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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday October 10th 2013
Present:
Hazel Colyer (HC) – Chair
Janet Butler (JB) – professional member
Anne Mayer (AM) - professional member
Noyona Chanda (NC) – lay member
Caroline Flint (CF) – lay member

In attendance:
Monika Jephcott (MJ) PTUK
Jeff Thomas (JT) PTUK

1. Welcome and apologies
It was noted that Caroline Flint had tendered her resignation following this meeting and therefore a new lay member was needed.

2. Apologies for absence
NC had to leave at 1pm.

3. Minutes of meeting held on 14th February 2013
These were agreed as a correct record.

4. Matters arising (not on agenda)
(i) PSA had granted accreditation of the PTUK Assured Voluntary Register in April with no conditions but a number of learning points and instructions. See item 5 below.
(ii) Payment of expenses. The bank account had been opened and MJ would ensure the transfer of £5000. The signatory for cheques is the accountant. HC to generate form for claiming expenses.
(iii) Changes to supervisor competences. JT presented revisions and these were approved.

5. PTUK Directors' Report
(i) Progress with PSA learning points and instructions (paper circulated). Specific points related to the Council were noted.
(ii) MA Practice Based Play Therapy developed by APAC, had been validated by Leeds Metropolitan University (LMU) in May 2013 with a clear separation between the academic and clinical components of the programme. LMU would be applying its own quality assurance processes to the whole award; however, the clinical aspect also requires accreditation by PTUK. Because of a clear conflict of interest between APAC and PTUK, who have the same executive boards, JT requested that BCTIWC take the lead in the accreditation process using the PTUK Standards for Accreditation of Training Courses. The timescale for completion is 28th February 2014, prior to the annual report to PSA.

Council agreed to take on the task. JT will prepare a written submission by the end of November for circulation electronically to members, together with the clinical programme and validation document. A Council meeting will be arranged at the end of January to review, assess and respond to the documentation.

JB asked about preparation of supervisors to manage changes in the new programme. MJ will address.

6. Report of visit to Uckfield by the Chair on 27th June 2013 (paper circulated)
The paper was noted. The two specific issues raised were discussed as follows;
(i) The 3 part declaration completed by registrants should be audited through a 'spot check' process.

(ii) Arrangements for CPD.
Approval of non-PTUK accredited CPD is given by MJ and it is not clear what criteria are used. Members agreed that this arrangement is unsatisfactory. MJ stated that it was causing difficulties with challenges from practitioners regarding relevancy to their practice. Council recommended that detailed advice and guidance for requests be developed to assist with transparency of decision making for CPD categories 1and 2 (attending workshops, conferences). It was suggested that PTUK could publish a list of relevant courses. Members also enquired whether there may be a role for supervisors in the approval process.

Council noted that the annual CPD requirement for renewal of registration was onerous when compared to statutory regulators such as the HCPC. They recommended that PTUK consider whether this may have a deleterious effect on renewals, which might cause play therapists to consider not registering, and which would not be in the public interest.

Council agreed that these 2 matters would be their focus for the immediate future, together with overseeing the accreditation of the clinical programme in the MAPBT (5(ii) above).

7. AOB
JB enquired whether registrants able to work with clients of any age? JT said that they could.

8. Date of next meeting
TBA by email