

# REIKI REGULATORY WORKING GROUP

REIKI REGULATORY WORKING GROUP MEETING, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2006 (Meeting No 16)

Connaught Hall, 36- 45 Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9EX

## PRESENT

Mari Stevenson	RRWG Chair
Keith Harmon	BCMA
Sheila Dane	PFIH
Leonie Clark	Open Reiki Group
Lilian Hulf	The Reiki Alliance
Sheila Dane	Prince of Wales's Foundation for Integrated Health (FIH)
Jennifer Dean-Hill	Reiki Healers & Teachers Society
Dr. Robert Jefford	UK Reiki Federation
Pauline Kelly	UK Reiki Alliance
Rosemary Pharo	Reiki Healers & Teachers Society
Mike Randell	UK Reiki Federation
Suzanne Zacharia	Minutes Holder, Tera-Mai Association

## 1. Apologies & Announcements

Apologies were received from

Terry Cullen	BCMA
Tripuri Dunne	The Reiki Alliance
John Cass	The Reiki Association
Edith Maskell	Complementary Therapists Association (CThA)
Doreen Sawyer	RRWG Treasurer, UK Reiki Federation
Christianne Wyke	UK Reiki Federation
Lorraine Davis	Federation of Holistic Therapists (FHT)/PACT
Liz Lyden	The Reiki Association
Kate Jones	The Reiki Association

We thank Barbara Burden for her valued contribution to the RRWG. She is resigning to concentrate on her work, and the RCN complementary therapy forum is in the process of arranging a replacement.

## 2. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting that was held on 31st March 2006 were circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that they would be signed and put on the website as a true record.

**Action: Mari Stevenson.**

## 3. Matters arising from minutes

Carol Block now has available letters that can be sent to write to our MPs, PCTs, etc. If you have someone you wish to receive a copy, please email Carol at [thehealthpractice@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:thehealthpractice@yahoo.co.uk).

**Action: All**

Sheila Dane announced that PFIH are looking for responses regarding the federal approach and on the 27th September the results will be published regarding the consultation document and feasibility study. The RRWG must have an Independent Lay Chair and 4 representatives

by that date. Hence it was agreed that there will not be a further RRWG meeting until after that meeting and it becomes clearer as to what work will then need to be done.

**Action: All**

It was agreed that the consultation documents be publicised as widely as possible when they were ready, including websites and Internet forums.

**Action: All**

The owners of Healthy Pages will be liaised with to publicise the consultation documents.

**Action: Suzanne Zacharia**

#### **4. Consultation Page to go on website**

The document entitled "Draft Consultation Documents" was agreed on to go on the website with the following addresses.

**Contact address for consultation responses:**

58 Radnor Park Road, Folkestone, Kent, CT19 5AY

**Contact email for consultation feedback:**

feedback@reikiregulation.org.uk

**Contact for Hard copies of the consultation documents:**

Rosemarypharo@waitrose.com

**Action: Mari Stevenson.**

#### **5. Questionnaire format for Draft discussion documents**

A plum colour for the question boxes and black writing was decided, with the questions collated at the end of the document for ease of answering them. Each question will indicate the page number that it relates to.

**Action: Rosemary Pharo.**

#### **6. Finalise consultation documents**

Grammatical, spelling, context, and presentation errors were amended. Apart from minor amendments, the following amendments were made.

Throughout the documents, "treatment" was replaced by "Reiki" or "session", "profession" was replaced by "Reiki in a professional setting". Phrases such as "Level of Reiki" were changed to reflect that the phrase was about the standard of service delivery rather than the level of Reiki attunement such as First, Second, or Third Degree of Reiki.

**Action: Rosemary Pharo.**

#### **Overarching RRWG document**

It was agreed that the Statement of Intent be kept the same, and that the list of organisations be alphabetical. The suggestions sent by John Cass for pages 7, 8, and 9 were included. The website for PFIH has been changed to [www.fih.org.uk](http://www.fih.org.uk).

In section 4.6, a question was inserted regarding the number of hours practice for re-registration of applicants, and the section was renamed "Renewal of Registration". In section 5, the reference to the federal body was removed since this could be confusing.

**Action: Rosemary Pharo.**

## **Code of Ethics & Practice**

It was agreed that the barrister check the Code of Ethics and Practice once consultation process is complete.

**Action: Mari Stevenson to contact the Barrister.**

Rosemary Pharo will send an email for the approval of RRWG members of this document, and it will be on the website by 14<sup>th</sup> July.

**Action: Rosemary Pharo.**

## **Education & Accreditation**

For question 6, the reference to less than 1 year was removed, and the question was changed to "DO you agree with these requirements and timescale?" The timescales/ number of hours have been clarified by stating that this is since the first initiation into Reiki.

Question 11 was removed.

The Glossary will be at the back of NOS and called "Explanatory Notes".

There was some uncertainty about the statement "It is not sufficient to have learned with a teacher who has a Reiki lineage; even if he/she has learned to channel energy by other means, the registrant must actually have been taught and attuned/initiated into Reiki." but it was agreed to keep this.

In the statement above Question 22, "rules" was changed to "conditions".

It was agreed that the intention behind the routes to registration should be clarified by the insertion of "proposed".

**Action: Rosemary Pharo.**

## **CPD**

The wording before Question 1 was amended to say that Reiki is a spiritual discipline "for most people". In Question 2, the respondents were asked additionally if they could offer an alternative.

In section 2.1 "up-to-date" was removed.

After Question 13, it was added that the interview process could be by telephone.

**Action: Rosemary Pharo.**

## **7. Update on independent Lay Chair**

It was agreed that Sheila Dane (PFIH) would attend the interviews for Independent Lay Chair in an advisory capacity and would send possible dates when a room would be available at PFIH for the interviews-free of charge. Sheila will be sitting at the interviews. Sheila will send the PFIH job description for circulation and a copy of a contract which could be used.

**Action: Sheila Dane.**

The interviews should be around mid-July or third week of July. It was agreed that the candidates are to be contacted as soon as possible in order to maintain interest and ensure availability for the interviews. Doreen Sawyer will send an email to the two candidates informing them they will be contacted within the next three weeks to arrange a date and time for interview.

**Action: Doreen Sawyer.**

It was agreed that there would be three RRWG representatives at the interviews. Anyone interested in being on the panel is to send an email to Doreen by Friday 7th July indicating possible experience - which will be circulated to rest of the RRWG.

The RRWG need to send their thoughts about a job description, the number of days needed and any areas to include as questions for the interviews, which will last approximately 45 minutes.

**Action: All.**

## **8. Road shows**

It was agreed that the PR Flyers be organised by Carol Bick and approved by the RRWG members by email.

It was announced that Carol Block will set up the database for analysing the responses to the consultation documents and will forward copies on to the Analyst (when one has been chosen).

**Action: Carol Block.**

The CPD certificate of attendance produced by Rosemary Pharo was agreed by all and distributed to attendees of the meeting. Further copies can be obtained from Rosemary at Rosemarypharo@waitrose.com

**Action: All.**

It was agreed that the volunteers who have offered to help at the road shows will be asked if they can register the attendees at the road shows and list those who will require CPD certificates of attendance. There will be just one hard copy set of the four documents at the road shows, and volunteers are to be asked to list anyone attending a road show who wishes to order a hard copy or a CD or Disk. Rosemary Pharo and Mari Stevenson will look into costings and production of these.

**Action: Rosemary Pharo and Mari Stevenson.**

It was agreed that the road show volunteers have a meeting in person about the road shows, that this will be organised by the sub-group chairs, and that the individual representatives will send their travel expenses costs to Doreen Sawyer.

**Action: Sub group chairs**

## **8. AOB**

It was agreed that the RRWG member associations ask their members for responses to the federal approach consultation document. Sheila Dane announced that if and when a federal structure is started, it is expected to be started by a small number of CAM professions, joined by others as it grows.

Sheila Dane has asked the RRWG to send a joint response to their consultation document as well as the individual responses that may already been sent. The responses are to be forwarded to Mari Stevenson by Friday 7th July.

**Action: All.**

After 27th September, it was agreed that the sub-groups will disband and any revisions of the documents following the consultation process will be undertaken by the full RRWG. The issue of CRB applications if needed at some stage was discussed and will be considered at a later date.

There will be no further RRWG meetings until after the 27th September PFIH consultation meeting when there will be a clearer indication of the way forward and the work that will need to be done as part of the PFIH programme.

There were congratulations all round for arriving at the stage where we are today.