

AHPCC Executive Meeting 13th July 2017 Tavistock square London

Present: Karen Murphy (chair), David Buck, Nigel Mason (secretary), Sally Bedborough, Chris Cheeseman, Margery Collin, Carol Gully, Matthew Hagan, Keith Morrison, Stuart Murdoch, Gary Windon

Apologies: Liza Waller

10.30am Meet, welcome and apologies. Prayer (David)

10.35am How are we? Shared un-minuted update

11.15am Minutes of Exec Meeting of May 15th 2017 and any matters arising – received and approved

11.25am Conference 2017 Evaluation:

*Housekeeping – instruct where we meet; challenge for some of mobility and distance from Lakeside to the Derbyshire (car? Alternative coffee there?)

* Not to make assumptions – fire drill, pass codes

* speakers to be sent evaluations if they request

* Official letter thanking speakers (done – Karen)

* Conference was good in that it opened issues

* new chaplains requested e mail contacts of those attending (KAREN)

* More time for table conversation requested

* a re-think of “Regional” meeting at conference needed

* suggestion for an art table at each conference

* book sales took £73.26

* each applicant should be given opportunity to state any additional needs beyond dietary which we could help with

* title “Soul Nourishment” approved

*Is there a volunteer issue arising from the regional groups: are volunteers distinctive attendees (ideas – workshop?)

Thanks given to Sally and Liza

Thanks to Margery for financial administration work

Thank to Nigel for collating replies to “We chaplains are worth having because ...” – this to be circulated to all (NIGEL)

Jacki Thomas’s offer for future consideration.

12.25pm Our away time on 1st and 2nd November planning and decision-making: whilst suggestions made for Belfast (Matthew), Manchester & Birmingham (Nigel), Leeds (David) – it was AGREED Edinburgh Novohotel was good (MARGERY)

Conference 2018: May 14-16, following Karen and Margery’s attendance at the Research institute in Belgium, evidence-based for good practice was considered and potential speakers (Austin Snowdon, Steve Nolan, Jonathan Pye, Gemima Fitzgerald) to be approached (SALLY). The idea from evaluation responses of “the shadow /dark side” is considered but the title of conference and briefing needs to be more market-worthy and suggested: the facets of chaplaincy and its unique nature in the interface between light and dark (in teams, the organisation, ourselves and with encounters – patients and carers) encouraging resilience (with conflict resolution) through the skills of chaplaincy (to be discussed in November)

Shaldon Devon and Holy Rood House in Yorkshire on health courses and therapy to be investigated (DAVID)

12.30pm Lunch

1.00pm Treasurer’s report (Margery): all conference attendees now paid up; general account: £25,554.82; savings account £9005.56; the deposit for The Hayes 2018 is to be sent (£850); annual membership fees commence 1st October; conference fees = 2016 £14,200, 2017 £16,760 slight increase of attendees; awaiting interest from the Bank; Conference expenses = 2016 £10,100, 2017 £11,300. Exec expenses in 2016 £7500.

So – we are solvent and all ok (Thanks to Margery).

Sally reported that Judy Drury will be leaving The Martletts, gives thanks for the £100 paid to her for the Evaluation work and Judy offers continuing work through another agency if required. (AGREED)

1.15pm membership (Margery) and website reports (Gary): Mike is now "signed off" (Letter of thanks to be sent (NIGEL)

Proposed Margery with Gary to be responsible for membership in the future and Margery shall send Membership certificates (AGREED with thanks).
Currently 170 members, 131 full and 39 associates.

Gary reported insufficient material on FACEBOOK which would be more upto date than web site which would be a holding place. Is prepared to continue work on this (Thanks Gary)

1.30pm Leadership Forum/ External – Network for pastoral Spiritual & Religious Care in Health (David)/ EAPC (Gary)

Karen received an e mail from Derek Fraser (chair of UKHBC) confirming the application for Registration has been approved; in practice this means the same voluntary register but, whilst not mandatory, members will be encouraged to Register (KAREN to report to all on consequences of such)

Question – does the NHS formally recognise Associated Registration (KAREN shall confirm).

Chaplaincy Leadership Forum and the Network (NPSRCH) are currently in conversation regarding potential merger but Minutes misleading or absent and essential questions unanswered (for what purpose etc). Both Karen and David attended and planned meeting in August might clarify position. NHS has an influence with a £120, 000 per annum budget and its allocation of such to chaplaincy bodies - but which projects remains unclear. Karen reported that she is on the CLF executive but they have no power, but is a forum for debate. Agreed it is in our interest to attend and potentially to bid.

David quoted "the dynamic balance between the mystical and the rational!"

EAPC – Gary said nothing to report.

Margery and Karen presented the AHPCC poster at the Belgium Institute but did not photograph (re Facebook) – will be at the book launch and to be on our web site accordingly.

1.40 regional update reports:

(David) – unsure where group is currently, cancellation through minimal attendance but retreat day planned

(Chris) – meet 12-3pm quarterly, policy of non-cancellation, 5-a dozen attendees, Topics for discussion such as “shame” and MND

(Sally) – 7 in group planning an overnight in October in the Quantock hills

(Matthew) NI meeting in June cancelled because of low numbers but September planned going ahead. 2 chaplain retirees reported

(Carol) – did meet regularly but dynamics changed as chaplains move

(Keith) facilitator left for parochial work and he now, like the non-cancellation policy and shall adopt, meets 10am -2pm with self care, Topics for discussion could be considered (Matthew requested a list of topics debated might be complied?)

(Margery) Scotland meet 3 times a year, a topic presented by the host. 15 in group and children hospices visited. All good (15 in the group)

2.00pm Ewan Kelly presentation on the proposal regarding the research project with us and the European Research Institute for Chaplaincy in healthcare (for anyone contemplating collaboration with ERICH on PROMs research –

<http://www.pastoralezorg.be/cms2/uploads/elisabeth/file/erich/Flow%20040717.pdf>

Ewan works part time in Belgium enabling and supporting chaplains in research; its important to understand why research is important: chaplaincy should be evidence-based. Stories are powerful but only go so far and there has to be as well numbers/quantitative and so a gathering of evidence is needed to show the impact of our practice.. Ewan thinks strategically. PROMs has been developed as a reliable “tool” (Patient Reported Outcome Measure) based on the Warwick & Edinburgh Mental health scale and with Austin

Snowdon (a statistician in Staffs University) – tested as a pilot and now national study: over the next 3 years (because of funding) ERICH shall promote and support PROMs research in six European countries and looks for collaborative partners (would need a champion perhaps regionally with enthusiastic chaplains facilitating with perhaps 3 or 4 patients consenting each week over a 9-12 month period on a cascade model of 5 questions.

Thanks given to Ewan for his powerpoint presentation.

In November we need to ask ourselves: Do we wish for a conversation with Austin? Who are our clientele? Do we wish to collaborate?

3 15pm A.O.B.

A presence at the Hospice UK meeting on 22nd-24th November was agreed (Keith is attending but Chris shall be funded)

St Christophers Hospice Day in September on effective research for evidence-based care (Gary and Carol to attend)

Future dates for 2018 to be planned February and July – Nigel proposes around February 2nd and July 13th both in London (ALL to let Nigel know availability please asap!!!!)