

## Board Meeting

Date: 20 May 2010

Where: Goldings House, 2 Hay's Lane, London SE1 2HB

### Attendees (Board)

- Allan Bowman
- Andy Nash
- Brenden Keane
- Ian Sutherland
- Jenny Owen
- Joanne Munyard
- Louise Brown
- Nadra Ahmed
- Mike Lauerman
- Shokat Babul
- Stephanie Palmerone

### Attendees (Staff)

- Julie Jones
- Amanda Edwards
- David Walden
- Stephen Goulder
- Laura Boyd
- Majella Ahwieh (minutes)

### Apologies

- Ann Macfarlane
- Edwina Grant
- Sukhvinder Kaur-Stubbs

## **Apologies and welcome**

1. The Chair welcomed board members and listed apologies. The Chair asked Trustees to sign the conflict of interest form. The chair asked the board to note any conflict of interest.

## **Notes of the previous meeting**

2. The board agreed the notes of the previous meeting with the following amendments:
  - Paragraph 20 - BASW have taken the decision to ballot their members to *develop* a breakaway UK College.

## **Matters Arising**

3. There were no matters arising.

## **Chair's report**

4. The Chair reported on meetings he had attended since the last Board meeting.
5. The Chair has attended a number of development group meetings and the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the wider reference group for the College of Social Work.
6. The Chair has met with Arwel Ellis Owen, Chair of Care Council for Wales.
7. The Chair has attended the Scottish Association of the Directors of Social Work (ADSW) annual conference

## **Chief Executive's Report**

8. The Chief Executive presented her report, thanked the staff for their hard work and highlighted the following points
9. SCIE's 3 year Investors in People review is scheduled for 17 and 18 June, and the Chief Executive has now had a preparatory meeting with the IIP assessor.
10. The Deputy Chief Executive attended a conference in Montreal, Canada organised by Agence d'évaluation des technologies et des modes d'intervention en santé (AETMIS) and gave a presentation (in French) entitled 'A story from abroad.
11. The Chief Executive meets with fellow Commissioners on the Wales Independent Commission on Social Services every month. The Commission has had

evidence submitted from a wide range of stakeholders and is due to report to the Welsh Assembly Government in November 2010. Social Services Commission, Wales

12. SCIE is hosting a dinner in Belfast on 26<sup>th</sup> May for NI social care leaders.

## **Report of the Chair of the Audit Committee**

13. Shokat Babul, Sukhvinder Kaur Stubbs and Stephen Goulder met this week to hand over chairmanship of the committee from Shokat Babul to Sukhvinder Kaur Stubbs.

14. The annual accounts will include an estimate for the pension deficit in accordance with the FRS17. The estimated deficit has been factored into SCIE's budget for 2010-11. Subject to timing, options for the pension scheme will be discussed at the board meeting in November 2010. Once agreed the selected options will be incorporated in to SCIE's strategy for 2011-14.

15. SCIE is waiting for confirmation of the core grant from its sponsors. SCIE prepared a provisional 3 year budget for the audit. Once confirmation of funding has been received from SCIE's sponsors a final budget will be prepared for the audit committee and board to consider.

16. Shokat Babul thanked the board, SCIE management team and staff for their support in his role as Chair of the Audit Committee and as a board member.

17. The Chair thanked Shokat Babul for his work as a Trustee and as Chair of the Audit Committee.

## **Digital Dissemination**

18. Amanda Edwards gave a presentation on SCIE's digital dissemination (copy attached) and highlighted the following points:

- SCIE started work on a digital plan as the majority (74%) of our contact with our stakeholders is via our website and web resources.
- The digital plan highlighted that a lot of SCIE's material was not easy for all of our stakeholders to digest and also that the previous website was hiding some of SCIE's good and popular products. SCIE has been working on these issues to improve the website and web products.
- Web development – next steps
  - How we get SCIE material onto other organisations' websites
  - Looking at social networking using existing online social networks

- Important to have material which can be printed and for people to be able to access other relevant material. Visitors to the SCIE website will be able to print out posters and factsheets on the key issues, there will also be links to other relevant information
- Portal for social care – SCIE has been approached by the British Library to provide a health and social care gateway.

## **White Paper “Building the National Care Service”**

19. David Walden presented an update on the white paper and highlighted the following points:

- The language is quite sensitive to a new administration. The SCIE website will be updated accordingly.
- If the national care service leadership group and the efficiency taskforce go forward SCIE will seek membership of these groups.
- SCIE needs to be conscious of changes but will take forward the current work.

## **College of Social Work**

20. Stephen Goulder presented a paper updating the board on progress on and next steps for the College of Social Work.

- The British Association of Social Workers (BASW) has completed the referendum of their members and has now rejoined the College Development Group.
- A consultation on the role and purpose of the College was launched on 18<sup>th</sup> May.
- The first meeting of the wider reference group was held on 11<sup>th</sup> May.
- SCIE has received an approach from Unison to proceed with a joint subscription to Unison and the College.
- The recruitment of the Chair is proceeding and the interviews will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> June.
- DH has provided £2.5m. DCSF (now Department of Education) had committed an additional £2.5m and SCIE has invoiced the Department of Education accordingly.

## **Think Family Approaches**

21. Amanda Edwards presented a report on SCIE’s work on parental mental health and child welfare which is attracting national attention.

22. The Chief Executive is a member of the Department of Education family intervention high level strategy group. This work links across adults and mental health services into children's services.
23. SCIE is currently running pilot sites for this work in England and Northern Ireland which will provide information on implementation and use.

### **Performance Reports**

24. Stephen Goulder presented the performance reports. The board noted the reports.

### **Single Equality Scheme**

25. Stephen Goulder presented a report on SCIE's single equality scheme. The board noted the report.

### **Board annual agenda**

26. Stephen Goulder presented the board annual agenda. The board noted the agenda.

### **Any other business**

#### **Reappointment of Trustees**

27. The board agreed the Chair's proposal that Jo Munyard, Nadra Ahmed and Andy Nash served a further 3 year term as Trustees.

#### **Youth Justice**

28. Louise Brown informed the board that the new government have highlighted a review of family law.

### **Date of next meeting**

29. The board awayday will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

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