

Minutes of Human Givens Institute Board Meeting

Date of Meeting: Monday 30 April 2018 (7pm)

Present: Julian Penton (Chair), Julie Lawrence, Declan Lyons, Ivan Tyrrell, Jane Tyrrell

In attendance: Sue Saunders

Apologies: Jackie Chidwick, Judith Desbonne, Celia Nicholson, Ian Thomson

1. Declarations of interest

None.

2. Minutes & matters arising:

National Counselling Society – Sue Saunders has made an approach and is awaiting an appointment with the Deputy CEO.

Action: Sue Saunders

EOC succession plan has been agreed. Additional support for RPSC discussed below.

Health Insurers accreditation – Sue is aware of a member who is approaching BUPA and plans to ask her whether she could support a piece of work to gain accreditation.

Action: Sue Saunders

A small but positive response about welldoing.org has indicated that the two therapists who use it have a positive experience. Jane will bring back a summary of the proposal via email.

Action: Jane Tyrrell

3. PSA Update

Reaccreditation achieved with two conditions, both of which are acceptable to HGI.

Action: Sue Saunders

4. 2018 AGM

Being held 5:45pm 12 May 2018. Declan is going to chair. Jane Tyrrell is circulating agenda. Declan will include an appeal for more Board members and announce our first patron.

Action: Jane Tyrrell

5. 2018 Conference

All arrangements are in place. 130 are booked to come. The pricing policy needs to be reviewed at some point. Slides to be submitted to Arlene Blackwell at the HG Office by 5 May.

6. RPSC Update

Sue Saunders updated the Board on complaints currently under consideration by the RPSC. A current complaint has highlighted issues with trainee therapists and the ambiguous responsibility for them. The Board had a detailed discussion about the issues involved and agreed that a working group needed to be established to consider how trainees and supervisors should be governed. Sue will decide on the appropriate constitution of such a group with support from Julie Lawrence, to include a representative of the supervisor community and a member of the EOC.

Action: Sue Saunders

The complaints handling also raised concerns about resourcing for the office. Jane Tyrrell will prepare some ideas for discussion at the next meeting.

Action: Ivan Tyrrell & Jane Tyrrell

7. General Data Protection Requirement

Guidelines have been issued for members and the Institute itself is now compliant.

8. Marketing

Jane Tyrrell updated on plans to improve branding and marketing for HG. HGI will need a business plan, (already tasked to Julie Lawrence) which includes a strategy and resources for marketing. The Board decided that Jane Tyrrell's paper should be circulated at the conference.

Action: Jane Tyrrell

9. Peer supervision groups feedback

The questions raised by peer groups were about how new material is incorporated into the Human Givens knowledge base and how therapists are required to stay up to date. Ivan Tyrrell proposed that inclusion in the journal determined whether new knowledge is part of the Human Givens. The Board acknowledged that this was a sensible route but may need to be augmented by compulsory continued professional development. At the least, peer groups should be expected to discuss the latest important journal content. Beyond this a subgroup of the Board should consider the CPD issue.

Action: Sue Saunders, Declan Lyons, Denise Winn and Julie Lawrence

10. Recruitment to HGI Board

A recent candidate has withdrawn. The conference appeal may generate new candidates.

11. Any other business

12. Date of next meeting

AGM: Saturday 12 May 2018 5:30pm
Next board: Monday 25 June 2018 7pm

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