

# Minutes of the Meeting of the BASW Renal Special Interest Group

## Friends Meeting House, York

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2007

### 1) Present

Jenny Latchford	York District Hospital
Ruth Crowther	St James' Hospital, Leeds
Ann Lee	Wirral Hospitals
Charlotte Goulding	St James' Hospital, Leeds
Wendy Ashton	CIC, Carlisle
Margaret Mitchell	Churchill Hospital, Oxford
Heidi Steward (Secretary)	City Hospital, Nottingham
Cathy Holman	York District Hospital
Chris Pritchard (Chair)	Gwynedd, North Wales
Jill Holmes	RHSC, Edinburgh
Brianna Strumm	Evelina Children's Hospital
Genia Polowyj	Royal Manchester Children's
Marion Dawson	Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh
Jane Stephenson	Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh
Berni Boruch	Manchester Royal Infirmary
Sue McManus	Optimal Renal Care, Lincoln
Julie Hallatt	Harrogate
Sheelagh McGough	Manchester Royal Infirmary
Ruth Squibbs	Bristol
Pam Russell	Birmingham Children's Hospital
Mary Braybrooke	Churchill Hospital, Oxford
Jackie Wilson	Northern General, Sheffield
Julie Daniels	Kent & Canterbury Hospital
Janey Atha	James Cook University Hospital

### 2) Apologies

Ann Murdoch	Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh
Christine Beaty	Lister Hospital, Stevenage
Lisa Robertson	Queen Margaret, Dunfermline
Maureen Russell	Monklands Hospital, Airdrie
Linda Hart	Freeman Hospital, Newcastle
Marion Wainwright	Freeman Hospital, Newcastle
Caron Jones	Wrexham, North Wales
Mair Thornton	Wrexham, North Wales
Darren Middlehurst	RLUH, Liverpool
Debbie Shakespeare	RLUH, Liverpool
Alyson Beaumont	Northern General, Sheffield

John Chambers  
Jane Gardner  
Mark Lee  
Suzanne Batte  
Kazia Gamble  
Pauline Ross

Cumbria Infirmary, Carlisle  
Kings College Hospital, London  
St James' Hospital, Leeds  
City Hospital, Nottingham  
St James' Hospital, Leeds  
Royal Free Hospital, London

### 3) **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The audit information in the minutes was not complete; otherwise the minutes were accepted as correct.

### 4) **Matters Arising**

Membership fees –Ruth has sent out reminders and most people have replied.

The group's accounts are currently with the accountant for auditing.

Website – Mary had sent an abstract to the website manager, Steve, but it has not been put on. She will email it to him again and contact Heidi if there is still a problem with it. Janey will send her abstract of a recent presentation to Steve to put on. People are not generally making much use of the notice board. Members were reminded that to access the notice board, the password is Renal, user name is BASW.

### 5) **Correspondence**

Chris has written to Mrs. Ward at the BKPA about patients on conservative management. Mrs. Ward rang Chris personally to stress that she does support these patients and now funds some palliative care nurses.

A copy of Mrs Ward's reply will be sent with the minutes for information. Please do make applications for palliative patients.

Rosemary Macri has written to point out that many social workers are still not using the correct form for grant applications. Please make sure you use the correct form to avoid the risk of the grant being turned down.

Wendy Ashton mentioned that the application for a patient to go on one of the free BKPA holidays was turned down because he applied to go with his brother. The wording on the invitation is very limited and social workers are having to make out a special case for people who are not 'needy couples'.

**Chris to write to Mrs. Ward to see if the wording on the holiday invitation can be changed.**

Chris has had a letter from BASW inviting her to the meeting of their council in Birmingham. Mary Braybrooke is willing to be the contact person but is not able to attend meetings. Cathy has also had a letter from BASW saying

how much they value our group's interest so it is important for someone from the group to act as representative.

**Members to consider taking on the role of BASW rep**

**6) Membership Fees/Associate Membership**

There was a discussion on Associate Members. Following a unanimous vote, it was decided that people who are not social workers can become Associate Members. This entitles them to receive minutes of meetings but not to attend meetings or to vote.

**7) Group Accounts**

The balance on the Elizabeth Ward Scholarship Fund account is £6149.

The RSIG current account stands at £2713 and the deposit account at £3405.

The extra £1000 received from the BKPA last year for the Richard Dingwall memorial award has not been sent through this year. It is important that we keep this going in Richard's memory.

**Jo to write to the BKPA about the award**

Jo would like to step down next year, having held the post of treasurer for four years now. She will write down a list of the main duties of the treasurer so that members are aware of what the post entails.

**Members to consider taking on the post of treasurer**

Elizabeth Ward wants a report from Lisa about the EW Scholarship Fund for the Silver Lining magazine. Jo has sent letter to Lisa asking for this.

**Heidi to check if Lisa has contacted Mrs. Ward**

Members are reminded to send a report to Lisa if they receive a grant from the Scholarship Fund.

**8) British Renal Society**

Feedback from Julie Daniels:

The next BRS conference is in Glasgow from 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May 2008. It will be a joint conference with BRS and the Renal Association (made up of medics).

BRS is currently looking at the following topics:

Clinical coding.

Finalising the vision for the BRS.

## 9) **Kidney Research UK**

Chris is still looking for someone to take over her role on the committee. Any one interested has to be ratified by Kidney Research UK. It is important for us to have a representative on the committee. The role includes two half day meetings a year in Peterborough plus half an hour a week looking at grant applications. Wendy Ashton expressed an interest in this if no-one else approaches Chris.

## 10) **BASW**

As mentioned above, we still need a representative to be our link with BASW and attend their meetings.

## 11) **EDTNA/ERCA**

Jenny Latchford, Ruth Crowther and Janey Atha did a presentation on the RSIG study day in the Education section at the Florence conference. Cathy did a poster presentation and oral presentation on the arts worker they had temporarily in post. Cathy did not manage to get to the President's meeting, but went to the AGM.

Margaret Mitchell went to session on violence and aggression. There was an interesting presentation by Jean Hooper, psychologist from Gloucester.

Whilst it was agreed that Margaret Mitchell should continue to express her interest in being the group's representative, and possibly replace Madelon Kleingeld whilst she is on maternity leave, it was felt that we should clarify the expectations of EDTNA in terms of representation needed, level of involvement, payment of expenses etc. This should be done before any further commitment is made.

**Chris to write to Chair of Executive Group for clarification**

**Margaret to email EDTNA to indicate her continued interest**

## 12) **Conferences**

### **a) Feedback    b) Forthcoming**

Charlotte Goulding and Kazia Gamble attended the NKF conference. They devised a questionnaire/competition about renal social workers to attract people to their stall to read the group's posters and information. They offered a £25 voucher for the winning entry. This was a great success as 38 people entered the competition. Other topics at the conference included hospital versus home haemodialysis, young people and kidney failure, and a presentation by an Asian living related donor.

Janey was impressed that renal social work was mentioned frequently throughout the day. Next year's NKF conference will be in Coventry. We need to continue having a representative from our group.

The UK seminar of the EDTNA was attended by Wendy Ashton who presented a poster. She was the only social worker. The seminar is held every two years.

Julie attended the BRS conference which included items on CKD and community working. Julie encouraged members to send in abstracts for the next conference. They do not need to be formal pieces of research, but could just be about telling what we do e.g. setting up a service, transition, groups etc.

BRS next year is about the patient pathway. There is a lot we can do here. A BRS rep is required after the next conference in May 2008 as Julie is stepping down. Meetings are mainly in London. We need nominations for the January meeting.

#### **Members to consider being the next BRS rep**

The next EWOPA meeting (paeds) is in London (Guys) May 22-24. The paediatric renal social workers will be combining their next meeting with this.

### **13) Study Day**

Feedback from the 2007 study day will be presented at the next meeting in January.

The topic for the next study day is likely to be home haemodialysis/home therapy. The planning group is now Caron Jones, Julie Hallatt, Janey Atha and Ann Murdoch. There followed a brief discussion about whether to include non-social work colleagues in the study day as a first step to expanding our day into our own conference.

### **14) Any Other Business**

Mary Braybrooke is asking for people's experience of the Mental Capacity Act. We may be able to have this as a discussion topic for the next meeting.

The Information Pack needs updating.

#### **Heidi to go back to ask Lisa about this.**

Janey is waiting for some information about the Astrella Foundation which is part of Fugisawa. They provide grants for transplant patients.

#### **Janey to give the information to Heidi for distribution to the group**

Transport grants have been obtained by Wendy from the Attlee Foundation (Tickets Please).

Ann Lee mentioned the Association of Charity Officers who provide details of charities that can be approached to help patients. They can be contacted on **01707 651777**.

**Heidi to contact Steve to set up a section on the website with information on charities**

## **15) Social Work Audit Results – Julie Daniels**

The revised Workforce Planning document is currently being written. Unfortunately, having handed over responsibility for this to the BRS, insufficient information was then collected as the response was very poor and did not include information our group required. We therefore have collected our own data which Julie is presenting today. Julie is hoping to present this at the BRS Conference next year. However, we may have missed the deadline for the possible inclusion of our comprehensive data in the Review which may only include the BRS audit, plus an amended statement from Julie.

**Julie to check on the current position with Jane McDonald from the BRS**

**Julie and Chris to confer further on work to be done on this**

Following the presentation of our own audit, Julie was thanked for her work. It was agreed that the material would need more work and might need to be presented, in a fuller format, as a 'stand-alone document'.

**Julie to circulate the presentation for comments by the group**

## **16) Group Discussion on Continuing Health Care**

Since first deciding to put this down for discussion following contact from Posy Akande, service manager for older people in Cardiff, guidelines have been produced by the DoH which came into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. This topic will therefore be put on the agenda again in 12 months' time to see how these are impacting on our work.

**Heidi to distribute copies of the assessment tool with minutes**

## **17) Dates of Future Meetings**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2008, University of London Union, London

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>/Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2008, AGM/Study Day, Edinburgh

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2008, Friends Meeting House, York

Heidi Steward

Secretary

BASW RSIG

5 November 2007