarships. This requires terms of reference from this SIG that sets conditions for granting of scholarships to ACNN members (not available for non-members). Agreed categories are to be for IBLC exam fees, conference attendance and other infant feeding-related educational event. Shelley to draft the scholarship terms for approval at next meeting.

Meeting closed 9.25pm

Next meeting 13 April at 8pm AEST.

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