Canadian Psychological Association

Section on Psychologists in Hospital and Health Centres (PHHC)

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 23, 2021

Present: Stephanie Greenham, Vincent Santiago, Cheryl Nekolaichuk, Sandra Clark, Simone Kortstee, Amanda Pontefract (recorder)

All agenda items deferred until April 6th meeting. Instead, an informal discussion took place with Kerry Mothersill about the history of the PHHC section.

1. Approval of Minutes from February 23, 2021 (All)

2. Approval/Additions to Agenda (All)

3. Chair’s Report (Stephanie)

   • Bylaw changes
     o Revised document - CPA response?
   • Executive positions
     o Role clarity (Communication/newsletter; COVID, Leadership)
     ▪ Meeting date with Bob McIlwraith or Kerri Mothersill to discuss PHHC vision (Fellows, awards etc. ) (Sandra)
     o PHHC Executive terms ending 2021: 2 Members at-Large (Sandra & Cheryl), Chair-Elect, Student Representative
     o Communication, nomination process for members
     o Timelines for communicating about positions/nominations for our vacant positions

   • Convention Planning (to take place: June 7-25, 2021)
     o Speakers
       ▪ Panel
• Submission update (Sandra)

• Communication for other sections to promote our own section’s activities, as well as other sections’

• AGM -Tuesday June 15; 1-2 p.m. E.S.T.

• Networking event Tuesday June 15; 2.-3 p.m. E.S.T.

• Emerging Issues -COVID issues- virtual care, student concerns (deferred until needs assessment complete)

• Bringing Section together- for networking, learning, meeting needs of group, since virtual care is here to stay

• Email messages to members
  o Draft survey asking about Members’ needs (Stephanie)- deferred until we meet with Bob and Kerry

4. Other business

• On-demand CPA Continuing professional development (webinar content)

5. Reports from Executive

a. Communications Report (All)
  • Newsletter
  • Webinars
  • Communication Platform for PHHC Members
    List serve/ Google Groups (Stephanie)
    PL List -need to ask members to populate

b. Secretary – Treasurer’s Report (Amanda)
  • Decrease in membership;
  • Explore at Section Chair meeting if other sections also experiencing decrease
  • $1,378 deposited section dues up to Jan 31
  • Funds total $8,696 (Feb 28 report)

c. Student Report (Vincent)
  • Election process

6. Meeting schedule (Amanda)
  • Tentative meeting for either March 23 or 30

7. Adjournment

Important for psychologists to have a voice in program management

Increased pressure on financial viability on health care; hiring less expensive clinicians

A lot of excitement when it started, advocate, get involved

Some good things at the beginning
Case for psychologists in hospitals and leadership

Manager, salary would decrease

Scientist/practitioners

50 political 35 percent legal/ethical, rest psychologist

Political awareness and strategies are not trained

Need for section is even greater now

PL’s – need for collaboration- leadership

Example of Neuropsych data request by Alberta

In the beginning-importance of training component,

Also offered research symposium- strategies to maintain ability to do research

We have talked about a section member survey-

-caps, quotas- met with a lot of resistance

-how can we do treatment in a more time limited goal focused way?

--either we get with system or get left behind

-efficacy on shorter, goal focused treatment

Symposium- around time limited treatment

-what does practice look like in this setting? how targeted must the assessment be?

What ways do we need to empower psychology?

Virtual

Problem solving, research oriented