

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS

GAY & LESBIAN MENTAL HEALTH

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Date:
Venue:

24 JUNE 2010
IECC, EDINBURGH

MINUTES

PRESENT: Michael King (Chairperson), Sandra Evans (Finance Officer), Shawn Mitchell, Gian Galeazzi, Justin Crean, Giles Beresford

APOLOGIES: Helen Killaspy, Steve Hopker

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| 1 | MINUTES OF AGM 2009 | |
| | 1.1 | Accepted |
| 2 | MATTERS ARISING | |
| | 2.1 | <p>Date and time of AGM</p> <p>The AGM had better attendance than last year. It was discussed that most faculties hold their AGMs at their annual residential meetings. It was therefore suggested that the AGM be held on the same day as an academic meeting organised by the SIG.</p> <p>Concerns were expressed regarding difficulties with the college circulating information. Shawn Mitchell had asked contacted Sue Duncan two weeks prior to the AGM asking her to email the Annual Newsletter to all the SIG members, to advertise the AGM, however this appeared to have not to have been done. It was suggested that the eNews section of the SIG webpage would be a means of communicating future AGMs.</p> |
| | | GG to update website |
| 3 | ELECTION OF OFFICERS | |
| | 3.1 | No elections of officers needed to take place: Chairperson – Michael King Finance Officer – Sandra Evans |
| 4 | EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS | |
| | 4.1 | <p>Resignations</p> <p>Steve Hopker has resigned. Steve was thanked in his absence for his contributions to the group and for maintaining the webpage. Gian Galleazzi agreed to take on responsibility for the webpage.</p> |
| | 4.3 | <p>New members</p> <p>Luke Mearns has joined toe executive committed</p> |
| | 4.2 | <p>It was agreed that there is a need for more executive committee members.</p> |
| | | SM to contact Sue Duncan advertise for executive committee members |
| 5 | MEETINGS PROGRAMME | |
| | 6.1 | <p>Annual Meeting 2011</p> <p>Sexuality and institutional environments – acute, and secure settings and those providing care for those with dementia.</p> <p>Suicide in High Risk groups - Stonewall has made a film for young people called “Fit” – possible screening as part of session on suicide in high risk groups, possibly with CAMHS.</p> |
| | | SM – AGM with Rehab Faculty |
| | | AGM Discuss with CAMHS |

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| 6.2 | Other meetings Focus on Africa and asylum seekers. Uganda – SE concerns re ties with psychiatric training in Uganda in light of changes in law persecuting gay people, which seems to have been as a consequence of aid from religious right in USA and has been supported by Ugandan Social Workers – possible meeting with social workers – reparative therapy – counsellors having to report gay clients Church and Sex – therapeutic issues and tensions between beliefs and working with GLBT people Joint meeting with German Group of GLBT Psychiatrists – to discuss common issues | | SE to discuss with Nick Bass Possibly in conjunction with Stonewall – SE willing to make enquiries MK discuss with spiritually group MK to approach spirituality group |
| 7 | ANNUAL REPORT | | |
| 7.1 | Accepted | | |
| 8 | SIG WEBSITE | | |
| 8.1 | No update | | |
| 9 | FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT | | |
| 9.1 | Business plan Short term plan: Strategic direction – educate psychiatrists, support service users, support psychiatrists, promote research SWOT analysis: Strengths – media savvy publications press contact Weaknesses – difficulty with contact with membership trends on cultural competence | | |
| 9.2 | Finances Current balance is just over GBP900 | | |
| 10 | ANY OTHER BUSINESS | | |
| 10.1 | Activities Consultation re College statement on statements re reparative therapy, issued in March. | | |
| 11.2 | Survey 58 responses - only 8 been to a meeting since 2006 It was suggested that the results be published in The Psychiatrist. | | MK to analyse |
| 14 | DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS | | |
| 14.1 | Time and venue to be circulated | | |