

## GLEPHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27 July 2021 (by Zoom)

1. **Present:** Richard Bent (Chair), Auke van Dijk, Mukta Sharma, Bill Stronach, Isabelle Bartkowiak-Theron, Rhoda Wanyenze, Pat Griffin. In attendance: Nick Crofts (ED)
2. **Apologies:** Nil
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** Accepted as a true and correct record.
4. **Governance of Special Interest Groups**

Richard indicated that while the SIGs were attracting people seeking support and advice had increased there were a number of operational and governance issues that needed to be addressed including:

- The need for more structured reporting by Board representatives on each SIG - ideally bi-monthly.
- Ensuring the conveners are actually convening and not promoting their own organisations or interests, and hence possibly compromising GLEPHA.
- The need to keep the number of SIGs at a manageable level and to (a) strengthen those SIGs that are working well and (b) consider the future of non-active SIGs.

#### **ACTION:**

- Prepare a guidance document for conveners and Board representatives that integrates all these issues.
- Richard to convene a meeting of all SIG conveners to clarify the governance, leadership and expectations of all SIGs once document is finalised.

#### **5. Strategic plan**

An updated draft had been circulated by Nick. A general discussion took place and the following were noted:

- Terms like 'convening' and 'advocacy' may need more clarity.
- In the Vision the phrase 'optimal wellbeing' - possibly only need 'well being'
- Need reference to indigenous groups in the plan (and on the website). Suggested a broader framing in terms of 'vulnerability and diversity' may be better. It was accepted that SIGs need to be aware of and respond to this issue too.

#### **ACTION:**

- Nick to amend again in light of discussion and to circulate quickly.
- Board members to provide feedback promptly.
- Plan to be signed off at September meeting.

## 6. SIG reports

### 6.1. Education - Isa reported:

- The book has been finalised a month ahead of schedule and already there are requests for chapters (need to negotiate with publishers). Isa was congratulated on leading this major achievement. Books 2 & 3 are already in planning - the latter scheduled for 2025.
- TILES will sponsor sessions and a social event at the Melbourne2022 event.
- Suggested that Melbourne2022 showcase Indigenous PH activities, offer discounts to Indigenous participants.
- GLEPHA should consider an Indigenous early career mentoring scheme.
- There was general discussion of LEPH short courses and whether it is optimal that they stand alone or are integrated into core public health agendas.

### 6.2. First responder wellness - no report

Nick noted this group were strategically critical to LEPH and GLEPHA. Various independent projects were underway but none had connection to GLEPHA.

### 6.3. LE and Mental Health - inactive

**ACTION:** Richard and Nick to ascertain if interest still exists and reactivate if viable.

### 6.4. LE and Harm Reduction - no report. There are four conveners for this SIG. Nick is keen that this SIG do something on LE & HR at Melbourne2022.

### 6.5. Intersectionality and policing - Pat reported:

- Trying to be inclusive and involve people from pre and post LEPH2021 conference activities.
- A book proposal has been accepted - eleven of LEPH2021 presenters will be included in authors. Due for release in September 2022.

### 6.6. LE and Violence - Richard reported:

- This is a very active SIG - monthly meetings with a SIG member presenting.
- Currently trying to broaden the UK/European focus and membership.

### 6.7. Diversion and deflection - Auke reported that this was a very political, US centred group that needs monitoring closely. Nick noted that UNODC & WHO should be very interested in these issues.

### 6.8. Prosecution - very little activity since LEPH2021

### 6.9. Policing and pandemics - have not met yet and still 'on hold'

### 6.10. NeuroDiversity - very active with newsletter and speakers. Still Eurocentric but this is being addressed.

6.11. Trauma informed policing - no report

6.12. Road trauma - no report

6.13. Fake and substandard medicines - no report

## 7. Regional networks and GLEPHA membership

**ACTION:** Nick and Bill to draft 'one pager' for next board meeting outlining issues and recommendations.

## 8. Other business

8.1. Membership drive - Bill reported that this will occur in September as planned

8.2. *Envisaging the Future* project - 6 more webinars scheduled; an extension grant has been confirmed.

8.3. *Journal of Community Safety and Wellbeing*

Deloittes are keen to sponsor a special 'Envisaging the Future' issue and also sponsor something at the next conference.

**NEXT MEETING**      Date to be advised