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Minutes of the Meeting held

Thursday October 6th 2022 by Zoom

Present:
Lorna Lewis (LL) – Chair-lay member
Rachel Morse (RM) – professional member
Anna Doherty (AD) – lay member
Helen Tozer (HT) – lay member
Michelle Childs (MC) – lay member

In attendance:
Monika Jephcott (MJ) PTUK
Alun John (AJ) PTUK Registrar
Eileen Braham (EB) Clinical Director
Maria Bayne (MB) Operations Manager

1. **Chair's opening remarks**

   Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Two new lay members, Helen Tozer (HT) and Michelle Childs (MC) introduced themselves.

2. **Apologies for absence**

   Evelyn Saunders (ES) – professional member due to appointment conflict

3. **Conflict of Interest Declaration**

   LL reminded members of the requirement to declare any specific conflict of interest for agenda items. There were none.

4. **Minutes of meeting held on May 5th 2022**

   These were agreed as a correct record.

5. **Matters arising**

   None

1. **Play Therapy Apprenticeship update**

   EB confirmed that the PTUK Apprenticeship is going ahead. The first cohort of students are being contracted and will start in November.

   EB really pleased to see the Apprenticeship Scheme moving forwards with interest slowly building after a lot of hard work. LL and MJ congratulated EB and MB for this fantastic achievement.

2. **PTUK Registrar's Report (AJ)**

   AJ updated us on the PSA reaccreditation application. AJ thanked EB for all her hard work to gather and report all the necessary information about two recent complaints, which LL has been notified about. These were the first complaints brought forward in 22 years. MJ thanked EB, MB and AJ for the huge job of recording all the relevant correspondence and timelines.

   MB shared the recent member figures for PTUK. MJ pointed out that the attrition rate of registered members has been reduced from 9% to 4% after repeated efforts by the office to remind members of the benefits of remaining on the register. MJ was really pleased with this improvement and thanked all involved for their hard work.
   MJ and MB explained to the new BCTIWC members why it is that not all of our members are included on the register. EB confirmed that

PTUK are still waiting for the new grade of Play Creative Arts Therapy with Adults to be approved by the PSA. EB said that there is too little creative therapy available and that this new grade would be supportive of students going into Personal Therapy. Chair agreed that this would be a valuable addition.

Chair clarified that Trainees are entered onto the PTUK register as soon as they begin training. MJ explained that the aim is for all Supervisors to be registered and that new Approved Supervisor applications will no longer be accepted.

3. **PTUK Directors Report (MJ)**

MJ summarised how the organisation works now after Jeff's death and clarified, for our new members, the distinction between PTUK/PTI and APAC.

MJ described the 2022 summer school as an amazing experience. MJ said it was wonderful to meet people from all around the world, learn about cultural differences and see the first seeds being planted for the growth of Play Therapy in new countries. MJ thanked the team that made this experience possible.

MB described how the PTUK office has now grown. PTUK have recently welcomed a new Marketing Director. MJ expressed gratitude that all the office and clinical staff and members of PTUK are behind the ethos of the organisation and that MB and EB are holding the organisation together as it grows.

A new level 5 programme has begun with really good feedback.

The 2022 re-accreditation of PTUK with the PSA started in September and is still in progress.

PTUK are now holding regular meetings every quarter with the Chair and Deputy Chair of BAPT.

PTUK are looking forward to the 2023 conference in Daventry on the 17th June.

4. **BCTIWC Annual Report**

The 2022 BCTIWC Annual Report was completed and has been sent to the PSA. This should support PTUK's re-accreditation process. MJ thanked LL for all her hard work to complete this.

1. **Any other business**

None

1. **Date of next meeting**

10am Thursday 23rd March 2023

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