

# **SHAPE Annual Report – 2020**

## **President and Secretary**

It is a pleasure to present the 2020 annual report of the President and Secretary together with the Treasurer's Report at the virtual Annual General Meeting on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, Melbourne.

### **Symposium**

The 2019 Symposium held in Melbourne was a well-attended and collegiate event. The continuation of the Wednesday program for academics, researchers, and doctorate and other higher degree research students provided great opportunities for sharing ideas, experience and research findings in the areas of health service research, training and development. The main program also included operational health managers and interested relevant stakeholders was again a success with 52 participants from 18 organisations. It was our greatest pleasure to have one of the SHAPE founding members – A/Prof Mary Harris OA as our guest speaker at the Symposium.

The 2020 Symposium has been cancelled as result of the COVID-19 pandemic. It was agreed that the Symposium 2021 will still be held at the University of New South Wales.

### **Recognition of Professor David Briggs's distinguished contribution**

Former President and long serving member of SHAPE, Adjunct Professor David Briggs was appointed the Member of the Order of Australia in January 2020 for his significant service to health service management, primary health network and policy reform. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were unable to celebrate his well-deserved honor in person. We hope to have the opportunities very soon.

### **Developing partnership arrangements re: APJHM**

At the SHAPE Symposium 2019/AGM, SHAPE and ACHSM signed a MOU to co-produce the Asia Pacific Journal of Health Management with the following arrangements:

1. Co-badging APJHM with SHAPE, thus producing the journal in partnership;
2. SHAPE took responsibility for the role and payment of Chief Editor, the editorial committee meetings and for arranging peer reviewers. The invested amount included in the MOU was \$20,000;
3. ACHSM continued the responsibility for administration and publication costs, management of the website, and bundling articles into editions for the 'publish when ready' format.

After signing the MOU, a SHAPE working group was established headed by Mark Mackay. The working group has held meetings regularly throughout the year to discuss the progression of the partnership and strategies in ensuring the financial sustainability of the journal. We are grateful to the valuable contribution made by the members of the Executive Committee. In particular, we would like to thank Anne Smyth, Reema Harrison, Fowie Ng, Sheree Lloyd and members of the Management Committee for regularly attending the meeting and sharing their ideas. We would also like to thank David Briggs for working tirelessly as Chief Editor of the journal and improving its academic standing with support from the Editorial Committee. We are very happy to share that the journal is now indexed in Scopus and listed as an emerging SCI journal

Both Mark Mackay and Zhanming Liang have been representing SHAPE to hold regular meetings with APJHM to discuss issues in relation to the production and financial sponsorships.

A new MOU will be proposed and be discussed at the AGM 2020.

### **Donation of 65000 surgical masks to seven PHNs**

A surgical face mask donation project led by Zhanming Liang and her colleagues, with support and endorsement from SHAPE was successfully completed in April. The project purchased 65,000 Level I Surgical Masks and donated to seven Primary Health Networks in NSW, SA, QLD and VIC (Details refer to the SHAPE media releases and Project Report).

This project demonstrated the successful partnership between SHAPE, PHNs and the Australian communities and has improved the profile of SHAPE amongst PHNs, various organisations and individuals who were involved or benefited by the project. We would like to have some discussions around how to build on what we have achieved in order to maximise SHAPE's contribution to both the programs members and the health system.

We would like to thank David Briggs, John Rasa, Mark Mackay, Mark Avery for linking the project to various PHNs in four different States and thank the SHAPE Management Committee for the ongoing support to the project.

### **Developing the Strategic direction of SHAPE**

The Management Committee and some members of the Executive Committees have been involved in the discussions of developing a clear strategic direction for SHAPE. A number of initiatives / projects have been proposed and included in the AGM 2020 agenda for discussions. A strategic plan will then be drafted after such discussions.

## **The use of social media to promote SHAPE and related events**

With support from the SHAPE executives, we have been using Facebook and LinkedIn to promote SHAPE related activities in the past year. Efforts in using social media and new SHAPE website to promote SHAPE and related activities will continue. We will be proposing the establishment of a social media officer position to be supported by a social media working group to continue such important activities.

## **Management Committee**

The management committee has met six times in the past financial year with an additional four Executive Committee meetings completed. We would like to extend our appreciation to all of those involved in the management and executive committee on behalf of all members.

It has certainly been a very busy year for SHAPE and we look forward to continue working with members of the Executive Committee to provide more support and benefits to our program members and contribute to achieving the vision of advancing health service management training, development and research.

Zhanming Liang

President / Chairperson

Mark Mackay

Secretary