

**PSYCHOLOGISTS IN HOSPITALS AND HEALTH CARE CENTRES**

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## Canadian Psychological Association

### Section on Psychologists in Hospital and Health Centres (PHHC)

#### Minutes

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 4, 2024

Attended: Joseph Pellizzari, Amanda Pontefract, Ben Diplock, Kelsey Collimore, Sean Kidd, Kerry Mothersill

Regrets: Stephanie Greenham

1. Approval of Minutes - approved, no amendments
2. Approval/ Additions to Agenda (All)
3. Chair's Report (Sean)
  - Update on discussions with Glenn Brimacombe and Lisa Votta-Bleeker
    - Prior survey may provide information
    - LVB – CPA has had a significant number of issues that they have needed to focus time on, in short, it has been hectic. CPA will support a ½ day meeting with approx. 20 to 25 people to focus on H& HC's. In person meeting. Following- in the fall possibly have a focussed meeting for psychologists in Education
    - Subgroups – heads of clinical programs, provincial regulators; main message is to ensure we have

representation from multiple groups representing HHC's psychologist.

- CPA will assist with finding HHC psychologists who can represent the perspective of many
- How can the committee assist 4 or 5 people from HHC to represent many, also want to find people to represent each stage of career (i.e. represent early career)
- Focussed meeting, need to ensure it's not a repeat of prior meeting,
- CPA is engaged and supportive of this meeting and will facilitate the meeting with space etc.
- Who from committee: Lesly, Sean, Kerry, Joseph, Stephan (from Quebec Ordre?), Taylor Hudd (?), Kelsey will reach out to others in early career. Kelsey and Amanda are able to step in if needed. Invited Ben to join meeting. Question of government representative. LBV has connections and Sean will follow-up with her.
- CPA conference and awards discussion – Sean sent out details on awards (Sean please attach to minutes), goal of simpler mechanism to draw more nominations.
- Planning re incoming Chair engagement – will need to reach out to Lesly to plan a pre-meeting.
- Further planning next community of practice event in April
- Membership #s – at 115; 22 student members, we will compare year over data to understand trends.
- Discussion on annotated survey information: Review of 'Setting the Context' - no additional comments, looks good; Survey Questions – some discussion on granularity of specialty area questions, should be able to endorse more than one speciality area, need more than one category for 'where you work', what is the level of detail that we need, Kerry suggested that inpatient and outpatient be rolled into one category, hospital work – maybe parse medical vs. Mental health distinction, need an open space to add their program but concern about anonymity. What information do we want and need from this survey? Q3 – recommend no overlap of years. Q5 – indicate province/territory, not Canada. Q6 – is the q leading; need to tap into the concept of flexibility, workspace adequacy, workload, respected and valued. Kelsey suggested 'if you are no longer working in the public sector, why not?'
  - Q7 – similar to comments related to expanding concept of autonomy, what would it take for you to reconsider public sector employment
  - Q8 – do you feel sufficiently informed; has the person thought of it?
  - Q9 – needs to mirror Q 6; comment that the reasons are negative and wonder about the impact of these

itemized options for questions; do we need to add positive elements for choice to work in PHHC i.e. mentorship, collegial and interdisciplinary collaboration, training....need to add this to one of our questions.

4. Reports from Executive

a. Communications Report

- deferred

b. Secretary – Treasurer’s Report Jane

- Financial statement 3001.50 - account balance; does not include section renewal fees
- Balance indicates that we will have sufficient funds to cover awards.

c. Student Report (Ben)

- Student symposium was accepted
- Student group will meet for planning this month
- Ben working at recruiting for student rep on the PHHC committee
- Ben to send info on student awards across his communication channels

5. Meeting schedule (All)

- a. Next meeting – tbd Sean to liaise with Lesly to see when she is available. Sean will pitch April 3 or 4 at noon

6. Adjournment - 2:01 pm.