

GLEPHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2 MARCH 2022 (by Zoom)

1. **Present:** Richard Bent (Chair), Mukta Sharma, Auke van Dijk, Isabelle Bartkowiak-Theron, Lauren Jackson, Shelly Greenberg, Sergio Maulen, Bill Stronach, Najja Morris-Frazier, and Mukta Sharma.

In attendance: Nick Crofts (ED)

2. **Apologies:** Pat Griffin
3. **Agenda:** Accepted as a true record.
4. **Minutes from last meeting:** Accepted with no amendments
5. **Actions from last meeting.**

Bill reported that:

Tim France from Ines Communications recommended against re-vamping the website again unless major funds were deployed which he felt was unnecessary. Pro bono legal advice re alternative options for incorporation recommended retaining the current incorporation as an association. A change would be expensive and probably deliver no benefit. This means the GLEPHA secretary must be an Australian citizen.

6. **Executive Director's report:**

Nick's report had been circulated and he highlighted the following.

6.1. Carla Unger has been employed by CLEPH using the tie-off grant from OSF to work on the *Envisaging the Future* project during 2022. She will form part of a small new unit that CLEPH is establishing at the University of Melbourne. A focus will be on a major event in September which will be a substitute for a conference for members.

6.2. Tracey Price has been employed for a number of months by CLEPH to assist in grant seeking for a range of projects including 'core' funds for GLEPHA. Tracey is a co-convenor of the Diversion SIG. Her work will impact on and strengthen SIGs. She will be co-funded by CLEPH and, if agreed, with GBP3,600.00 from GLEPHA. This would be a reallocation of funds set aside for a website update

Agreed: That these funds be reallocated.

6.3. Police Scotland are holding a webinar on the police role in opioid deaths and GLEPHA is assisting.

6.4. Conferences

At this stage, no international events are scheduled in 2022, although a slight possibility one may develop in Dublin.

LEPH2024 still scheduled for Vancouver.

May 2023 – regional conference in Umea, Sweden in early and very positive stages of planning. Umea University is the host. Nick and Bill currently in negotiations. Hopefully it will be both face-to-face and virtual. Both WHO Copenhagen and UNODC have expressed support which is encouraging.

This conference update gave rise to a wide-ranging discussion that could be loosely titled 'Future directions for GLEPHA' and covered:

The value of face-to-face networking provided by conferences – a real strength for the emerging LE&PH field.

The need to create/develop new forms of communication with members.

Strengthening SIGs would be one strategy.

The need for balance in terms of GLEPHA's foci and activities. Possibly develop two or three key focus areas (i.e. mental health, violence against women etc) and deploy resources here. There were divided views re a focussed approach compared to one that embraces all the issues.

The need to be realistic in setting goals and activities – GLEPHA has minimal financial and human resources. Tracy price's involvement will assist – especially her future work with SIGs.

7. Other business.

7.1. Isabelle reported that:

She will be in Europe in December and is keen to visit GLEPHA partners. She will liaise with Nick re best options.

The University of Tasmania is fully funding an academic workshop on LE & PH/neurodiversity and access to justice. This is a great initiative and the offer to co-badge with GLEPHA and the relevant SIG was keenly accepted.

7.2. Shelly reported a recent meeting with the Mayor of Baltimore who wants to see the police taking a PH approach to reducing violence. It would be timely to produce a white paper exploring what this actually means in practice. It was agreed that Shelley would liaise with Richard and Nick to move this forward.

NEXT MEETING April 2022 – date to be advised.