

## MINUTES OF REIKI REGULATORY WORKING GROUP MEETING, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2006

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

### PRESENT

Doreen Sawyer	(Chair) RRWG Co-ordinator/Treasurer, UK Reiki Federation
Keith Harmon	BCMA
Terry Cullen	BCMA
Lilian Hulf	The Reiki Alliance
Sheila Dane	Prince's Foundation for Integrated Health (PFIH)
Jennifer Dean-Hill	Reiki Healers & Teachers Society
Dr. Robert Jefford	UK Reiki Federation
Rosemary Pharo	Reiki Healers & Teachers Society
Mamta Nanda	The Reiki Association
Mo Usher	Open Reiki Group
Suzanne Zacharia	Minutes Holder, Tera-Mai Association

### 1. Apologies & Announcements

Apologies were received from

Leonie Clark	Open Reiki Group
Tripuri Dunne	The Reiki Alliance
John Cass	The Reiki Association
Edith Maskell	Complementary Therapists Association (CThA) – attending conference in N Ireland as RRWG representative
Jeanne Long	Open Reiki Group
Christianne Wyke	Code of Ethics Chair
Lorraine Davis	Federation of Holistic Therapists (FHT)/PACT
Liz Lyden	The Reiki Association
Kate Jones	The Reiki Association
Pauline Kelly	UK Reiki Alliance

### 2. Minutes of last meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> June 2006

The minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed to be signed as a true record.  
Proposed by Rosemary Pharo seconded Keith Harmon

### 3. Matters arising from minutes

a) It was confirmed that the sub-groups are now formally disbanded as agreed at the last meeting. Doreen Sawyer to confirm to Group leaders with thanks. **Action: Doreen Sawyer**

b) Clarification was asked about minutes being on the website as there was conflicting information in previous minutes. A vote was taken and it was agreed that these should be placed on the website. **Action: Doreen Sawyer.**

c) With regards to sending information about the RRWG consultation and roadshows, it was confirmed that letters were sent to some MPs (by Doreen Sawyer) and that member associations of the RRWG informed their members by newsletters or email. Carole Block had promoted the roadshows but detailed information was not available.

d) The selection of an independent analyst is in progress. It was clarified that Carole Block will collect the responses and forward direct to the independent analyst once the appointment is confirmed. **Action: Doreen Sawyer/Carole Block** The meeting was reminded that Carole Block is the contact in case of requests for information on the roadshows.

#### **4. Confirmation of appointment of ILC**

The meeting confirmed the appointment of Mr Tony Perry as the Independent Lay Chair with immediate effect. His letter of appointment was discussed and agreed by the group.

#### **5. Feedback and report on the Consultation on the Federal Structure**

Terry Cullen, Rosemary Pharo, Doreen Sawyer, and Lorraine Davis attended the Federal Structure Consultation meeting. 12 Working groups have been invited by PFIH into the federal structure, including the RRWG.

A summary of the Report on the Consultation of the Federal Structure and of the Report on the Feasibility/Implementation Study was given, followed by discussion. Members are required to read through these reports, both of which are available from the PFIH website.

**Action: All members.**

Members present were requested to feed back this information to their organisations, for consultation with their membership It was suggested that the RRWG member representatives explain to their organisation's members that the Federal Structure is an overall body like a complementary HPC.

Discussion on the Federal Structure would take place at the November follow up meeting; RRWG member representatives would need to give an answer as to whether they are in agreement with the federal structure or not, and PFIH need a "yes" or "no" answer by 15th December 2006. The response is to go via the ILC.

If the RRWG decided to go forward with this, they would be asked to provide the name of a representative and a second person. There would be a substantial time commitment and it was stressed that communication with the main RRWG group would be important. Members to consider possible candidates with appropriate expertise and time availability for nomination at the next RRWG meeting; These individuals have to commit to a considerable amount of work, including one meeting a month. Short Cvs will be required in order for the group to make a decision. .

#### **6. Discussion on Federal Structure**

During discussion, it was suggested that representatives on the RRWG read The Foster Review, which is "The Regulation of the non-medical healthcare professions. A Review by the Department of Health" (July 2006).

The PFIH representative explained that by March 2008 proposals should be ready for recommendation if the federal structure goes ahead. Approaches 4 and 5 were recommended by PFIH in the "PFIH Feasibility/Implementation Study". However, at the moment, all that is required of the RRWG is a "yes" or "no" answer for the federal structure.

It was explained that if the RRWG did not join the federal structure now, it could not influence how it is started up; however it could always reconsider later.

## 7.AOB

a) Consultation Documents: Codes of Ethics An email from Christianne Wyke regarding changing the Codes of Ethics due to errors within the document, was circulated to the group prior to meeting. Rosemary confirmed that the document was circulated to the group prior to agreement for publication on the website. Although unfortunate that it was published with errors, the group agreed after discussion that as it was a draft document, and because we were also mid way in the Consultation process, it should not be changed, nor should an addendum be added. A vote was taken to make no changes. It was decided to keep all the documents unchanged for integrity regardless of any errors.

Thanks were extended to Christianne and her team for bringing this to the group's attention; it was felt that this would help at the remaining roadshows. It was decided that remaining roadshow presenters could use this information at the roadshows.

b) A statement from Leonie Clark was read regarding the roadshows, pointing out that Reiki practitioners should not only be reached by internet, and assurances were given by some member associations that their members were sent postal information. A minimum number of 300 replies was suggested by Leonie as an ideal response. Comment was also made about a change to the Education Consultation Documents but as agreed with the Codes of Ethics no change would be made.

## 8. Proposed meeting in November

Each organisation is to send unavailable dates to Doreen Sawyer, in order to identify most convenient date for next meeting. Deadline Friday 6 October as previously requested by email. **Action: All**

It was pointed out that funding may need to be discussed at the next meeting.