

Date of meeting:	21 July 2021	VENUE: School of Philosophy and Economic Science, 11-13 Mandeville Place, London W1U 3AJ
Time of meeting:	13.00 to 17.00	

MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION

Present:	Iain McInnes (IM) Chair; Earle Abrahamson (EA) via Zoom, Jennifer Barnes-Hill (JB-H), Teija Barr (TB), Kevin Barron (KB), Ann Godsell (AG), Lynsey Metcalfe (LM), Sue Spurr (SP) via Zoom, Tara Willmott (TW) In attendance: Margaret Coats (MC) Chief Executive & Registrar
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PART 1: OPEN SESSION		
1	Welcome IM opened the meeting and extended a particular welcome to the five new board members who briefly introduced themselves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Barnes-Hill (Registrant) • Teija Barr (Registrant) • Kevin Barron (Lay) • Ann Godsell (Lay) • Lynsey Metcalfe (Registrant) 	
2	Apologies for Absence Apologies had been received from Sarah Grant and Philip Rose-Neil.	
3	Declaration of interests IM invited Members present at the meeting to declare any interests in relation to any item on the agenda. No interests were declared.	
4	Minutes of Open session held on 21 April 2021 The Minutes were approved as a n accurate record.	Draft Minutes
5	Matters arising	
5.1	Review of actions agreed at 21 April meeting Members noted that the following issues were added to Horizon Scanning on 23 April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • requirement after 30 June 2021 for EU, EEA and Swiss citizens to confirm they have the right to work in the UK • standards for the delivery of online training and assessment 	CNHCB 2021-34
6	Governance	
6.1	<u>Appointment of Chair and new Board members</u> IM stated that having been appointed as the new lay Chair at the April meeting of the Board, he was delighted that the response to our widespread advertising to fill three vacancies was so strong that we were able to appoint five new Board members. This has increased the size of the Board to eleven members (six lay and five registrant).	CNHCB 2021-35

6.2	<p><u>PSA Strategic Review of Accredited Registers programme including new fee structure</u></p> <p>Members noted it has always been known that government required the voluntary programme of Accredited Registers to become self-financing, which has been the case for the system of statutory regulation since 2015. As one outcome of the Strategic Review carried out by the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care, at the end of May all holders of Accredited Registers were notified that with effect from July 2021 the new fee model is a basic fee of £10,500 plus £5.70 per registrant, with a cap of £60,000. The previous model was £10,414 plus 10p per registrant. The new model effectively quadruples the CNHC fee, which is to be paid in four instalments. IM reminded the board that some cost saving measures have been taken to ensure this cost can be met.</p>	CNHCB 2021-36
7	<p>Complaints</p>	
7.1	<p><u>Update on complaints</u></p> <p>Members noted there is currently one complaint under investigation, against a CNHC registered Nutritional Therapist. An expert report has been commissioned, prior to consideration of the complaint by CNHC's independent Case Examiners.</p>	oral report
8	<p>Horizon scanning</p> <p>Members noted that following consultation with the four current staff the lease on our London office was terminated with effect from 30 June, as a cost-saving measure.. Consequently it was agreed that the final point under Generic workplace/employment issues will be changed to 'Effectiveness of the Home Based Working policy'. No other changes were identified.</p>	CNHCB 2021-37
9	<p>Any other business (must be agreed with Chair in advance of meeting)</p> <p>IM explained an enquiry had been received from a registrant wanting to know what view CNHC would take if it became mandatory for complementary therapists to have a mRNA vaccine. Members noted that in early November 2019, CNHC published a statement supporting Public Health England's 'Value of Vaccines' campaign. In discussion, Members agreed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the statement should be updated to be directly relevant to the NHS's 'Grab a Jab' campaign and made more visible on the CNHC website • if it became a legal requirement in any part of the UK for complementary therapists to be vaccinated against OCIVID-19, all CNHC registrants within those jurisdictions would be required to comply with the law. 	



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10	Further meeting dates for 2021		
	20 October.		