

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the BASW Renal Special Interest Group  
on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at The Point Conference Centre, Edinburgh**

**1. Present**

Charlotte Goulding	St James Hospital, Leeds
John Chambers	Cumbria Infirmary, Carlisle
Kazia Gamble	St James Hospital, Leeds
Christine Beaty	Lister Hospital, Stevenage
Jane Gardner	Kings College Hospital, London
Alyson Beaumont	Sheffield Kidney Institute
Marion Dawson	Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh
Jane Stephenson	Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh
Liza Ronan	Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh
Chris Pritchard	Gwynedd, North Wales
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
Ruth Crowther	St.James Hospital, Leeds
J Hallett	Harrogate
Jenny Latchford	York District Hospital
Mary Braybrooke	Churchill Hospital, Oxford
Ann Murdoch	Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh
Cathy Holman (Chair)	York District Hospital
Heidi Steward (Secretary)	City Hospital, Nottingham

**2. Apologies**

Julie Daniels	Kent & Canterbury Hospital
Maureen Russell	Monklands Hospital, Airdrie
Darren Middlehurst	Royal Liverpool University Hospital
Sue McManus	Optimal Renal Care, Lincoln
Sue Brear	St Marys Hospital, Manchester
Teresa Nolan	Leicester General Hospital, Leicester
Suzanne Batte	City Hospital, Nottingham
Jackie Wilson	Northern General Hospital, Sheffield
Pauline Ross	Royal Free Hospital, London
Roseanne Allison	Royal Blind School
Karen Bradley	Royal Preston Hospital, Preston
Margaret Mitchell	Churchill Hospital, Oxford
Mark Lee	St James Hospital, Leeds

Lisa Robertson  
Wendy Ashton

Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline  
Cumbria Infirmary, Carlisle

### **3. AGM BUSINESS**

**The Chair's report** was presented by Cathy (Copy attached with the minutes).

**The Treasurer's report** was read out by Heidi in Jo's absence (Copy attached with the minutes).

**Accounts to be agreed at the next meeting  
Heidi to check that accounts have been audited**

**The Membership Secretary's report** was presented by Ann.

Cathy and Ann are both relinquishing their respective posts as Chair and Membership secretary. Cathy presented Ann with a gift and thanked her on behalf of the group for all her hard work in the post. Jenny Latchford thanked Cathy for her work as Chair over the past three years and also presented a gift. Their dedication and commitment is very much appreciated.

#### **Election of Officers**

Chris Pritchard is willing to take on the post of Chair. Cathy Holman proposed and this was seconded by Ann Murdoch.

Ruth Crowther will take on the post of membership secretary. This was seconded by Kazia Gamble.

#### **Membership Fees**

Membership fees will remain the same at £15 for non-BASW members, £10 for BASW members and £5 for Associate members.

There was some discussion about whether associate members have to be social workers. Members were asked to think about this for discussion at the next meeting. Membership fees will remain the same for the time being.

#### **Membership Fees and Associate Membership on October Agenda**

#### **Date of 2008 AGM**

The proposed date for next year's AGM and study day of the 15/16 June 2008 will be provisional for the time being. It was felt that this year's meeting was too near to the BRS Conference. The dates for our meeting will be confirmed when we hear when the BRS Conference is to be held.

#### **4. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

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

#### **5. Matters Arising**

- The topic of home haemodialysis and an assessment tool for this has not moved on since the last meeting. Charlotte Goulding emailed Muinzer Malachy in Belfast but did not receive a reply from him. This topic is huge in scope and we will discuss it as an afternoon topic at another of our meetings and will also consider it as a subject for a study day.
- Cathy wrote to the BKPA to express our concerns about their inclusion of a question on nationality on their application form. She received a reply from Mrs. Ward who does not acknowledge the difficulty. Ruth Crowther asked if the BKPA gives grants to patients on conservative management. The group's experience of this was variable. We need clarification on the BKPA's position.

##### **Chris to write to Mrs. Ward about her attitude to grants for these patients**

- Berni Boruch has looked into what information is available in other languages. She found no languages other than Asian. Alyson Beaumont reported that there is a lot information about diabetes in several other languages.
- BRS have produced a DVD on chronic kidney disease.
- Posy Akande who contacted Cathy earlier in the year about our experience of Continuing Health Care will be invited to our October meeting. Posy's email address is [P.Akande@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:P.Akande@cardiff.gov.uk) for anyone who would like to get in touch with her before then.

##### **Heidi to invite Posy to October meeting**

##### **Members to bring case studies to next meeting to discuss**

#### **6. Correspondence**

The National Kidney Federation have written to let us know that the next NKF annual conference is on the 5/6 October in Blackpool and would like someone from the group to attend. Janey Atha will be going and Charlotte Goulding and Kazia Gamble agreed to go to represent the group.

##### **Charlotte will collect the display boards from Ann Murdoch**

Ann received emails from Gill Giles and Ulla Robertson to say they will not be renewing their membership due to changes in their areas of work.

Ruth Squibbs (the person who works at Southmead Hospital who wished to join the group, but who is not a social worker) emailed Heidi to say that she would like to attend our meeting in October.

## **7. British Renal Society**

No feedback has been received from Julie Daniels.

## **8. Kidney Research UK**

Chris Pritchard reported back that grant applications to KRUK have gone up since they talked at our January meeting. They are still keen to receive more applications. Some figures from the NKF report are as follows:

Where the grants went to - North (West and East) 32%, London and South East 18%, South and South West 7%, Central 14%, Northern Ireland 3%, Scotland 9%, Wales 17%.

What grants were awarded for – white goods 40%, beds/furnishings/adaptations 34%, utilities 6% heating repairs 2%, travel and subsistence 7%, tax arrears and licences 2%, training (including computers) 9%.

Ruth said that KRUK had refused a TV for a patient but would pay for a TV licence. Chris will feed this back.

Chris advised that applications should give details of income/benefits. Also, that if any reports are needed (e.g. from an O.T.), make sure you include them and likewise estimates or invoices.

Chris's position on the patient grants committee ends in May 2008. Please see attachment with these minutes with information about the role.

### **Members to consider taking on this role Put on agenda for October meeting**

## **9. BASW**

Mary Braybrooke is our correspondent for this, but we do not have a representative on the Committee. Cathy has been to one meeting and found it interesting, but possibly not very relevant. The next meeting is in Birmingham.

## **10. EDTNA**

Margaret Mitchell emailed Heidi with an update on her efforts to join this group as our representative. She has had no definite response despite several exchanges by email.

Cathy is going to the President's meeting in Florence in September and may learn more then.

An abstract submitted by the Study Group has been accepted and they will be presenting this.

## **11. Pre-Dialysis Steering Group**

Lisa Robertson will carry on her work with the EW Scholarship Fund, but will not be able to be involved with the pre-dialysis group. Lisa is waiting for the group to get back to her to let her know if they need a social work rep. She will let us know.

## **12. Social Work Audit**

Chris Pritchard presented some of the data that she, Julie Daniels and Pauline Ross have collected.

- The last audit was done in June 2000. A smaller number of units responded this time i.e. 64.
- 55 were adult renal social workers, 9 were paediatric.
- The majority of funding is provided by Health (46 posts), followed by Local Authority, BKPA, Health and LA, commercial company.
- 52 social workers held Local Authority contracts, 11 had health contracts and 1 had a commercial contract.
- Banding on Agenda for Change ranged from 4 to 7.
- 59 posts are permanent, 5 are temporary.
- 18 posts are full time, 46 are part time with the lowest number of hours being 10.

Already this work is providing invaluable data, but there is a lot more work to be done. Chris acknowledged the amount of work that Julie has put into this. A report will be written up for presentation.

## **13. Agenda for Change**

This will be taken off the agenda as Christine Beaty has not received any information from anyone about it.

## **14. Website**

There have been some problems downloading some of the forms. If anyone comes across any problems, please inform the website manager, Steve.

**Heidi to check website for any problems/omissions**

## **15. Conferences**

Pam Russell attended the EWOPA conference in Lille recently and found this useful.

Julie Hallatt and Jenny Latchford manned the stand at BRS and had a lot of interest. They enjoyed this but would be pleased if someone else would like to do it next year.

Berni Boruch attended a transplant patients' forum organised by one of the consultants and NKF. This event was very patient focussed. People were keen to repeat it.

#### **16. Any Other Business**

The study day planning group would like to have a change around of members. Chris is leaving it as she has taken on the position of Chair of the RSIG. The group meets up in October to begin planning and meet 2 to 3 times per year. Much of the communication is done by email. Ann Murdoch, Julie Hallatt and Caron Jones all expressed an interest.

Alyson Beaumont is doing some work on transition and is keen to hear other people's views and experiences. Ruth agreed to send Sheila Youngson's contact details to Alyson. It may be useful to discuss this topic further at one of our future meetings.

#### **17. Dates of Future Meetings**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2007, Friends Meeting House, York.

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/Training Day **TO BE CONFIRMED**

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

Heidi Steward  
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