

**Minutes of the Meeting of the BASW Renal Special Interest Group on Monday 28th
January 2007 at University of London Union, Malet St, London**

1. Present

Chris Pritchard	Gwynedd, North Wales
Ann Lee	Wirral and Chester
Janey Atha	James Cook University Hospital
Jill Holmes	RHSC, Edinburgh
Berni Boruch	Manchester Royal Infirmary
Pam Russell	Birmingham Children's Hospital
Margaret Mitchell	Churchill Hospital, Oxford
Julie Hallett	Harrogate
Jenny Latchford	York District Hospital
Jane Stephenson	Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh
Ann Murdoch	Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh
Charlotte Goulding	St James's Hospital, Leeds
Jane Gardner	Kings college Hospital, London
Christine Beaty	Lister Hospital, Stevenage, Herts
Pauline Ross	Royal Free Hospital, London
Cathy Holman (Chair)	York District Hospital
Jo Fearn (Treasurer)	University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff
Heidi Steward (Secretary)	City Hospital, Nottingham

2. Apologies

Julie Daniels	Kent & Canterbury Hospital
Lisa Robertson	Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline
Maria Da Silva Gane	Lister Hospital, Stevenage
Sheelagh McGough	Manchester Royal Infirmary
Kazia Gamble	St James Hospital, Leeds
Elizabeth Gash	Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading
Wendy Ashton	CIC, Carlisle
Maureen Russell	Monklands Hospital, Airdrie
Darren Middlehurst	RLUH, Liverpool
Aine O'Donnell	Dumfries and Galloway Hospital
Deborah Shakespeare	RLUH, Liverpool
Ruth Crowther	St James Hospital, Leeds
Irene Marshall	Monklands Hospital, Airdrie
Suzanne Batte	City Hospital, Nottingham
Gill Butterfield	St James Hospital, Leeds
Sue McManus	Optimal Renal Care, Lincoln
Dick Williams	Northern General, Sheffield
Karen Bradley	Royal Preston Hospital
Gill Giles	HRI, Hull

Janice Edmonds	HRI, Hull
Marian Wainwright	Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne
Linda Hart	Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne
Mark Lee	St James Hospital, Leeds
Caron Jones	Wrexham, North Wales
Mair Thornton	Wrexham, North Wales
Mary Braybrooke	Churchill Hospital, Oxford

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising

- The group's posters can be printed off, but only as A4 size.
- A direct link to the BASW website would be useful. We need to check with Ian Johnston if this is possible.
- Cathy encouraged members to come forward as BASW rep as this is invaluable experience.
- Theodore Vogels from EDTNA has contacted Ann and asked her to be a marker for abstracts.
- Julie Hallatt circulated some examples of patients' artwork produced from input by the art worker funded by the BKPA who started in September last year and who will be moving between three units.
- Ann reported that the room we usually use in Edinburgh for the June study day is not available this year. She will make enquiries about an alternative, possibly at the Point Hotel where the AGM will be held.

5. Correspondence

Cathy has received an email from Ruth Squibbs, a renal liaison worker from Southmeads Hospital in Bristol who would like to attend our meetings. Following a discussion about this and reference to the Constitution, it was decided that she would not be able to join as a member, but that she should be invited to attend their next London meeting.

Cathy to send out invitation with copy of Constitution

Cathy has been contacted by Posy Akande, service manager for older people in Cardiff, asking about our experience of Continuing Health Care and whether recent DOH guidance has made any difference to the outcome of assessments. It was decided that we should have this as a discussion topic at the October meeting, invite Posy to the meeting and that members should bring case studies along in October. Posy's email will be circulated with the minutes for members to comment on directly.

Cathy to invite Posy to October meeting

Muinzer Malachy from Belfast has been in touch about home haemodialysis. He wants to develop an assessment tool for this. Cathy suggested setting up a small email working group to look at this. Bernie Boruch, Jane Gardner, Pauline Ross and Charlotte Goulding came forward for this. Cathy will get in touch with Belfast and ask them to co-ordinate it.

Cathy to contact Belfast re setting up working group

6. Group Accounts

Jo gave an outline of the current state of the accounts.

The balance of the Elizabeth Ward Scholarship account is around £7050 with another £5000 coming in on the 1st of February.

The RSIG current account stands at £2050

The RSIG deposit account stands at £3800

Jo has identified an accountant in Cardiff who will be able to audit the accounts for us.

7. British Renal Society

The BRS conference will take place in Birmingham in June. We need some group members to man the stand.

The importance of feedback between our group and BRS was stressed. Heidi will email Julie Daniels for feedback to add to the minutes and ask Julie to ensure feedback is given to BRS from this meeting.

Heidi to contact Julie Daniels

8. EDTNA/ERCA

Heidi received information from Madelon Kleingeld. Margaret Mitchell has agreed to act as our group's representative to EDTNA for 3 year period.

Heidi to contact Madelon to inform

9. Pre-Dialysis Steering Group

Lisa Robertson has been out of action for a while, but will be attending the March meeting of the above group and will report back to us in June.

We also need to know that Mrs. Ward has received reports on the grants awarded from the EW Scholarship Fund. **Can people who receive grants from the fund please ensure that they give feedback to Lisa on how the money has been spent.**

Heidi to contact Lisa re. EW Scholarship Fund

10. BKPA

This item was added to the agenda. Jane Gardner expressed concern about a question on the new grant application form asking about the applicant's nationality. Cathy agreed to draft a letter from the group stating our concerns. She will circulate this to Committee members to agree the wording before sending it off.

Cathy to draft letter to the BKPA

11. Group Constitution

Some minor changes were made and the Constitution was accepted.

**Heidi to distribute with minutes, store on memory stick and lap-top
and send to website manager**

12. Information in Different Languages

Berni reported that in Manchester, the translation of leaflets is done on demand and a supply of such leaflets does not exist. Members to send any leaflets they know of to Berni to coordinate. Berni to contact NKF to find out what languages they have information in.

Berni to contact NKF

Chris reported that BRS are doing a DVD on renal disease. She will check this. Heidi will check to find out if DVDs being produced in Nottingham are being done in different languages.

Action Heidi and Chris

13. Social Work Audit

Chris received an email from Julie Daniels in early November but has not heard anything since. The importance of gathering this information and the frustration in the time that is taking to progress were expressed. Cathy will contact Jane MacDonald and Julie Daniels to clarify the current situation. Chris Pritchard and Pauline Ross agreed to take on a secondary role and act as co-ordinators of the information. It was agreed that a group approach would be needed if we are to pick up this project. Pam Russell agreed to coordinate the information for the paediatric units.

Action Cathy, Chris, Pauline and Pam

14. Agenda for Change

Christine Beaty has been awarded a band 7. Christine will continue to act as a central point for liaison although no-one has been in touch with her to date. Margaret Mithchell and Mary Braybrooke challenged their award and were upgraded to Band 7. Pam Russell remains at a 6.

15. Kidney Research UK

Chris gave feedback on her work on the grants committee. Between 2 and 8 applications come through to her each week for consideration. Decisions from individual assessors are emailed and the decision on whether to award the grant is then made. Kidney Research UK is keen to award more grants.

16. Study Day 2007

Jenny reported that the next study day in Edinburgh on June the 18th will be about transplantation. The planning group are hoping to get Evan Harris MP to speak in the morning followed by a session with a transplant nurse and psychologist from Cardiff. The day will end with questions/answers/discussion with a panel.

Cathy extended thanks on behalf of the group for all the hard work that the planning group put into arranging the study days.

17. Dates of Future Meetings

Sunday 17th/Monday 18th June 2007 AGM/Training Day, Edinburgh

Monday 8th October 2007, Friends Meeting House, York.

Monday 28th January 2008, University of London Union, London

Sunday 15th/Monday 16th June 2008 AGM/Training Day, Edinburgh

Monday 6th October 2008, Friends Meeting House, York

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RSIG Meeting January 29th 2007

Guest Speaker – Elaine Davies, Kidney Research UK

Elaine Davies and her colleague, Zeben Nisa, came along to the group to speak about the changes that have occurred following the 're-branding' of the charity from the National Kidney Research Fund to its current reincarnation as Kidney Research UK.

The majority of the funds raised (£2.2 million last year) will go towards research. In 2005-2006, a total of £71,000 in grants was distributed to help 181 patients with a variety of needs including travel and subsistence grants and help towards the cost of bedding and clothing.

The amount of money awarded in grants last year fell below the total that had been allocated to support patients and Kidney Research UK are therefore keen to receive more grant applications this year. They have developed some links with the BKPA, and they also endeavour to suggest other possible sources of help when applications do not meet their own criteria.

Contact details for Kidney Research UK:

TEL: 01733 704658/75

Email: grants@kidneyresearchuk.org

Website: www.kidneyresearchuk.org

BASW

Ian Johnston from BASW also spoke to the group for 10 minutes. He acknowledged the success of our group and was keen that we remain in contact with BASW.

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