

MINUTES OF REIKI REGULATORY WORKING GROUP MEETING, 6th February 2007
 Connaught Hall, 36- 45 Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9EX

PRESENT

Anthony Perry	Independent Lay Chairman
Adrienne Pollock	Reiki Healers and Teachers Society
Dr. Robert Jefford	UK Reiki Federation
Edith Maskell	Federation of Holistic Therapists (FHT)
Grainne Warner	The Reiki Association
Heather Buglear	The Reiki Alliance
Ian Cambray-Smith	PFIH
Jean Nestor	PFIH
John Cass	The Reiki Association
Kate Jones	The Reiki Association
Keith Harmon	BCMA
Leonie Clark	Open Reiki Group
Lilian Hulf	The Reiki Alliance
Pauline Kelly	UK Reiki Alliance
Rosemary Pharo	Reiki Healers & Teachers Society
Ruth Kelly	Potential lay member
Suzanne Zacharia	Tera-Mai Association
Terry Cullen	BCMA

1 Apologies & Announcements

Ruth Kelly, a prospective lay member, introduced herself as a Dr working in palliative care with a long-standing interest in complementary therapies.

Apologies were received from

Doreen Sawyer	UK Reiki Federation
Jan Robinson	The Reiki Alliance
Jeanne Long	Open Reiki Group
John Cragg	IPTI
Lorraine Davis	Federation of Holistic Therapists (FHT)/PACT

2 Minutes of last meeting of 29th June 2006

The minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed to be signed as a true record. Proposed by Edith Maskell, seconded by Keith Harmon. To be placed on website. The comment in the minutes from the November meeting regarding a massage technique in Reiki to be discussed at May meeting.

Action: Doreen Sawyer

3 Matters arising from minutes

Review of Reiki research, still awaiting response from Dr Herron Max. To be followed up urgently. **Action: Doreen Sawyer.**

Pending receipt of the report, a critique to be performed of the report. **Action: Suzanne Zacharia**

4 Treasurer's Report

Income to date for this year (April 1 06 to 31 March 07) is £9165.16. Expenditure to date is £7256.09. Excess of projected income over expenditure at 31st January is £6797.64.

If the RRWG ceases to be as a body following this year, then groups may not need to contribute to meetings this year as funds may not be able to be transferred to a succeeding group. The Treasurer proposed to stop invoicing per meeting and hold invoicing for annual subscription. If more money was required then the matter would be reassessed.

5 Business Plan

The group thanked Edith for her work and the preliminary draft. A small team was set up to take the business plan forward: Action: **Terry Cullen, Edith Maskell, Adrienne Pollock.**

The main objectives for the RRWG were reviewed for the business plan.

1. Objectives for 2007/2008

- To achieve VSR by July 08, which involves:
 - finalising a code of safe professional practice of Reiki, including disciplinary and complaints procedures, taking account of feedback from the 2006 consultation process
 - setting up a national register of Reiki practitioners practising in a professional setting
 - continuing to participate in the Federal Working Group
 - reviewing the RRWG's Rules of Operation
 - establishing a constitution for the Regulatory Body

The sub-group to submit the revised business plan by end March 2007 which is to be included in the RRWG's April submission to PFIH. **Action Terry Cullen.**

The objectives on the website to be updated. **Action: Doreen Sawyer**

6 Federal Working Group Feedback

Edith Maskell reported back on the first meeting of the Federal Working Group. This included lay members, PFIH representatives and therapy group representatives. The next meeting is to include feedback from the therapy groups on their views of the Role of Regulator, the Role of the Profession Specific Boards and the Role of Professional Associations. Meetings are monthly and concise feedback on 'homework' for the group is to be sent direct to both Edith Maskell and Kate Jones. **Action: Edith Maskell, Kate Jones, All**

Ian Cambray-Smith introduced himself as the Programmes Manager at FIIH. He explained that the aim is to have a federal regulatory structure in place by the start of 2008. The two regulatory models discussed at the first meeting envisaged having a common regulator, but the working group can go down another road if they so wish and each profession be their own regulators. There is a trend in government to minimising the number of regulators, in keeping with the Foster review. The regulatory process would be made up of two components, the federal structure and the individual boards.

7 Analysis of Consultation Feedback

It was suggested setting up a clear programme for the feedback together with a brief for the analyst. The consultation received around 200 responses (to be confirmed). A statement on the roadshows with thanks to all those participating and attending and information on responses to be put on the website. The RRWG also to reapply to REACH for an

independent analyst. **Action: Rosemary Pharo (website statement), Doreen Sawyer (REACH, website), Suzanne Zacharia (search out analyst through UK universities).**

A brief for the analyst was discussed and agreed as:

- To catalogue responses
- To see if people are generally in agreement with the proposals
- To identify most common areas of agreement or concern

8 PFIH Report

Jean Nestor spoke about the PFIH report. The annual grant report will require:

- Developments in the last year
- RRWG achievements
- Changes to plans
- A financial report
- RRWG milestones for the coming year.

The report has to be returned within 8 – 10 weeks. **Action: Doreen Sawyer/Tony Perry (to assemble), Edith Maskell (Annual Accounts).**

9 AOB

Mamta Nanda will now be the point of contact for the Reiki Association.

Jeanne Long is now the point of contact for the Open Reiki Group.

Jean Nestor is the general point of contact for PFIH. Jean is to be copied into all correspondence with the FWG.

The article in Daily Mail on Reiki on 10 January 2007 was discussed.

Ruth Kelly joined the RRWG as a lay member and was welcomed.

Her name is to be added to the contact list. **Action: Doreen Sawyer**

The meeting closed at 2:40 pm.