

HALE Executive Meeting January 7th 5pm 2016- Brief Meeting Notes

Apologies- Steve hardy, Barrie Rathbone, Nichole Bruce, Jan Moore, Laurence Wicks, Glen Bush, Joyce Burns

Present- Heather Dipple Theresa Phillips, Christine Iliffe, Sandra Kemp, Peter Houtman, Geoff Woodruff, Tim Smith, Nita Odedra, Jane Aires, Mike Silverman

Grant Updates

£50,000 THET grant. Difficulties obtaining contract signature from UHL. Decision to ask THET if University can be the contracted partner. Mike to contact Nichole to progress.

Ophthalmology

Mulasu has now left Gondar but may agree to train someone else.

Geoff is planning a visit in March, Geoff has attended a leadership course. Ophthalmology dept may visit later this year.

Mini conference

Feedback given- see conference notes.

Open Meeting

Decision to postpone and put on next agenda. Therefore provisional date of Feb 24th cancelled.

Childrens Ophthalmology Ward

Request for low vision aids. Need a proposal from Gondar. Sandra will check out during visit.

Administration

Decision needs to be funding for after September. Decision to be made by Trustees at next meeting.

General consensus that we need administration to continue with activities.

Kolladiba

Christine visiting with Theresa 31st January for 2 weeks. Mother and child health project going well. Data collection on maternal and natal morbidity and mortality on going.

Follow up to midwifery training planned

HIV mothers support group- aim to become independent after support for 1 year. 48 women attended training programme. HIV transmission has decreased 2 out of 40 babies HIV positive. Hoping to start HIV screening in more rural areas. Dr Shitaye managing the money for the project.

Christine hoping to find funding for future work. The In Memoriam fund is a possibility needs a proposal.

Mental Health

Community programme now started with small amount of funding from mental health HALE group.

Further funds for larger programme to be pursued.

Mike Silverman's Report

Mike provided a report of his recent visit. To be distributed

Laurence Wicks Report – to be distributed

Fundraising

Christine organising a buffet evening at Chef and Spice and possible Easter Market to be held in Barrow.

Mental Health and Kindu Trust- Singing for Fun Concert – Barrow Baptist Church.

Geoff considering organising a 'Doll's Hospital'

Possible Arnesby Concert,

Process of sending equipment to Gondar

Sandra has the forms and is aware of the process. Information to be held by Nichole.

Jane Aires

Reported that Pete now working at Cardiff University. Considering student electives to Gondar linking the OPD School with Gondar OPD. They would be willing to assist in our partnership programmes; Needs to tie in with theatres and anaesthetics. Students would not need financial support from HALE. Agreed to progress.

Student Links

No update from Mark Goodwin. Nichole to contact him for progress report when returns.

Solomon

Committee informed that Solomon no longer in the coordinator role. Many thanks to Solomon for all the work he has done.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING : Thursday 17th March 5pm . Venue tbc