**IASW Meeting 18th April**

**Present**:

Lisa Hurson. Chair, SSW Lucena CAMHS

Sinead Gernon SSW Lucena CAMHS

Michelle Butler, SSW Lucena CAMHS

Sheila McKenna, PSW Louth Meath CAMHS

Aoife O’Shea, SSW Louth Meath CAMHS

Louise McCormick, PSW Cork North Lee North Team CAMHS

Mary McNamara, PSW Lucena CAMHS (Minute taker)

Katie Murphy, SSW Lucena CAMHS

**Apologies**:

Niamh McGreevy, Secretary, SSW DNCC CAMHS

**Agenda**:

*KPIs*

*Conference*

*Updates from Chair*

*SW students*

*AGM*

*National Youth Mental Health Office*

*SW Role*

**Minutes:**

We reviewed minutes from the last meeting.

*KPIs*

There was a discussion about KPI’s, Monthly Social Work Stats, the issue is to capture the range of work undertaken. Providing a narrative to go with the stats can help to educate on the tasks not covered in it which are essential to the role. This is happening in Meath/Louth & in Cork. Lucena send in HSE stats and have our own activity policy which is separate to HSE requirements.

*Conference*

IASW SIG Conference confirmed for 13th November Dan Hughes I day Conference. There will be a significant difference in price between members & non members so hopefully this will encourage people to join.

15 Meath Louth CAMHS staff just completed 5 days training in DDP level 1 training by Dan Hughes. Any discipline can attend the conference. We need 160 to attend in order for it to be cost effective. It will need to be spread far & wide. Get a flyer as soon as possible to send out to all the IASW SIGs to ensure a good early buy in. The HSCP office sometimes support the IASW with trainings in terms of funding. Lisa to discuss with Cliona in the office.

*Updates from Chair*

Lisa attended a SIG network meeting chaired by Vivian Guerin. Assisted Dying working group if anyone is interested. Apprenticeship MSC programme through UCD. Envisaged it will mainly be Tusla who will do this training. They are wondering about it spreading to other services such as probation etc. Something to keep in mind for services.

Vivian G asking us to let him know if we are getting requests for representation on national groups through PSW National Groups and elsewhere other than IASW

*SW students*

There is an issue with getting SW placements. Some discussion about another training course in Cork at Technological University. Another issue has been with students requiring more support to get through the course academically and otherwise. They are getting the mental health module later in their course. Only accepting 2nd year MSC students or final year student in CAMHS in some areas. There is a rota in Cork to take students every 18 months.

Perhaps we could think about what is important for students to learn on SW placement in CAMHS. A lot of times the SW is stand-alone so they can’t shadow easily. HSCP document about new to MH 1-5 year journey for all disciplines. Concern that the screening process in the universities is not as stringent as it was. Need to liaise with the universities ongoing. The universities are needing to offer additional modules. Important that the discipline is also protected. Needing to explain to the college the kind of work we are doing, the level of trauma or distress and the stringent adherence to moderate to severe criteria in terms of referrals accepted.

*AGM*

Motions

***We call on the HSE to resource Social Work staffing in CAMHS to the recommended levels as per Vision for Change. We are currently resourced nationally at only 40% VfC relative to ? % overall staffing(This needs to be fleshed out)***

*National Youth Mental Health Office*

Ask Vivien to follow up with CYMHO to ask for meetings as we had as IASW with Jim Ryan regarding MHC & Maskey etc as he had agreed to have ongoing meetings.

*SW role*

Issue with valuing our own work, struggle to evidence our eclectic systemic approach. Not as good at doing research and not as easily quantified as some pieces of work of other disciplines. Importance of promoting the role of SW and benefits of the role within MDT.

Importance of needing to recommend what we feel is required for a case rather than only what is available.

**Presentation** by Sheila on Vision for SW in Mental Health in Midlands, Louth Meath. Supported by a coach from Organisation and Development in HSE. This was a process over 2 years. They developed a position paper. Aligned values with those of the HSE. This was initiated by the 4 PSW’s across CAMHS & AMHS. Aligned it with Sharing the Vision and HSCP Deliver and own goals within that. They launched the document at a conference to all staff across CHO8.

**Action point:** Mary & Sheila to raise IASW membership at PSW and PSW in CAMHS to improve representation and discuss how to progress work done in CHO8 ON SW role in MH nationally. Mail the PSW group to ask people to ensure that their mail addresses are the correct ones for IASW. Have to let IASW office know/express interest in being in the SIG

**Action point:** Start to promote the conference. Lisa will get the leaflet out as soon as possible.

**Next meetings**

Online: 14th June 11-12.30

In Person: Rathgar Friday 6th September 10-3 AGM