Coordinated Interprofessional Curriculum Renewal for eHealth Capability in Clinical Health Professional Degrees

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Welcome to the fifth quarterly newsletter for this project.

Draft of Discussion Paper on Accreditation Requirements

We have learnt from the results of a 2011 survey and 2012 workshop series that the teaching and assessment of future health professionals was not clearly supported by the accreditation guidelines. As a result, accreditation documents from 20 accreditation bodies in the health professions were analysed. We urge readers to provide feedback on the attached document. For instance, is there any information missing? Are the accreditation documents the currently available versions? Feedback should be provided by Friday, the 6th of July, 2012 to Dr. Ambica Dattakumar ambicad@unimelb.edu.au.

Project Symposium

The project symposium will be held on Friday, the 30th of November, 2012 in Melbourne, at the Woodward Conference Centre, University of Melbourne, to reflect on key findings from this project and next steps. This symposium will present a suite of resources to advance eHealth education in universities on a national scale. The symposium will feature invited guest speakers and project participants, including teaching staff and students of health profession degrees.

Please email Ambica to express your interest in attending the symposium.

Participation in Health Workforce Australia Working Group

By invitation, we are participating in the Health Workforce Australia (HWA) technical working group that has initiated a project to develop a National Common Health Competency Resource. This involvement is seen as an important way to ensure that eHealth competencies are represented in the Resource being developed.

Dissemination Activities at HIC 2012

A conference paper entitled 'We are not Educating the Future Clinical Health Professional Workforce Adequately for eHealth Competence: Findings of an Australian Study' will be presented at the Health Informatics Conference held in Sydney between the 30th July and 2nd of August, 2012.

Also, Sonya Hilberts, the eHealth Education strategy lead at the National eHealth Transition Authority (NEHTA) will be presenting a paper on the role of education in large-scale initiatives to implement eHealth in healthcare systems.

Please refer to the conference website for information on the time for each presentation. http://www.hisa.org.au/page/hic2012/

Second Progress Report Submitted to OLT

We have submitted the second progress report to the Office of Learning and Teaching (OLT). By this stage, we have run 4 national workshops which engaged with 52 participants across different universities.

Please contact Ambica if you would like a copy of the report: ambicad@unimelb.edu.au

Development of Project Resources

We are developing an inventory of educational resources that support the learning, teaching and assessment of eHealth. This resource will contain links to teaching tools, and other resources that are relevant to support staff in the process of including eHealth in the curriculum of entry-level health profession degrees in Australia.

Please contribute any resources that are relevant. This could include resources such as simulated eHealth Record systems (EHR), social media sites etc. Please email Ambica by Friday, the 6th of July, 2012.

Please do not hesitate to contact one of our team members or view our project website http://clinicalinformaticseducation.pbworks.com

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