

MhIST Annual General Meeting Wednesday 31st May, 2006

Present: Jack Chamberlain (Chair), Heather Beckles, Damon Bachegalup, Karen Brady, Mike Chapman (Vice Chair, Bolton Salford Trafford MH Trust), Sandra Clarkson, D.J Cocker, Lisa Crosby Sandra Ellis, Angela Gallagher, Steven Hartley, Dr. Adel Hashmi (Psychiatrist Royal Bolton Hospital), Ellen Hodson, Julie Larkin, Ian McLaughlin, Hilary Mercer, Champak Mistry, Gary Monks, Bobby Pattison Ian Pilkington, Ron Pollitt, Charmaine Segarajainghe, John Sumner, Judith Sumner, Mita Sykes (Patients Council), Ian Taylor, Joanne Walker, Marlene Wolstenholme, Peter Worsley.

Apologies: Enid Barlow, Anna Chadwick, Julia Chapman-Barker (Chair, Bolton Salford Trafford MH Trust), Barbara Eastham, Karen Hodgetts, Aileen Holt, Fliss Hornby, ,Dr. Brian Iddon, Andrew Jones, Delia McGeehan, Bob Ronson, Emma Spencer (Bolton P.C.T), Flora Standish,

In attendance: Melvin Bradley, Lilian Chamberlain, Heather Crook, Judith Price, David Rowley

Jack opened the meeting at 5.30pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes:

The minutes of last year's meeting were distributed. Marlene Wolstenholme proposed these be accepted as accurate; Bobby Pattison seconded the proposal. The motion was accepted by all those present. The minutes were signed as accurate by Jack Chamberlain.

Chairs Report

Jack reported with sadness the death of Sue Swaine and asked everyone to remember her in their own way with a minute's silence.

Jack went on to thank everyone. "Paid Staff ", volunteers and members for their hard work, help and support during the last year, he also thanked all the Board of Directors for their help and support during the recruitments and the organisational changes. Ron Pollitt was thanked for his work and contribution to MhIST whilst standing on the board and Damon Bachegalup (Advocate Representative) was welcomed. (A full copy of the chairs report is available for anyone who wishes to have one)

Treasurers Report,

Melvin Bradley outlined the main sources of funding and explained the currently situation of finances to all present and issued a copy of the audited accounts for 2004/2005 people to read. (Further copies available from the office)

Melvin also explained that the funding for the Bridges Project would cease in August 2006. Further bids have been put forward for this project and we are hoping that these will come good and the project will be able to continue, we will know on the success of the bids in August.

Election of members to the Board of Directors

The following nominations have been received from the individual groups:

- Damon Bachegalup
- Jack Chamberlain
- Sandra Clarkson
- Barbara Eastham
- Julie Larkin
- Ian Pilkington
- Hayley Stodart
- John Sumner
- Ian Taylor

The co-opted Board members are:

Karen Hodgetts (Bolton Salford Trafford Trust)
Delia McGeehan (BAND)
Mita Sykes (Patients Council)
Hillary Mercer

Appointment of Auditors

John Sumner proposed that we re-elect David Procter as auditor, Julie Larkin seconded the motion. The motion was accepted by all those present.

Speakers:

- **Dr. Hashmi**, Consultant Psychiatrist, complimented MhIST for all the hard work that is done and how much he appreciates the Voluntary Sector. Dr Hashmi made comments on how well our organisation is in dealing with people's individual needs.
- **Mike Chapman**, Vice Chair of Bolton Salford Trafford Mental Health Trust, Reiterated all that Dr Hashmi had said about our work and complimented us. Well done on our work and support and hope we can continue, he feels at the moment "Adult Services" are missing out on funding, but hopes this will soon change. Mr Chapman also gave a brief outline on the Trust focus for 2006/07.

Any Other Business

- It was raised that feedback from Board of Directors Meetings was not relayed back to the relevant groups. **Action - To be taken to the next Board of Directors.**
- It was raised that volunteers were not always informed about different actions/courses that were taking place within MhIST or by C V S. **Action - To be taken to the next Board of Directors.**
- What is the difference between a co-opted member and an elected member on the Board was also asked, Melvin explained this and everyone was happy with his explanation.
- Concerns were raised that you can not always get to speak to a Board member. It was suggested that we hold a regular Director's Drop In. **Action - To be taken to the next Board of Directors.**

Meeting Closed at 7.00pm

Date of next meeting: This was not given, Board of Directors looking at changing the date to bring into line with financial year end so that the Audited accounts will not be so far behind.