

**MINUTES OF THE BABCP
CHILDREN, ADOLESCENT & FAMILIES SPECIAL INTEREST BRANCH
10th May 2006 – Birmingham**

Present: Justine Porter (minutes), Sam Cartwright-Hatton, Joanna Grave, Charlotte Wilson, Tim Williams, Lisa Finch, Trevor McDougall.

Apologies: Anita Munro, Jonquil Drinkwater, Nicky Dummett, Norma Armston, Vicki Curry.

1. Updates

Chair – please see attached report

Treasurer – Accounts remain healthy. Nominations for the post of treasurer will be requested prior to the AGM in November. Until this time, Lisa Finch will continue as treasurer, as no other member has come forward for this position. Discussions with the BACP Head Office have been ongoing with regards the change in branch status. This is discussed further in Item 2.

Conferences/Workshops – The Spring Workshops went very well – good feedback has been received. The accounts from this have not been finalised as yet, although it is expected that the workshops will at least break even.

Plans for the Conference in Spring 2007 are progressing well. A number of excellent speakers have been confirmed. Call for Papers and Submission Instructions will be posted to all members of both ACAMH and BABCP soon. Deadlines have been set in relation to both proposed workshops and symposia in order to maximise publicity for the event.

Volunteers are required to be on the Scientific Committee for this workshop. It will be a time-limited commitment. All interested members should contact Charlotte Wilson at charlie@cwilson74.freemove.co.uk.

Action: Sam to circulate all relevant information for the conference with these minutes.
Tim to e-mail FOCUS with details of the conference.

Accreditation – Justine Porter updated the committee on recent feedback from the A&R Committee in relation to our proposed changes to accreditation criteria for therapists working with children and families. The outcome of the ensuing discussion is as follows

- a. THE CAFSIB committee is pleased that the new criteria will recognise the need for specialist training, supervision, and CPD for therapists working with children and families.
- b. The committee remains concerned that the criteria (specifically in relation to amount of training) may be difficult for some clinicians working with children and families to achieve. They do however, recognise the difficult situation that would arise if the minimum standards were changed for any one specialism.
- c. The committee is concerned that not all clinicians working with children will be required to meet the new criteria and can still be accredited using the old criteria. This will create a two-tier system of accreditation for clinicians working with children and essentially invalidates the specialist criteria. If the A&R committee do not acquiesce on this point, an alternative suggestion may be that following accreditation, in order to ensure future re-accreditation clinicians working with children have to demonstrate child relevant CPD and supervision

Action: Justine to discuss the above further with the A&R committee and clarify some additional points: 1) What is the number of therapists working with children who are currently accredited, 2) Do the A&R committee require us to retrospectively assess these individuals according to the new criteria.

Justine and Kath Davies to work to develop revised form and identify an appropriate curriculum to present to the CAFSIB committee, before presenting to the A&R committee.

Website – Tim Williams requested all members of the committee provide an up to date photo and brief biography.

Action: If Nicky still has the group photo (taken at the previous CAFSIB meeting) could she pass this onto Tim.

2. Change to Branch Status

Joanna Grave recently attended a branch liaison meeting to gain further information regarding this issue. The main three proposals put forward by BABCP head office were considered and a vote was taken. All present were in favour of staying part of the main branch. The implications of this are mainly financial and relate to the organisation of our accounts. Lisa Finch is aware of the necessary actions to take this issue forward.

Action: Joanne to inform head office of our decision.

Lisa to liaise with Head Office regarding reorganisation of the accounts.

3. Member Recruitment Leaflet

Trevor McDougall presented a draft leaflet to the committee which was generally approved. Many thanks for his efforts. Use of this leaflet and/or the information within was discussed.

Action: Trevor to make any necessary alterations to the draft and e-mail to Sam for proof-reading.

Trevor to re-write as an article for the BABCP newsletter.

4. Use of Circulation List

Sam Cartwright-Hatton has received a request from a researcher to have access to our circulation list. She has had previous requests in relation to supervisors, recruitment and advertising events. The committee is unclear regarding the appropriateness of providing this information, particularly in relation to data-protection. In the short-term it was agreed to circulate information internally, suggesting that members can contact the researcher if they wish.

Action; Sam to send the above e-mail to members.

Justine to contact the main branch to gain their position in relation to this issue.

5. CPD Slots

It was agreed that we would pilot the use of case discussion in the afternoon CPD slot at the next meeting in Leeds. The topic will be “CBT for Children with Behaviour Difficulties”.

6. 2007 Meetings

March 2007 – During the Joint ACAMH/CAFSIB Conference

June 2007 – Loughborough

September 2007 – During the BABCP conference

December 2007 – Oxford

7. Date of Next Meeting: 20th July 2007: BABCP conference, during lunch.