

AGM – IASW CAMHS SIG

Date: 06/09/2024

Attendees

Marie Lucey, Aisha Sanusi, Louise McCormack, Lisa, Sinead, Bernadine Hanratty, Michelle Butler, Una Dunne, Sonja Neiland

Agenda

1. Review of last meeting minutes
2. AGM, committee, plan year ahead
3. Training with Dan Hughes
4. Training funding
5. SIG membership
6. Evidence-based practice
7. Youth mental health office meeting
8. SW National forum
9. Role of SW

Discussion

1. Review of minutes

Items added to agenda for follow up.

2. Election of new committee:

Lisa advised who was in chairperson, secretary and other members of the committee in the last year.

Sinead proposed she chair, Lisa proposed, Michelle seconded.

Niamh – Bernadine, Sinead

Lisa noted that Mary and Sheila McKenna are happy to be nominated. Mary = Louise and Sonja, Sheila = Aisha and Louise.

Role of committee: Lisa explained role of committee to manage issues and being more involved in business matters. Agreed it's important to have wide representation on the committee.

Aisha – propose Lisa, Second Louise

Lisa explained role of committee and working groups.

Michelle: Niamh propose and Lisa second.

Committee:

SIG membership: impacted by covid and IASW membership. Query of how much newly qualified people are aware of role of IASW Vs CORU and forsa. Importance of college and practice teachers in promoting SIG activity. Q; how do we encourage and support awareness of IASW. In terms of

management of IASW, aware of fall-off of younger graduates. Recognised in recent meeting but lack of data. Cliona goes to universities to give a talk, discussed at that meeting. Lot of people don't have

Plan for year ahead:

Structure of SIG meetings.

Discussion re set up of meetings, microphones etc.

Action: agree confirmation of facilities in Rathgar. Combination is helpful. Plan for who will present.

Discussion re frequency – set on Thurs/Fri. Plan: set schedule for coming year, which is AGM. 2 online meetings for 1.5 hours, meeting and then presentation on in-person meeting. Possible to have area for discussion or presentation.

What would be helpful? Should we give some time to the working group issue.

Sinead – people should just put something forward. Michelle map out - online end of dec, Feb in person, remote, then in person again in sept.

Discussion re presentation Vs discussion or presentation by someone else who's interested in an area. 2 people doing short presentations. Marie happy to nominate herself as doing first presentation. Lisa has nominated herself. We can decide at the next meeting who will do the next slot. Bernadine suggested that we could also get someone to speak, for example chief social worker in HSE Amanda Casey, someone from the IASW.

Agreed: 2 online, 2 in person. CPD slot agreed. Location to be determined. Fairview holds 10 and has online option. Lisa named that it consideration can be given to having a conference outside of Dublin.

3. Dan Hughes

Event coming up in November. Full day in Aisling hotel. Time to think about applications for next year for CPD events. Need to push for the sale of tickets. Cliona has sent it as far and wide as she can. Open to all disciplines. Action: query can Cliona send it to colleges. Send to PSW groups to be circulated to all staff in the area. Lisa highlighted cost difference by being members vs non-member and cost of this. Importance of highlighting with SIG what training people are looking for.

Develop poster/PDF? October edition of practice links – Louise to do this. Lisa to ask Cliona.

4. Training funding

Lisa wondering how SW accesses funding for training.

HSCP, DNCC funding for WTE one available for SW team and can apply for funding for university level qualifications. National clinical programmes and is there an impact. Can access training online but not sure what funding availability is. Lucena provides clearer pathway for funding.

5. SIG membership

How to try encourage membership. Have asked principal group to bring it. Una has circulated and in midlands. Lisa curious about reasons for poor-uptake. Need to be a member didn't go down well at

the meeting. Bernadine reflected the lower level of activism in social work. Anisha: management supportive of attendance? Lack of capacity to allow people to attend. Opportunity at the conference to mention the SIG – poster, leaflet, dates for following year, Cliona signing people up. Visual information for year. Don't know how many are IASW working in CAMHS. Newsletter re SIGs in operation? Likely small number who are unaware of SIG or requested and did not get transferred and also emailed. Appreciate the group as it is. Action: posters with CAMHS SW and info re SIG, ask Cliona to do a leaflet.

Plan to do one in person and online on Fri, and one remote and in-person on Thursday.

Agreed dates: 12/12/2024 @ 11:30am – 1pm (online)

28/02/2025 @ 10am – 3pm (possibly Lucena Rathgar, remote attendance optional)

23/05/2025 @ 11:30am – 1pm (online)

25/09/2024 @10am – 3pm (possibly Lucena Rathgar, remote attendance optional)

Action: poll for ideas for CPD.

6. Evidence-based practice:

Specific Irish research. Aware of university-led programmes. Recent conference: family-talk presented but were not led by SW. social care were doing more research than SW. Problem with Irish CAMHS context and lack of research. Thinking about the value we hold and promoting the evidence base and query the role internationally. UK awards for research and query if there is any research occurring in SW in CAMHS. Possibly get someone to speak about hearing voices research
Action: Anisha to see if this person will come speak to SIG.

7. Youth mental health office meeting

Stakeholder consultation with child and young mental health office. Lisa invited as chair, open also to principals group. They are going around the different areas. Have 3 year action plan, not clear how much power they have to make changes. Staffing and resources, CAMHS infrastructure,

15 key themes and deliverables, led by senior managers. One point of access, enhanced transitions, COG, service user involvement, social inclusion etc. Time frame they expect to progress some of these. One access point being trialled in CH09, it'll be date stamped so your waitlisted from date of referral. Rotational chair to manage it. Hope people can ultimately self-refer. Challenge is to manage workforce. Plan for CDNT and CAMHS to work more collaboratively together. Plan to re-resource step-up and step-down. Not currently considering up to 25, focus on resourcing and expanding what's there.

Youtube animation from Australia about one-door access about what that's supposed to look like.

8. SW national forum

Niamh advised that the working group we had in mind has ceased their activity. Niamh to follow up with colleague regarding a PSW in adult mental health who has good awareness of work streams to identify if there are any further groups we should be represented on.

9. Role of SW

Louth/Meath – to move it nationally. Discussion re mental health module in SW courses.

CORU: should we be thinking of bigger organisations. Discussion re importance of mental health in social work role.

Possible action: write to CORU, IASW leadership and contact with universities. Agreed need to investigate where things are at as a first stage. Discussion re role of SW and ideas about this in the context we work in.

Working group: Lisa, Niamh, Sheila, Marie, Louise re role of SW.

Actions:

1. Agree confirmation of facilities in Rathgar. Combination is helpful. Plan for who will present.
2. 2 online, 2 in person meetings.
3. Marie and Lisa agreed to present at the next CPD slot.
4. Louise to follow up on issuing notice of event through practice links. Lisa to ask Cliona re PDF.
5. Posters with CAMHS SW and info re SIG for Dan Hughes event, ask Cliona to do a leaflet.
6. Create poll for ideas for CPD.
7. Anisha to see if the research person she had in mind will come speak to SIG.
8. Lisa, Niamh, Sheila, Marie, Louise agreed to form working group to progress role of SW issues.