



Mental Health Nurse Academics (UK)

Promoting and advancing UK Mental Health Nursing education, research, policy and practice

Notes of Meeting held on 20th June 2013 at Liverpool John Moores University, Liverpool

Chair: Michael Coffey

Present: Michael Coffey (Swansea), Joy Duxbury (UCLAN), Alan Simpson (City), Linda Cooper (Cardiff), Ben Hannigan (Cardiff), Lisa Woods and Grahame Smith (Liverpool John Moores), Julia Terry (Swansea), Liz Hughes (York), Jim Turner (Sheffield), Bob Rankin (Dundee), Denise Aspinall (Bangor), Fiona Nolan (UCL), Tracey Cassidy (Plymouth), Paul Linsley (Lincoln), Andy Mercer (Bournemouth), John Baker and Steve Prymachuk (Manchester), Margaret Conlon and Gwenne Macintosh (Edinburgh Napier), Patricia Ryan-Allen (Greenwich), Jackie White (Hull), Tommy Dickinson (Chester), Len Bowers (IoP), Enkanah Soobadoo and Thomas Currid (London South Bank), Mairi Byrne (Edgehill), Matt Bowen (Chester), Sue McAndrew (Salford), Lynda Smithies (Keele),

Apologies received: Steve Lyons (Huddersfield), Mick McKeown, Karen Wright and Christina Lyons (UCLAN), John Playle (Huddersfield), Nicky Lambert (Middlesex), Nicola Evans (Cardiff), Columba McLaughlin and Kevin Moore (Ulster), Bob Tummey (Coventry), Gerry Shepherd (Oxford Brookes), Ian Hulatt (RCN), Anita Savage-Grainge (York), Jeni French (Welsh Government), David Banks (Northumbria), Majorie Lloyd (Glyndwr), Gordon Mitchell and Mike Fleet (Teesside), Dave Coyle (Bangor), Kath Padgett (Huddersfield), Michael Kelly (Kings College London), Val Howatson (Glasgow), Ian Beech (University of South Wales), Daniel Bressington and Doug Macinnes (Canterbury), Alison Kilduff (Derby), Laetitia Zeeman (Brighton), Gwen Bonner (University of West London), Naomi Sharples (Salford), Steve Williams and Tracey McClelland (Bradford), Peter Morrall (Leeds),

Welcome from the Chair and Introductions

Michael Coffey opened the meeting as the new Chair and thanked Lisa Woods and Grahame Smith for organising the venue and catering.

Welcome to Liverpool John Moore's University

The Dean, Kate Johnston welcomed the group and reflected upon the history of the group, its achievements and progress to date. She was delighted to welcome the group back to Liverpool some years on.

Presentation 1: Collaborative innovations in Dementia

Grahame and Lisa presented the work on Innovative Dementia Care as part of an EU bid to collaborate with people with dementia to address everyday challenges. This project was using a concept known as 'living labs' where the environment becomes the intervention to consider innovations such as dynamic lighting technology to enable people to live well with dementia. This inspired lots of comments and positive feedback. Both said they were happy to discuss further any potential links on this work as required

Len raised the idea of a summit of mental health nurse researchers doing dementia care research possibly linked to a MHNAUK meeting.

A further suggestion was posed in regard to pre-registration curriculum analysis, do we know what is happening in relation to dementia care for instance. We discussed the issue of KSFs in dementia in Scotland and the opportunity of learning from other fields. Grahame offered to draw together information and prepare a draft statement from the group.

Business Section:

Item 1 Topic work groups Michael Coffey

The group discussed further work streams identified at the meeting in Cardiff

Some very useful discussion ensued around the use of the Blog, support for doctoral students, and the development of an executive group.

A number of issues were raised and suggestions made to develop the group further in this area. Examples given included involving and supporting PhD students, peer support for research, and the exploration of funding opportunities to include members of the group. Further work is required on the blog and Michael encouraged members to engage with this. For start we could include biographies of group members on the blog, please respond with these to Michael. Discussions ensued about a journal that the group might run. Ben Hannigan is taking the lead on exploring this for the group and will make enquiries with known publishers.

Items: 2 Excellence in recruiting mental health nurse students Andy Mercer and Karen Wright

Andy Mercer presented this item in the absence of Karen Wright. From an analysis of responses from the group, Andy gave an overview of the mixed approaches to recruiting mental health nurse students that are used across the UK and the challenges faced. We had a lively discussion on this topic and questions about consistency across institutions was raised. Do we need standardisation and are there links between recruitment styles and outcomes? The discussion extended to consider plans for student nurses to spend one year pre-nursing as health care assistants and although there was almost universal dislike of this plan Len suggested we could suggest how this ought to be done with Alan suggesting that in mental health these student should spend the year with mental health service user organisations.

Andy and Karen's work was felt worthy of a publication and also as a useful database for the group in sharing best practice and ideas on recruitment. We hope to see a best practice statement from MHANUK co-ordinated by Andy and Karen in due course

Item 3 Scoping mental health nursing research Fiona Nolan

Fiona updated the group on this work. Following discussions we asked her to use this work as a database through which to add information including the group expertise, research interests, doctoral students and methodologies. Further updates at next meeting.

Item 4 Development of the therapeutic alliance measure Sue McAndrew and Fiona Nolan

Fiona provided an update on this important work. This is presently an unfunded stream of work and data collection is currently underway. Progress will be monitored and fed back in due course. Sue, Fiona and Mary are looking into funding for a pilot of this measure that has both staff and service user versions.

Item: 5 Nurse Consultants John Baker

John reminded the group that the nurse consultants are keen to be involved in MHNAUK. It was suggested that someone from their group be invited to our future meetings. John agreed to feed this back.

AOB - Updates on NPNR from Alan and Michael
 Dept of Health Taskforce on Care and Compassion
 Mental health nursing research priority setting exercise possibly with Nurse Directors/Consultants/MHNAUK/NHS Confederation perhaps with road shows locally to determine priorities to feed into larger collaboration – to be discussed in detail at next meeting.
 Jim Turner reported back on his charity rugby game in which he displayed singular equity in handing out drubbings to members from all the main political parties and raised £10,000 in total for neck injury charity.
 Jim also mentioned the Extra Yard project, details here
<http://www.justgiving.com/teams/ExtraYard>

Future dates and hosts for meetings

Date	Host	Link person
8 th October 2013	University of Teeside, Darlington Campus	Gordon Mitchell & Diane Ellis
Spring 2014	Lincoln	Paul Linsley
Summer 2014	South Bank London	Enkanah Soobadoo and Thomas Currid
Autumn 2014	Manchester	Steven Pryjmachuk and John Baker
Spring 2015	York	Liz Hughes
Summer 2015	University of West of Scotland, Paisley	Billy Mathers
Autumn 2015	UCLan, Preston	Joy Duxbury and co