

Minutes

International Nutrition and Dietetics Terminology Working Group

Monday 19 April 2010

Time: 1.00 – 2.00pm AEST

Place: Teleconference

Chair: Annette Byron

1. Attendees: Annette Byron (chair), Kate Paul (minutes), Julie Hulcombe, Angela Vivanti, Lyn Edwards, Maree Ferguson, Anna Kyriopoulos, Nicole Micalleff, Therese O'Sullivan, Natalie Simmance, Suzie Ferrie, Lisa Sossen

2. Apologies – Loretta Buffalino

3. DAA Board direction

The 2009 August Board paper written by Julie Hulcombe was circulated to the working group for information. Annette commented that this provided a suggested work plan for DAA but now needs some review and further details. The Board are keen to see the terminology implemented in Australia. We will need to make members more aware of it and up to date as well as linking in with other nationally relevant work going on regarding terminology, particularly in e-health.

4. Chairperson

Agreed a chairperson is required to lead this working group.

ACTION: Working group members to send expressions of interest to Kate Paul at kpaul@daa.asn.au

5. Introductions

Some working group members (Julie, Maree and Angela of QLD) are involved in a Board strategic workshop at the DAA conference in May. This workshop will focus on IT to assist with implementation. An ADA rep may provide input. It will include presentation of national level activity, specific system for clinical information and the process of using the INDT and nutrition care process.

Therese (WA) is now based at Edith Cowan Uni and the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research and has a DAA small grant this year to do a project where the terminology will be integrated into an existing record system for dietitians. This will include a pilot of 20 dietitians in private practice. Therese has been in contact with Esther Myers of ADA to gain permission to use the terminology for this project. An agreement is being written up between ADA and DAA for a trial.

Lisa (VIC) works in aged care in private practice. Was recently in Canada and observed that they have a system (MDS- minimum data set) linked to the Ministry of Health.

Natalie (VIC) is a clinical manager at a tertiary hospital. She is the DAA rep on the National Classification Committee. ICF work and WHO Code set.

Nicole (TAS) is Statewide coordinator for CF services in TAS. Attended the workshop in Darwin.

Anna (VIC) works as a clinical dietitian for Eastern health, Melbourne. Attended Darwin workshop. Involved with a 2 year project trialling an online documentation system. Reports that INDT is not being taught at university training schools in Melbourne.

Suzie (NSW) is a clinical dietitian and teaching under and post grad at Sydney Uni.

Angela (QLD) works at PAH in research and development and teaching at uni. Trying to implement INDT at uni. Challenges in doing this include: teaching practitioners. Spin offs: benchmarking, data sets, auto alerts via technology.

Agreed we need to work with training schools at the same time as practitioners. Use of the language can be done manually, ie without an IT system). DAA Dietetic Educators Interest Group are planning to meet at the DAA conference. INDT would be a relevant agenda item for them to include.

6. INDT work plan

National systems eg National centre for Classification in Health (NCCH), SNOMED (Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine) and ICD (WHO- International Classification of Diseases) to be introduced in Australia. Unsure of introduction details.

Julie H reported that she was to meet with NEHTA this Wednesday with Q health. To test some clinical data sets for allied health. ADA did some similar work already and identified gaps. Plan is to test further with Australian data. Sub-sets in SNOMED exist already, eg. emergency. Will be discipline specific. Three individuals on clinical advisory committee. David Stokes is one of the clinical leads. EICF (???) might fit for physio and OT but not adequate for dietetics. ADA is already working with SNOMED to get INDT incorporated. Licensing for ICD will be changing from NCCH to University of Wollongong. NEHTA contact is Peter Fleming.

ACTIONS:

- Investigate NCCH
- Kate and Annette to look at licensing materials from ADA
- Kate to draft a DAA webpage with info for members: including a register of projects
- Conference workshop

7. Other business

Suzie reported that there were some problems with implementation in the US and suggested we consider these in our processes so that we can avoid the same issues arising here. Angela and Maree agreed to draft a summary of the US experience for the DAA website. They reported that ADA had info on general change management on the ADA website to support their members with implementation.

Agreed to invite Sandra Capra to next meeting to present to group on ICDA links. Sandra is also teaching INDT to UQ students.

Agreed to invite a Dietitians NZ member to join this group.

Could invite ADA rep to present to group.

Kate to send list INDT serve email address to group. Members can join from the DAA website at members section> update your details> my groups.

8. Next meetings

Monday 21 June, 2-3pm

Monday 12 July, 2-3pm

Monday 20 September, 2-3pm

Draft DAA webpage on INDT for comment:

- National linkages/advocacy: Link to NEHTA, SNOMED, NCCH/ICD, and brief description of what they are and how their work fits with dietetics in Australia.
- Working group details: chair, members, TOR (to be developed), National Office support contact details (ie Kate Paul).
- Reference materials: ADA key articles, ADA website link, other?
- Register of projects: name of project, contact details and brief description (could be set up in a table).