African Union Communiqué on Eradication of ARF and RHD

Action Group 6 Meeting Minutes

2 November 2016

Venue: Skype Conference Call

Time: 15h00 – 16h00 (South African Time)

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks – Chris Hugo-Hamman

2. Attendees: Chris Hugo Hamman (CHH), Sherri Schwaninger (SS), Jeremiah Mwangi (JM) and Janette Lombard (JL)

3. Apologies: Steven Shongwe (technical difficulties), Frank Edwin (in surgery), George Nel (in Washington)

4. Summary of meeting

   • Letter to be sent by National Medical Societies Representative with PASCAR
     - PASCAR and WHF Logo on both pages
     - PASCAR Governing Council details to not be repeated on 2nd page
     - Cover letter mentions that the attached letter can be modified before sending to MoH
     - Delete table at bottom of page for signatures
     - Only Prof Bongani Mayosi and WHF signature
       - JM will send letter through to Dr Salim Yusuf for signature

   • Funding
     - GN on write-up of funding – JL will forward to all members
       - JM will adapt the process, get back in 1 month
     - JM: Found the funding, just about defining what it is. ($2,000-$5,000 each for the small grants?!) 
     - JM: Funding is for any activities related to meetings with MoH (to help facilitate that process)
       - What kind of assistance they need to help get the conversation going in their country
       - Putting together proposals and highlighting priorities that needs to be taken

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- **Cairo meeting** (14-16 January 2017)
  - CHH and JM received invitations
    - When responding to the invite, they can start with travel and accommodation arrangements
    - JM will make decision early next week
  - 14th-16th Detailed programme – JL will forward to all
  - SS: Novartis provided education grant for the workshops, would like to give an update to Jonathan Spector. PASCAR received the grant contract and will action as needed.
  - Considering Army Hotel in Cairo as venue (politically well connected)

5. **Next step, specific tasks**

- **JM:**
  - Send letter through to Dr Salim Yusuf for signature (end of week)
  - Adapt the write-up process for funding (1 December)

- **JL:**
  - Forward to all:
    - GN write-up of funding (done)
    - Cairo detailed programme (done)
  - Letter to be sent by Monday after receipt of signature and final signoff
    - Send letter before 30 November
  - Schedule next meeting **Thursday -1 December 14h30 CAT**

6. **Any other business – None**

7. **Closed with thanks**