Workshop Abstract

Developing an advocacy strategy for healthcare simulation in a new health service

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Specific objectives of the workshop

The purpose of this workshop is to develop a strategy to advocate for the increasing use of simulation in the education of health care professionals both at all levels.

The workshop will result in establishing a working group to further develop aims, objectives and intended actions that will result in effective advocacy, for simulation based healthcare education, at national, regional and local levels. This will be best achieved by:

- 1. Establishing effective relationships between like minded organisations with similar interests in advocating for simulation based education at policy development level with particular regard to improving health outcomes
- 2. Creating and submitting proposals to Te Whatu Ora and Te Aki Whai Ora, statutory registration authorities, and others with the capacity to shape policy and support its implementation through resourcing
- 3. Providing an educational and advisory facility for policy makers at all levels
- 4. Review health care policy as developed for opportunities to develop sympathetic healthcare simulation advice and guidance
- Provide a position statement for the new healthcare entities on the effectiveness of healthcare simulation in achieving the intentions of the current healthcare reforms (Adapted from SSH 2022)

Rationale for the workshop

A review the New Zealand Healthcare system has concluded that there are many areas for fundamental improvement. This has resulted in the dissolution of the District Health Boards and the creation of two new healthcare entities Te Whatu Ora and Te Aki Whai Ora each with specific areas for improvement. This is a once in a generation opportunity to influence the delivery of effective and equitable healthcare across Aotearo/New Zealand through the increased resourcing of good quality simulation based healthcare education and training.

Intended target audience

All with an interest in the area

Link to conference theme

Optimal experience level of the participants

Approximate workshop timetable

The workshop will hear a short (10 minute) presentation from a past/present President of SSH. The presenter is part of a SSH task force that is driving a US based initiative with similar intentions.

Workshop activities will include a review of the above objectives, initiating a programme of work, establishing a working group.

Will conclude with next steps that will include presenting a key note session at NZASH 2023

Conflicts of interest:

Employed by the University of Otago Self employed Rural Nurse Specialist Chair, Society for Simulation in Healthcare External Relations Committee Member, Society for Simulation in Healthcare Internal Relations Committee Member, Simulation Advocacy (US) Government Task Force Member, NZASH Executive Group