

**Recovery Research Network
15 October 2009
Minutes**

Present

Alison Blank
Anna Croucher
Carol Thompson
Clair Le Boutillier
David Armes
Ed O'Meara
Gerard Drennan
Gill Chalder
Harriet Jordan
Jo Fox
John Larsen
Julie Williams
Kelly Davies
Laura Madley
Lizzie Maitland
Mark Hayward
Mary Leamy
Mike Slade
Rebecca Tate
Ruth Chandler
Steve Williams
Tony Sparkes
Vicky Bird
Wendy Bryant

Apologies

Angela Sweeney
Caroline Cuppitt
Dave Pilgrim
Debbie Mountain
Geraldine Owen
Gill Haddock
Glenn Roberts
Gregory Jones
Heather Straughan
James Turner
Jan Wallcraft
Jane Clewes
Jed Boardman
Julia Head
Kati Turner
Lucy Bevan
Marieke Wrigley
Martin Webber
Mary O'Hagan
Patrick Larsson
Paul McCrone
Rachel Perkins
Rosie Davies
Ruckli Beatrix
Sally Head
Shula Ramon
Trevor Lowe
Vicki Coppock

Action

2. Introductions

MS noted that the emergent themes from the introductions were empowerment, peer support working and the language of recovery.

3. Aims of network and 'recovery values' in letter of invitation

RC stated that it should be made explicit that the network is open to service user researchers.

JL suggested adding a statement about importing critical tools from a range of disciplines.

MH stated that he is looking for collaborators for recovery based research.

MS to update the network aims and circulate to all members.

MS

4. Membership

There are 118 network members.

5. Minutes of last meeting

It was agreed that emails sent to individual members would not be forwarded on to rest of group.

Emails for mass distribution should be sent to Kelly for inclusion in the monthly update rather than directly to individual members.

6. Presentations

- a. Emergence of recovery research & history of feminist research methods (Ruth Chandler)
- c. Recovery and spirituality (David Armes)
- d. Centering Therapy, Heritage Mental Health history project, campaign against compulsion (Lizzie Maitland)
- e. Conceptual Framework (REFOCUS team)

7. Recovery Research Network as a resource

- a. Responding to consultations

MS to draft and circulate suggestion for process of responding to consultations.

MS

- b. Acting as an expert panel in formal consultations

Members were happy to be used in formal consultations.

RRN allowed to be cited/used in other projects, but MS/KD should be informed.

8. Links with other research networks

To be added to the next meeting agenda for further discussion.

KD

9. Advertising the network

Adverts have appeared in an occupational therapist Journal and in *The Psychologist*. A volunteer is sought to write a 500-700 word article for Nursing Standard.

TS commented that Mental Health in Higher Education' (MHHE) should advertise the RRN. TS to email further details to KD. **TS**

10. Future network initiatives

a. Involvement and Method event (Ruth Chandler)

RC to email a description to KD which will be included in the next monthly email. **RC**

11. Upcoming events

The following conferences were noted:

- a. From Rhetoric to Reality [19-20 November, Leeds]
- b. Personalisation and Recovery Study Day [2 December, London]
- c. Lifelong Learning & Empowerment in Mental Health [11-12 February 2010, Paris]
- d. What's new in recovery in psychosis? [9-10 March 2010, Derbyshire]
- e. International Initiative for Mental Health Leadership [17-21 May 2010, Dublin]
- f. Refocus on Recovery 2010, [Sep 20-22, London]

12. Any other business

None

13. Future meetings

The next meeting is due to take place March 2010, date and venue to be confirmed.