

ACC Board Meeting Friday 20th April 2022

Venue: Zoom

(Meeting commenced 13.30 pm)

	Title
	<p>Opening: PM led the opening devotions</p> <p>Welcome & Apologies</p> <p>In attendance: Sue Monckton-Rickett Chair (SMR); Chris Williams Deputy Chair (CW); Tony Ruddle (TR); Peter Barraclough (PB); Phil Martin (PM); Peter Roberts (PR); Gathoni Hamilton-Foster (GHF); Wein Fung (WF).</p> <p>Kathy Spooner (KS)</p> <p>Leroy Harley (LH) attended the ACCEnT part of the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies: None received. Fiona Sherburn (FS) had messaged SMR, but SMR had been unavailable to take the call.</p>
1.	<p>Minutes of the 28th March</p> <p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>PR thanked SMR for help with Annual report.</p> <p>SW ACC still has a bank account but plan on closing and the funds will come into central account of ACC.</p> <p>AOB: KS to update on conversations with other bodies and engagements.</p>
2.	<p>Standing items</p> <p>a) Conflict of Interest: No further additions.</p> <p>b) RAP/PSA</p> <p>Accredited Register meeting was held recently. It is planned to have another a group forum for all those who handle complaints to share experience, practice, etc. We have not had any feedback yet from the submission made earlier in the year re Standard 1b and still waiting for the renewal notice to be sent. Our next main renewal will be in 3 years' time with mini reviews in other years.</p> <p>The Accredited Register Collaborative has an agreement that if anyone is removed from the register the information is shared with all other registers. However, there seems to be some confusion as to whether information should also be shared relating to other complaint outcomes - clarification will be sought from the PSA.</p> <p>We were the only organisation among counselling bodies that had responded to government consultation on the future regarding regulation.</p> <p>c) Diversity & Inclusion</p> <p>MOU: Updated provided in relation to the correspondence and the appointment of legal representation.</p> <p>The MOU group is meeting this Friday. CW attending.</p>

	<p>Legal ban on Conversion Therapy – the government announced that the legislation was going to be stopped and then after much protest reversed this decision, but the current proposed legislation now excludes transgender, which has caused further protest. A Government planned LGBTQ+ conference was cancelled after over 100 bodies withdrew in protest. A meeting of interested parties was held to determine a response to the government, which ACC was the only professional therapy body officially represented. KS suggests the Board read the interim report of the CASS Review and will circulate the link. SMR suggests telling our members of this interim report. PM suggested that for all new registrants or members ACC issues some paper and guidance on the issues to be aware of in this area.</p>
3	<p>Fundraising</p> <p>There was a discussion about continuing to pay for fundraising and that to date there had been no income generated. PR expressed the view that it was too early to decide about stopping this process. A meeting is to be held with Colley Raine to discuss bids and next steps.</p> <p>ACC is also submitting a bid to Brighter Lives, which is part of the All Churches Trust.</p> <p>The financial position of ACC was continuing to be monitored closely.</p>
4	<p>Projects and Initiatives (Part 1)</p> <p>PSA Renewal – nothing further than already reported above.</p> <p>SCoPED – Work is being done on gateways and entry points as part of the framework, which should assist with transparency around training and being able to show equivalence across training. This is important for mutual acceptance of memberships by all bodies. Work has been called for impact assessment, as a number of bodies were concerned what effect SCoPED would have on their membership (for example employment prospects), but as yet no-one has bid for this piece of work.</p> <p>Communications event in June at which KS will be speaking at on SCoPED (online free event) and registration opens on Friday this week.</p> <p>Database and Website Project update + Re-Branding Discussion – The contract is with the IT provider’s solicitors for checking. The Go-Live date for the new website and database will be in November after Conference.</p> <p>Conference – Plans were provided and working documents on topics and detail of programme. . Planned to publish at the Programme and open bookings at the end of this week.</p> <p>Board members are asked to be in attendance from Friday evening and to assist in setting up as well as greeting arrivals on the Saturday.</p> <p>NHS Project – The NHS had asked for an Evaluation report, which SMR had produced. It was agreed that this was very informative and how it has been used by different groups and in the various periods of Covid intensity. There were over 130 other clients seen in the early period under the bereavement criteria. It is expected that the programme will now be run to completion in about 3-4 months’ time as it seems that the NHS funding offer has most likely ended. TR and other board members thanked SMR for the report for its clarity and the amount of work it required. To be published on the website. SMR will also be creating a summary for Accord.</p> <p>Published Benefits / Terms and Conditions of Membership Document – A comprehensive document laying out the benefits and terms and conditions for all our membership streams will have been published. It will be a very useful document as it collates and has updated information that in the past was in different documents This was a large piece of work brought together by members of the staff team and PR proposed a thanks to them for such an excellent publication</p>

5	<p>ACCeNT</p> <p>LH reported on the Forum that had been held at the end of May on “Black Men and Mental Health”. It had been well attended and created some interesting discussions. Following on from this and perhaps coming out of some of the discussions the ACCeNT Group would like to host other forums.</p> <p>The group has lots of ideas, but resourcing continues to be a problem with all members being very busy and so the key is to encourage other members of ACC to join the group. LH said that he thought ways to do this were to continue to have a regular article in Accord and also to host a meeting / event at ACC Conference.</p> <p>SMR thanked LH for all of his and the groups hard work and agreed that ACC would support them with ideas of how to raise awareness of the group and to encourage members to become part of it.</p>
6	<p>AOB</p> <p>KS reported that she had met with two other organisations to explore ways of potentially working collaboratively. No definite proposals have yet been discussed, but conversations may be on-going.</p> <p>KS has been invited to be on a Panel at a Christians in Government Conference in May, at which WF will also be leading a workshop. ACC will have an exhibition stand at the event.</p> <p>KS has also been invited to speak at a conference held by the Christian Professions Network.</p> <p>GHF said that she had invited the Pastor from Uganda to travel to Kenya to purchase computer equipment that ACC were funding to assist with the delivery of the RPCC in Uganda. GHF asked is ACC would be able to fund his travel costs, which would be approximately £50. This was agreed and SMR will arrange payment.</p> <p>Date of next meeting Wednesday 25th May 2022 in person.</p> <p>It was agreed that ACC staff will attend this meeting at lunchtime. SMR will sort out accommodation and venue</p>

S Monckton-Rickett

Chair

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