

## **MhIST, Mental Health Independent Support Team**

### **Annual General Meeting held at Bolton Parish Church Hall**

**Wednesday 23rd November 2011**

**Present:** Tony Lloyd, Stephen Gent, Sheila Tracy, Lynn Sutton, Jean Haslam, Alan Hulme, Les Yates, Alan Ainscow, Jill Roberts (chair), Sandra Clarkson, Lilian Chamberlain, Ian Taylor, Gareth Stephens, Debbie Williams.

**In attendance:** Melvin Bradley, Judith Sumner, David Procter.

**Apologies:** Karen Brady, Gary Monks, Sylvia Dobinson, Mike Wilson, Barbara Eastham, John Sumner, Bernard Smith.

#### **Confirmation of minutes**

The minutes from the last A.G.M. held on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2010 were proposed by Lilian Chamberlain and seconded by Jean Haslam.

#### **Matters arising**

Sheila Tracy asked a question about service user involvement in Move Forward Bolton. This was answered fully by Melvin Bradley.

Alan Ainscow asked about the progress being made regarding attracting more donations to MhIST. Melvin explained that Wendy Joseph is employed as Friends of MhIST co ordinator. He said Wendy had created links with Shop Direct, Kehoes Solicitors, Cowgill Holloway and Bolton Hospice so far. Wendy is also in talks with students at Manchester University regarding future funding events. Alan Ainscow asked about the idea Marlene Wolstenholme brought up at the 2010 AGM regarding donation through wills. Melvin said that was to be dealt with by Wendy.

Jean Haslam made a comment about a remark made by Karen Hodgett at the 2010 AGM, this was answered by Melvin, David Procter and Debbie Williams.

There were no other matters raised.

#### **Confirmation of directors**

Melvin named the nominees for the Board as:

Counselling	Barbara Eastham
Self Esteem Skills	Gareth Stephens
Bi Polar	Jill Roberts
Advocacy	Noel McNabb
Self Harm	Rebecca Pantling

Office	Stephen Gent
Mindfulness	Lynn Sutton
Depression (Crompton Way)	Alan Ainscow
Depression (Chorley New Rd)	Alan Hulme
Co opt 1	Hilary Mercer
Co opt 2	Sandra Clarkson

All Directors were elected.

There are still vacancies for Directors representing Brightmet Depression, Thursday evening Depression, OCD, Craft, Speak Up Speak Out and the Hearing Voices Group. New Directors can be elected at any time in between AGMs.

The next Directors meeting is at 1pm 5<sup>th</sup> December 2012

### **Chairs Report**

This was delivered by the Chair, Jill Roberts. She reminded everyone that it was the Report for 2010/2011.

Alan Ainscow asked a question about finances which was appropriately answered by Melvin, Jill and David.

Sheila Tracy asked a question about the Eating Disorders Group which was going to start at MhIST. Melvin explained that it wasn't proceeding.

Lynn Sutton asked a question about counselling service referrals. Judith said she would explain in detail at a later occasion if she wanted. Lynn also commented that she was aware some professional services do refer to MhIST.

### **Independent examiners Report**

David Procter read the report. "Resources Expended" was discussed. Melvin said MhIST would know the outcome of it's grant application by 16<sup>th</sup> December 2011. He explained the new grant system which will start April 2012.

### **Appointment of Independent examiners**

Lilian Chamberlain nominated David Procter, Sandra Clarkson seconded.

### **Debbie Williams - Bolton Link**

Debbie Williams, the project leader for Bolton Link (Bolton Local Involvement Network) delivered a power point presentation explaining what the organisation does. It is situated at 22 Chorley New Road, Bolton.

Various questions were asked and were answered appropriately.

**Any other business**

There was no other business.

**Date of next meeting**

The next half AGM will be at 1pm on Wednesday 23rd May 2012 venue to be advised at a later date.

The next AGM will be held at 1pm on Wednesday 21st November 2012 venue to be advised at a later date.