

GLEPHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17 JANUARY 2022 (by Zoom)

1. **Present:** Richard Bent (Chair), Auke van Dijk, Isabelle Bartkowiak-Theron, Pat Griffin, Lauren Jackson, Shelly Greenberg, Sergio Maulen, and Justin Srivastava.
In attendance: Nick Crofts (ED)
2. **Apologies:** Bill Stronach, Najja Morris-Frazier, and Mukta Sharma
3. **Agenda** – accepted
4. **Minutes from December 8/9, 2021 Board meeting** – Accepted with no amendments
5. **Finance report**
The financial report containing a draft budget for the calendar year 2022 was discussed and accepted. There were no concerns or questions arising from the financial report or the draft budget.
6. **Membership report**
 - 6.1. Deferred to next meeting
7. **Executive Director's verbal report**
 - 7.1. Modern Slavery - During the last week the ED and Richard Bent held a Zoom meeting with Dame Sara Thornton, Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner in the UK, to discuss collaboration opportunities with GLEPHA and the possibility of forming an Anti-Slavery SIG; she referred us to Professor Liz Such at Sheffield University, who has been working on a public health approach to modern slavery. A further discussion was with Ilir Boci from UNODC's human trafficking and forced migration in South Asia section. A trauma-informed approach should be considered for Anti-Slavery.
 - 7.2. Envisaging the Future. The Envisaging the Future group is looking for a Research Assistant from Australia to aid in their work, but have been unsuccessful to this point; had a discussion with Tracy Price in Scotland about the possibility of her involvement. Discussion with Inis Communication has led to a proposal for an online event through July, showcasing innovative LEPAH programs from around the world.
 - 7.3. CSWB Journal Special issue. We have ten articles planned, including six from our regional researcher colleagues. Deadline for articles – end February; the JCSWB special issue will be published in July.
 - 7.4. Conferences – There are continued efforts to find a location for 2023, perhaps in England, possibly in Amsterdam. As well, we are actively discussing a European regional conference in Umea, Sweden in April 2023.
 - 7.5. Consideration to Create a LE and PH Textbook
 - 7.5.1. The ED raised the question as to whether the Education SIG would consider developing a textbook for use primarily in the curriculum of PH schools. Isabelle indicated they would be most interested in forming a working group to explore such a text book, though the SIG is fully engaged until after February.
 - 7.6. Police Role in Drug Overdoses. The ED has had many recent discussions in many countries about the role of police in drug overdose interventions. Scotland, in particular, is concerned about the large numbers of opioid overdose deaths and are looking to other countries approaches; similarly, the Office of National Drug Control Policy in the US. Both have indicated interest in a global consultation to share experience and assess best practice for police in responding to overdoses.
 - 7.7. Regional networks – building these is an imperative.
African network is an active option and there continues to be a lot of interest.

Given some of the challenges in finding hosts for full international conferences, the regional conferences are looking to be viable options.

7.8. **Focus of activities:** A focus of all this work is to “make the various sectors aware they need to come together”, particularly from the PH sector.

8. Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

There has been some reassigning of certain SIGs to board members, with the following changes: Najja to become the Board Representative for the Diversion and Deflection SIG; Auke will become the representative for the Policing and Pandemics SIG; Lauren will become the representative for the LE and Violence Prevention SIG, and; Richard will take on the LE and Mental Health SIG. The finalised version of the SIG Guidelines will be circulated to SIG convenors and board representatives, along with information about how GLEPHA can support the SIGs.

8.1. Intersectionality

Pat reported that work continues on a book which includes contributions from eleven SIG virtual participants to be published by Routledge, with a targeted production date of Sep 2022.

8.2. First Responder Wellness

Pat reported nothing new other than the convener is trying to outreach with those who attended the LEPH2021 Conference.

8.3. **Law Enforcement and Mental Health** – Richard will take this on as the board representative and will work to rejuvenate interest.

8.4. **Education** – The book is in final edits and will hopefully go to publication by the end of February. Yasmeen Krameddine will be returning in March. Education SIG will be looking to develop a graduate diploma in LE and PH during the coming year. Need also for a LEPH subject viable for MPH courses.

8.5. **Trauma informed Policing** – Justin will be following up with the convenors to move the SIG forward.

8.6. **NeuroDiversity** – This SIG is active, being driven by Hope Kent, and the SIG is linked to the National Police Chiefs Council. Justin will circulate some papers from this SIG to board members.

8.7. **Policing and Pandemics** – Nothing to report. Auke van Dijk has just taken over as board representative.

8.8. **Prosecution** – The SIG has not been active since LEPH2021, though Fair and Just Prosecutions has been quite active on their own. Richard will reach out to the convenors about scheduling of regular meetings.

8.9. **LE and Harm Reduction** – key issue is the police role in the epidemic of opioid overdose deaths. Raised in the ED report. **Action:** Mukta and Nick to discuss and report back

8.10. **Possible new SIG** – there is some discussion about a new SIG on Disabilities, or possibly attaching this topic to an existing SIG.

9. Welcome of New Co-opted Board Members

Sergio Maulen and Sheldon (Shelly) Greenberg were offered the position of Co-opted Board member and both have enthusiastically accepted. Sergio and Shelly introduced themselves and provided the board with a summary of their experience and interests. Both Sergio and Shelly are welcome additions to the GLEPHA Board.

10. Other business.

- 10.1.** Bill, with some input from Mukta and Richard, is looking at amendments to the GLEPHA Constitution to update to our current situation and needs. These will be presented to the board at a future date. Bill is also seeking legal advice on the question of alternatives to the requirement to have a resident of Australia on the board.

NEXT MEETING Late February or early March 2022 – date to be advised.