

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the BASW Renal Special Interest Group

The Point Hotel Conference Centre, Edinburgh

Sunday 15th June 2008

1. Present

Laura Cowell	Royal Preston Hospital, Lancs
Karen Bradley	Royal Preston Hospital, Lancs
John Chambers	Cumbria Infirmary, Carlisle
Kazia Gamble	St James Hospital, Leeds
Marion Dawson	Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh
Jane Stephenson	Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh
Ann Lee	Wirral and Chester
Caron Jones	Wrexham, North Wales
Mair Thornton	Wrexham, North Wales
Janey Atha	James Cook University Hospital
Berni Boruch	Manchester Royal Infirmary
Pam Russell	Birmingham Children's Hospital
Julie Hallett	Harrogate
Jenny Latchford	York District Hospital
Mary Braybrooke	Churchill Hospital, Oxford
Ann Murdoch	Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh
Cathy Holman	York District Hospital
Heidi Steward (Secretary)	City Hospital, Nottingham
Chris Pritchard (Chair)	Gwynedd, North Wales
Ruth Crowther (Membership)	St James's Hospital, Leeds

2. Apologies

Julie Daniels	Kent & Canterbury Hospital
Maureen Russell	Monklands Hospital, Airdrie
Suzanne Batte	City Hospital, Nottingham
Jackie Wilson	Northern General Hospital, Sheffield
Margaret Mitchell	Churchill Hospital, Oxford
Lisa Robertson	Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline
Wendy Ashton	Cumbria Infirmary, Carlisle

Dick Williams	Northern General, Sheffield
Nora Bell	Northern General, Sheffield
Lisa Robertson	Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline
Julie Daniels	Kent & Canterbury Hospital
Maureen Russell	Monklands Hospital, Airdrie
Ena Isiboge	St Georges Hospital, London
Christine Beaty	Lister Hospital, Stevenage
Jill Holmes	RHSC, Edinburgh
Mary Woods	Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle
Irene Marshall	Monklands Hospital, Airdrie
Rita Taylor	Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading
Jo Fearn	University Hospital of Wales
Marian Wainwright	Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne
Linda Hart	Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne
Jane Gardner	Kings college Hospital, London
Antonia Mbele	Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading

3. AGM Business

Chair's Report

Presented by Chris Pritchard, a copy is attached to the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Heidi Steward on behalf of Jo Fearn. A copy is attached to the minutes.

Membership Secretary's Report

Presented by Ruth Crowther

Election of Officers

Ann Lee has expressed an interest in the treasurer's post. She will talk to Jo Fearn about it before making a final decision.

Mary Braybrooke has offered to go to the next BASW meeting on September the 15th but we still need someone to represent the group on a regular basis.

Ann Murdoch has offered to take on the task of monitoring the website.

Membership Fees/Eligibility Criteria

Membership fees will remain the same.

The eligibility criteria for membership will remain as it stands for the time being, in line with our current Constitution, but will need to be reviewed at a future date.

A discussion took place about whether to open up study days to other colleagues who are not social workers. No decision was reached about this, but if this were to happen it would need to be planned very carefully.

Date of 2009 AGM

The date for the next AGM was provisionally set for June the 21st in Edinburgh.

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Mary Braybrooke was present at the last meeting. Other than this omission the minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

5. Matters Arising

The report from Julie Daniels, our former BRS representative had not been received . Chris Pritchard will check with Julie to see if she can send it out.

Janey Atha will be stepping down as a member of the Study Day planning Group. Several other members expressed an interest in joining, and the group for 2009 will now be Caron Jones, Julie Hallatt, Berni Boruch, Mair Thornton and Ann Murdoch.

6. Correspondence

Chris has received an email from Sue Laser, a pre-dialysis nurse from Baxter, asking if someone would give a talk to her nursing group on the Mental Capacity Act, and how it affects people requiring renal replacement therapy. It was felt that this should best be done by a legal expert, possibly in conjunction with some input from a social worker. Chris will write to her to suggest this. Mary Braybrook expressed an interest in being involved as the social worker.

Action: Chris

An email from Andrew Lamb, a social work manager from New Zealand had been passed on from the website manager. Andrew was asking for articles on the role of the renal social worker and assessment for home dialysis. Chris will ask tomorrow's speakers if we can pass their information on to Andrew. He also wanted to know if our group can offer membership to social workers in his team in New Zealand. The group felt that this would not be possible because we specify that members are from the UK. They can keep in touch via the website.

Chris to email Andrew.

7. BKPA

Elizabeth Ward is no longer involved in the BKPA, having stepped down at the beginning of the year. Rosemary Macri, the Chief Executive, asked to meet representatives from our

group, and a meeting took place in April with her and Chris, Heidi, Jo and Ruth. Rosemary informed the representatives that changes to BKPA grant applications could be made, although some issues need to be taken back to the Trustees for approval. Rosemary was very keen to receive more applications from us, and attend one of our meetings to inform us of the plans to modernise the BKPA.

N.B. On return from the AGM, Chris has received an email from Rosemary Macri with the following update: the requirement for applicants to be British Citizens has been abolished, and the earnings threshold for eligibility for a grant has been increased to £350 per week for a single person and £450 for a couple or family.

Heidi to write to Rosemary and invite her to our October meeting.

It was acknowledged by the group that Mrs. Ward's departure was a sad event and even though we have contacted her previously, Chris will write again to her to express our thanks and ensure her that our group is flourishing.

Action Chris

8. Elizabeth Ward Scholarship Fund

Lisa Robertson has spoken to Heidi about the arrangements for allocating grants from the Elizabeth Ward Scholarship fund, and lack of an effective mechanism to ensure feedback from members is received and passed on to the BKPA. The current system is not clearly defined. Heidi and Chris will look at this to define a 'pathway' and liaise with Lisa.

Action: Heidi and Chris

9. British Renal Society

Jenny Latchford, who has taken over from Julie Daniels as our representative to BRS, has met some members of the BRS Council. She will attend her 1st meeting in September. Julie has passed the relevant paperwork over to Jenny.

At the last Conference a stand was not allocated to us, and this happened without any previous consultation. Jenny will bring this up at the meeting in September and stress that we need a stand at the next conference.

(Our group's display boards are in Leeds. Ruth wants to know where to send them on to.)

10. Kidney Research UK

Wendy Ashton has taken over from Chris as the KRUK link person.

KRUK had a successful year in terms of increased grant applications following their re-branding which caused some consternation about sufficient funding in the winter months. This may have been noted by members of the group Eg .Cathy Holman had been told that she could not get help for people whose electricity supply was threatened with being cut off until it actually had been cut off. Additional monies have subsequently been allocated this year for

patient grants. We need to ensure that KRUK informs us in future if something similar happens, and Chris will ask Wendy to bring this up with them. KRUK are keen to help and welcomed the increase in applications.

11. BASW

As mentioned previously, we still need a representative for this group. Chris will send details of the September meeting to Mary Braybrooke who will attend. Chris will also send a copy of the Chair's report to BASW.

Action: Chris

12. Social Work Audit

Julie presented the audit at BRS Conference. Chris and Julie worked on it beforehand and made some changes before it was presented. BRS has now put a hold on the review of workforce data, so our data will be out of step with the rest of the audit when theirs does get done. Some of the figures on the abstract presentation for the BRS need correction. Chris will do some more work on the document over the summer, and ask Julie put the abstract and presentation on our website.

Action: Chris

13. EDTNA/ERCA

Cathy is going to the Prague conference in September and will be doing two presentations. An invitation to the Presidents meeting in Prague has been received by the Chair, which may help to clarify the position as regards our groups' affiliation. As Cathy will be attending, she has kindly offered to represent us at this meeting.

Margaret Mitchell still has had no more information through from EDTNA. Theodore Vogels has left, and there have been changes within the group which may account for this.

14. RSIG Website

Some information on charities has been added by Cathy. Any other information that anyone has, should be sent to Ann Murdoch for addition to the website.

Cathy mentioned the Willow Trust. They will help people up the age of 40. Laura Cowell has had a very helpful response from them for some of her clients. Details of this will be put on our website.

The website needs some balance as the charity section is now in a column on its own. Suggestions for additions are international links, our study days, and some photographs.

Action: Ann

15. Conferences (Feedback and Forthcoming)

Heidi gave some feedback on the recent EWOPA conference. She presented a paper there on 'The challenges of palliative care for children with chronic renal failure and learning difficulties'. Suzanne Batte also presented a case study on a parent who failed to deliver dialysis to her child.

There followed a discussion about transition. Jane Stevenson commented that her Trust were impressed at how Social Services are way ahead, in terms of planning transition for young people with learning difficulties.

Chris was pleased at the prominence of psychosocial issues at the BRS conference.

The next NKF conference is October 4th and 5th in Kenilworth. Julie Hallatt, Mary Braybrooke and Ruth Crowther will attend and man the stand. Confirmation has been received from NKF Conference organiser that there will be no charge for the stand.

Cathy, as mentioned above, is going to Prague (EDTNA).

Future dates of conferences to be noted.

16. Dates of Future Meetings

Monday 6 October 2008 in York – Rosemary Macri from the BKPA will be invited to attend in the afternoon to speak to the group. Wendy Ashton will give a short presentation on setting up a support group for transplanted patients.

Monday 26 January 2009 in London, ULU

Sunday/Monday 21-22 June 2009 (PROVISIONAL) AGM and Study Day in Edinburgh.

No other business

**Heidi Steward
Secretary
BASW RSIG
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