Canadian Psychological Association

Section on Psychologists in Hospital and Health Centres (PHHC)

Draft Minutes

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Sept 18, 2023

Attended: Ben Diplock, Sean Kidd, Amanda Pontefract, Joe Pellizzari, Kelsey Collimore, Jane Heintz-Grove; Regrets: Stephanie Greenham, Kerry Mothershill

1. Approval of AGM Minutes - approved

2. Approval/ Additions to Agenda (All)

3. Chair’s Report (Sean)

- Discussion about CPA 2023 – successes, challenges
  - General agreement that the presentations were of a good quality and attendance across events and meetings was good. Noted that it would have been good to have more student submissions and award submissions – action: reach out to networks earlier this year to flag these opportunities, try to simplify nomination and related awards processes.

- Planning 23/24 (CoP, CPA 2024, awards, other?)
  - Discussed the need to increase membership and getting a 1 page document out to networks in the fall to flag benefits of membership. Action: Ben and Sean draft 1 pager for group to
review. Discussed the recruitment retention think tank and activities for 23/24 such as a sector survey to inform the design of an event at the 2024 convention, meeting with other pertinent section chairs, who would attend the event at the convention (e.g., clin training programs, early career people and students, others). In outreach related to this work the need for national representation was discussed (e.g., Quebec), the need to consider and address how to position advocacy – provinces vs fed government, how psychology is positioned in systems (e.g. provincially, in medicine, in relation to psychiatry). The professional affairs committee of the CPA may be of some assistance.

- Chair elect vacancy update and discussion
  - Discussed an individual who has expressed some interest in the chair elect role – to reach out to this person again at the end of Sept.

4. Reports from Executive
   a. Communications Report  
      - n/a
      - tbd
   b. Secretary – Treasurer’s Report  
      - Sean
      - Finances reviewed and agreed that they are in line with commitments made.
   c. Student Report  
      - Ben
      - Plan for 23/24
      - Reported that the CPA meeting had been a success with some good student engagement and some new student section members recruited. Particular benefit to meeting in person. The social had been a success though in the future may be set up as a formal conference session.

5. Meeting schedule  

6. Adjournment - All