

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Cross Party Group on Mental Health,
held 26 June 2019 at 1.00pm in Conference Room 5, The Scottish
Parliament, Edinburgh**

1. Introduction

James Dornan MSP opened the meeting of the Group by thanking everyone for being in attendance. James Dornan MSP noted that this was the first meeting of the CPG since the Royal College of Psychiatrists finished their term as Secretariat of the Group. On behalf of the Members of the Group, James Dornan thanked the Royal College of Psychiatrist for their work during the period that they were Secretariat.

James Dornan MSP explained that this meeting was an Extraordinary General Meeting and the main item of business would be appointing a new Secretariat for the Group. James Dornan MSP told the Group that SAMH had offered to take on the role of Secretariat of the Group and would be presenting their vision of the Group's role going forward.

2. Present and apologies

Present:

MSPs

James Dornan MSP, Co-Convener
Emma Harper MSP, Co-Convener
Annie Wells MSP, Deputy Convener

Non-MSP attendees

Sophie Castle, Office of Annie Wells MSP
Debbie Horne, SAMH
Carolyn Lochhead, SAMH
Andrew Fraser, Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland
Laura Hudson, Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland
Chris Purnell, Scottish Ambulance Service
Emily Galloway, Scottish Association of Social Work
Patricia Rodger, AdvoCard
Christopher Ward, SX - Waverly Care
Lorraine Jarvie, Mood Project

Oluwatoyin Opeloyeru, Individual capacity
Barry Gale, Mental Health Rights Scotland
Annie McGovern, Place2Be
Sheriff Lamptey, FJSS
Helen Reilly, Royal Pharmaceutical Society
Steve Mulligan, BACP
Brian Magee, COSCA

3. Previous Minutes of the Group

Oluwatoyin Opeloyeru asked that the statement attributed to her in the previous minutes – regarding investment in measure to improve emotional health and wellbeing of BME - be amended to a question. Oluwatoyin Opeloyeru clarified that she had asked if there had been investment in measures to improve emotional health and wellbeing of BME rather than stating there had been no sign of investment.

4. SAMH Presentation

Suzanne Martin, from SAMH, delivered a presentation outlining who SAMH are, including the history and work of the organisation.

Possible options for the Group's work going forward were also included in the SAMH presentation, in reference to the work of other Cross Party Groups.

Suzanne Martin noted she would share the presentation via email.

5. Human Rights

Patricia Rodger, from Advocard, noted that she would like to see all of the Group's work to be done through a human rights prism. There was agreement from the Group on this approach.

James Dornan MSP noted that the Group could write to other CPGs about the importance of viewing issues through a human rights prism.

6. Appointment of the Group's Secretariat

Following the presentation from SAMH, the Group considered the appointment of SAMH as Secretariat.

Annie Wells MSP proposed SAMH to be Secretariat; this was seconded by Oluwatoyin Opeloyeru. The Group confirmed that they agreed with SAMH being the Group's new Secretariat. James Dornan MSP congratulated SAMH on becoming the Secretariat of the Cross Party Group on Mental Health.

7. Next Meeting

The Group was told by James Dornan MSP that the next meeting of the Group would occur on the 24th September. It was noted by James Dornan MSP and Suzanne Martin from SAMH that information about the next meeting would be circulated prior to the meeting and that the focus of the next meeting would be deciding a plan of work for the Group to take forward.

8. Other Business

Suzanne Martin, from SAMH, also told the Group that anyone with suggestions for topics and issues they would like the Group to consider should get in touch with SAMH through email.