

Minutes of Human Givens Institute Board Meeting

Date of Meeting: Friday, 22 November 2013 (7.00 pm)

Medium: Skype

Present: Julian Penton (Chairing), Joe Griffin, Kevin McDonagh, Gail Rhodes, Sue Saunders, Linda Singer, Ivan Tyrrell, Ian Thomson (Human Givens Foundation representative), Julie Lawrence

Apologies: Farouk Okhai, Bart McEnroe, Ros Jeal, Renee Van der Vloodt

1. **Matters arising:** Gail Rhodes has spoken to the group who are encouraging membership and is discussing with Kathy Hardy how to send out the message. **Action GR** Julian Penton has spoken to PSA about patient feedback, which can be sought on the website, and will be publicised in patient leaflets. **Action JP**.
2. **Proposal for new Board member:** agreed Julie Lawrence will become a full member of the Board.
3. **Governance:** Julian Penton's paper proposing revised governance for the HGI was discussed (attached).

Agreed to invite a couple of new members to join the HGI Board initially as consultants. Agreed to change the current proposition composition for HGI Board to two lay and one peer-group nominated, and three years as the term for all appointments.

Agreed that Registration and Professional Standards Committee needs revised membership and Gail Rhodes expressed an interest in joining. Agreed that lay membership and peer group nominees should be reduced as per HGI Board, and terms all confirmed as three years. Terms of Reference for the Committee need to be clear about parameters – Julian Penton and Julie Lawrence to complete Terms of Reference, including reference to Memorandum of Association.

4. **Therapy guidelines:** Linda Singer's proposed guidelines for online therapy were agreed (attached). The need for further training before carrying out such work was discussed: a section should be added to the policy to make clear that practitioners must ensure that they have competence, HGI strongly recommends additional training, and the inclusion in future HG curricula will be considered. Linda Singer to scope production of an online course.
5. **Validation of training:** Sue Saunder's papers on validation of training and the training framework were agreed (attached). It is likely that PSA accreditation can be obtained with some minor changes to the part III number of examiners - this should be addressed by insisting that candidates submit videos which have been rated by supervisors and this rating is given to assessors. Sue Saunders to organise a day with Julian Penton and Fiona O'Riordan and possibly Cathriona Edwards to align assessments to the standards, as described in the standards document.
6. **Conference:** Future of Psychotherapy and Technology. Linda Singer to present, Sue Sanders to chair a panel. Eleanor Longden and Richard Bentall were identified as potential speakers. Bill

Andrews should also be considered, and Kate Anthony. Conference design to be considered by Julie Lawrence in consultation with Ivan Tyrrell and other Board members.

7. **Publicity material for unregistered HG diploma holders:** deferred.
8. **AOB**
9. Date of next meeting: 10 January 2014, 7:00pm

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