

Minutes of Human Givens Institute Board Meeting

Date of Meeting: Friday, 28 February 2014 (7.00 pm)

Medium: Skype

Present: Julian Penton (Chairing), Cathriona Edwards, Sue Saunders, Linda Singer,

Ivan Tyrrell, Julie Lawrence

Apologies: Bart McEnroe, Renee Van der Vloodt, Joe Griffin, Kevin McDonagh, Gail

Rhodes, Ian Thomson (Human Givens Foundation representative)

1. Matters arising:

Chair of Institute - Ivan to discuss with Andrew (Boris) Morrice/Declan Lyons and Julie Lawrence arrangements for chairing. Julie Lawrence will chair meetings on an acting basis while a chair is formally appointed. **Ivan** speaking to Boris and **Sue** to speak to Declan.

Pragmatic Tracker – HGF has funded. Proposal to write to peer groups to seek a data champion for each group. Agreed – **Julian** to speak to Bill Andrews.

2. Board Communications Secretary:

Agreed that Julian and Julie will cover roles of Chair and Secretary for the short term and a new Board Secretary will be appointed when the Board is up to full strength.

3. Lay members:

Celia Nicholson to be offered the role of lay member of Institute main board. **Ivan** to speak to Celia. The other two candidates should be interviewed by one member of main board and one member of Registration and Professional Standards board. Nominated **Julie** to represent main board and **Julian** to contact Ian Thomson for a volunteer from the existing ECC.

4. Report from ECC:

This year's report was noted. The Board considered that the complaints for the year preceding were comparable with previous years and did not give significant cause for concern.

Agreed that designation of "trainee therapist" should be more transparent to clients and should be subject to supervision and complaints policy. Trainee therapists should be required to certify supervision and complaints compliance annually, and time limits on completion of part III should be enforced by the process of annual registration. **Julian** to discuss with colleagues how a pragmatic process to achieve this end point.

Julian will approach potential new members for ECC. One to be nominated by peer groups, and further five needed. Board agreed to invite Cathriona Edwards, Daniel St Jacques, Julia Welstead, Richard Cavalliero, Amanda Hargreaves, Jenny Waddington, Kirsty Leatherbarrow, Sarah Jackson, Lucy Evans, Joanna Ham, Sally Tarrant, Richard Brook, Angela Collinge, Richard Shepherd.

5. Professional Standards Authority:

Paper on training agreed subject to comments from **Joe** and **Ivan**, Ivan and Joe to discuss in two weeks.

Draft supervision policy was agreed by the Board.

New designation "HG trainee therapist" was agreed.

6. Support for HG members subject to complaints:

Linda nominated as first point of contact for members wanting support and Board agreed watching brief.

7. Conference:

To include AGM. Julie to chair if Institute Chair not resolved by then.

8. Date of next meeting: 25 April 2014, 7:00pm

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