

Suresearch Meeting held May 5th 2010 at CEIMH

Present:

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| Adrian Fisher | Duncan Purslow | Edwin Martin |
| Paul Richard-Burton | Debbie Harrison | Ken Barlow |
| Graham Lye | Joanne Richardson | Tammy Holmes |
| Liam Farrand | Jerry Tew | Rachel Lovesey |
| Tarsem Singh Cooner | David Blastock | Paul Roberts |
| Camilla Freeman | Dave Howes | Gary O'Brien |
| Anne Lloyd | Stephen Jeffreys | Paul Ormerod |
| David Tillotson | Daniel Bryson-Peart | Jean Jeffries |
| Mike Lewington | Barbara Norden | |

Apologies:

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| Helena Madden | Steve Shaw | Gemma Stone |
| Ann Davis | Alex Davis | Jackie Smart |
| Alice Woodall | Peter Downes | Tracey Holley |

Paul Roberts agreed to Chair the meeting and Barbara Norden and Anne Lloyd shared the minute taking.

Minutes:

- Agreed as correct.

Matters Arising:

- Adrian has identified a suitable alternative email address to enable other members of Suresearch to access email.

Director's Report (Tarsem):

- It has been agreed that following the move of CEIMH from the Watson building in October CEIMH will be in the School of Social Policy, Muirhead Tower. Ann has reported that space in the Watson Building is available over the next year for CEIMH to book for events so if Suresearch wishes to arrange this with CEIMH they need to let Ann know.
- Four Norwegian visitors from Stavanger's Competence Centre Focussing on User Participation in Social Services and from a Psychiatric Clinic visited CEIMH and joined part of the "Train the Trainers" session.
- The rest of the report can be read on the CEIMH website.

MHRN Heart of England Hub:

- Written report from Jackie Smart was circulated.
- Adrian and Jerry Tew (Social Care lead for the Hub) have been working to ensure that service users/survivors have direct input into what is researched and how, and are not just recruited as subjects for predetermined research.
- A Social Care Research event is planned – contact Adrian for details.
- The Hub will also take part in the forthcoming Sandwell Mental Health Foundation event at The Public on 7th June. Provisional themes: Banishing Stigma and Older Adults. Suresearch members are invited to participate.
- The Hub has put in a bid for service users to audit some research – they will be informed whether they have got the funding by 10th May

Scientific Conference (Stephen Jeffreys):

- Steve was made welcome and enjoyed the event. It was very informative in terms of what research was taking place, but there was very little service user/survivor presence.

Birmingham PCT Service User Action Group visit to Oleaster inpatient unit (Ken Barlow):

- Four service users visited with two staff. Ken felt the unit was dressed up for the occasion, and did not give a genuine impression. The service user visitors were not allowed to talk to staff.

Project Management Course:

- This will take place at Uffculme on 28 September – the focus will be on projects involving service users. This may be of use to Suresearch. Two places are available.

Inpatient Care Forum:

- Next meeting 10.30 on Thursday May 13th at CEIMH. See Minutes for further information.

Writers' Group :

- Next meeting 11 am on Friday June 11th. All welcome – bring your work.

Webwatch Meeting:

- To follow this meeting. We are waiting for news of possible financial assistance to continue running the existing Dreamweaver software – a computer will also be needed. If none is available, it may be possible to use free Blog pages instead.

Aston research project on Multi-Disciplinary Teams:

- Researchers reminded the meeting about the workshops. 12th May workshop fully booked, 15th June has one vacancy – Ken Barlow volunteered for this. There are still vacancies at a Carers' Workshop on 16th June at CEIMH.

New Research Organisation:

- Service users and workers (Rachel Lovesey & Tammy Holmes) from Collaboration Leadership for Applied Health Research and Care – a group based in Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Rutland – introduced themselves. They are keen to work with Suresearch.

Future of Suresearch:

- Many congratulations and praise were received for the planning and organisation of the Ten Year celebratory event on April 13th. Thanks were given to all those who contributed their time, food or monetary contributions, presentations, music and poetry. The event was self funded and augurs well for SS continuation.

- Tarsem gave feedback on CEIMH's move to Muirhead Tower. Ann Davis is in ongoing negotiations on gaining use of office space and facilities for Suresearch.
- Paul McDonald (Research Manager with BSMHFT) has agreed to address the next meeting Suresearch futures meeting-Tuesday May 11th at 10.30-on what the Trust may be able to offer in support of SS continuance post October 2010.
- There is still a lot of work to do identifying essential roles post October, with the loss of CEIMH staff support, and volunteers are needed to fill them.
- The DVD working group have now agreed to produce two DVDs-one of SS First Ten Years with footage of the Celebratory event included and a promotional one for funding purposes.
- Discussions on what sort of organisation SS should be post October 2010 are ongoing.

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- Adrian handed out Bulletins and membership application forms for the 'Service Users in Mental Health Research Network'.
- Gary reminded members of his TV & Radio guide to Mental Health themed programmes e-mail service.
- Barbara mentioned the forthcoming event at the Oleaster on May 12th on the topic '**Has the Service Improved**'.
- There is a revival of 'Brainstorm'-a music session open to service users & friends at the Old Crown, Digbeth. They meet the last Wednesday of every month from 8.30 pm onwards.
- New member Camilla has 'googled' our website and complimented the easy-to-useness of it.
- Following this meeting Beresford Hawkins will show a B&SMHFT funded DVD on Stigma & Discrimination. Members are invited to watch and give feedback. The DVD will have its official launch at the Holte Suite, Aston Villa FC on May 27th beginning at 9.30am.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday June 3rd, 2010 at 10.30 at CEIMH