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Minutes of the Meeting held

Thursday November 12th 2020 by Zoom

Present:
Lorna Lewis (LL) – Chair
Lynne Souter Anderson (LSA) – professional member
Mandy Posnett (MP) – professional member
Christine Truelove (CT) – lay member
Anna Doherty (AD) – lay member
Keith Lampard (KL) - lay member
In attendance:
Monika Jephcott (MJ) PTUK
Eileen Braham - (EB) Representing the Clinical Team
Susannah Bradley - (SB) Representing the Clinical Team

1. **Chair's opening remarks**
   Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially KL whose first meeting it was. LL explained that another lay member had joined the BCTIWC to try to ensure that a majority of lay members were present to make the meetings quorate. MJ thanked everybody for all their work this year.

2. **Apologies for absence**
   None

3. **Conflict of Interest Declaration**
   LL reminded members of the requirement to declare any specific conflict of interest for agenda items. LSA declared membership of the BACP, AST, and National Counselling Society.

4. **Minutes of meeting held on 20.02.20**
   These were agreed as a correct record.

5. **Matters arising**
   None

6. **PTUK Directors Report (MJ)**
   MJ reported that there was an 8% loss of registrants after the validation of 2020, which was pleasing because it did not exceed the attrition rate of previous years.

MJ said that that the PSA reaccreditation came through in June 2020, and the next reaccreditation process will begin in January/ February 2021 with the paperwork arriving ready for submission in March for the reaccreditation date in April. MJ suggested that KL may be interested in helping with some roles of the registrar.

MJ consulted with Council members about tightening up the registrant validation process. In particular with allowing registrants to only use Caerus or Fortuna and to no longer to use Excel or Word. BCTIWC members agreed that MJ should implement this as it was thought that this would give added security. The newer methods have been in use for many years and an easy to use tutorial is available for Fortuna.

Secondly MJ is concerned about some registrants who do not wish to follow all the procedures set down for registration and ask for exemptions to be made for them for a variety of reasons across the criteria for registration. MJ wished to stop making these exemptions and would like to see registrants complying with all procedures this year. She acknowledged that there is a possibility if procedures are tightened registrants may go to other organisations which are happy to accept them and MJ is concerned that the therapists would be working with organisations that do not have the standards in place that PTUK have. BCTIWC agreed with the line MJ is taking while noting the risk that some may register elsewhere.

MJ raised her concern that with approved supervisors it is difficult to oversee them, in particular to monitor that they are regularly updating their skills. Also the records of PTUK supervisors and the registrants they supervise can be cross referenced whereas this is not possible with approved supervisors. MJ acknowledged that this concerns her and that she is looking into a solution.

MJ explained that for this year due to the changes bought about by Covid restrictions and the lockdown a new rule was announced that registrants only needed to complete 15 CPD hours over the year whereas usually it is 30 CPD hours . For attending the on-line conference which was a full day registrants were awarded 8 CPD hours.

MJ expressed her concern that a few registrants had asked about offering play therapy to children on line rather than face to face. Some were prompted by seeing this possibility being offered by other organisations. MJ believes it is wrong for a child, who is a client of the PTUK registrants, who underwent the APAC training in the Integrated Holistic model, which works through the Creative Arts with the unconscious, to be in a therapy situation in a room on their own with just an electronic device because she thinks that the adult could be too far away and unable to give the help needed if a child became very traumatised. LSA agreed and said that now that schools have re-opened many registrants were working with children in schools with a high demand for play therapy.

MJ said that the formation of the Clinical Team has been beneficial for PTUK and herself, particularly since the death of Jeff Thomas who had done so much work setting up and developing PTUK with MJ with his role as Registrar and Chief Executive Officer. Each team member has their specific area of expertise which supports PTUK/PTI registrants and MJ and BCTIWC wish to record their thanks to the Team.

MJ reported that she and the Clinical Team have been working on plans for the next Conference which is being held on May 27 2021 in Crewe where it had been hoped to hold

the last conference. The Title is Celebrating Uniqueness which will encompass diversity, inclusion, disability, cultural differences, gender and gender awareness, and adopted children. This title and focus had come from the online 2020 conference evaluations sent in by registrants. MJ invited discussion around possible keynote speakers and LSA suggested Alice Arianto.

7. **Financial Report**
   LL asked for money to be added to the BCTIWC account by PTUK.

8. **Any other business**

   The progress of the development of new initiatives were discussed. There was a suggestion from LSA about the possibility of contacting Marcus Rashforth to ask him about the possibility of widening his campaign to perhaps being an advocate for children's mental health and play therapy.

   KL asked if the Chair's Annual Report that is compiled for the use of the PSA and the yearly reaccreditation process for PTUK could be circulated to BCTIWC members and be discussed during future meetings. It was agreed that it would be useful.

   MJ explained about the Recommendation issued by the PSA in the Accreditation Decision document for PTUK and progress was being made with putting the required documents in place.

   MJ said that the PSA's Accreditation Decision document for PTUK is on the PSA website and it was thought it would be useful to have it as a separate discussion item for future meetings. LL will send a link to this with future agendas.

   LL congratulated the Clinical Team and MJ for putting together and managing the excellent free on-line conference that was held for all registrants on 24 October 2020. LL said she thought it was overall superb and that each presentation was first rate and interesting including that the technical side was very well run. Particular mention was made of LSA's informative workshop and contribution to the day. LL expressed her regret that she had not passed on the link to other lay members of BCTIWC to watch the conference and asked when it would be available on the website for everyone to view it. EB for the Clinical Team assured members that it would soon be on the PTUK website and that technical difficulties were the reason for the delay.

9. **Date of next meeting**
   Was initially scheduled to be on Thursday 25 February 2021 by Zoom which needed to be changed to 3 February at 2pm.

N.B. This meeting was quorate as a majority of lay members were present.