












**MINUTES FROM  
NORTH WALES REGIONAL  
PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING  
12<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Dilwyn Morgan (Chair), Alwyn Jones (AJ), Ann Woods (AW), Craig Macleod (CM), Cyng Alun Roberts; Cyng Chris Jones; Cyng Elen Heaton; Cyng John Pritchard (JP) Cllr Cyng Roberts (LR), Darren Murray (DM), Dyfed Edwards (DE), Dylan Owen (DO), Estelle Hitchon (EH), Ffion Johnstone (FfJ), Fon Roberts (FR), Jenny Williams (JW), Nicola Stubbins (NS), Roger Seddon (RS), Steve Grayston (SG), Sue Last (SL), Rhun ap Gareth (RaG), Teresa Owen (TO).
<b>Apologies:</b>	Gethin Morgan, Helen Douglas NWP, Dr Jane Moore, Liz Grieve, Roger Seddon
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Vicky Jones BCUHB (agenda item 4)

Item	
1	<b>Welcome, Introductions &amp; Apologies</b> The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and apologies were noted as above. NA was thanked from the Chair on behalf of the Board for his support and commitment and well wishes for his forthcoming retirement.
2	<b>Update Action Log from previous meeting and approval of Minutes</b> The minutes were approved as read. All actions with the Action Log were noted and completed apart from 140642/1 which will be completed shortly - GM is currently on holiday. Previous minutes - item 5 TO commented that the Capital process needs to be clearer in the minutes for all to understand even though the conversation was self-explanatory. Previous minutes accepted.

3	<b>RPB Terms of Reference – Nicola Stubbins</b> The new draft ToR have been developed following extensive consultation and reflects the comments received. All board members had the opportunity to respond. The frequency of the meetings and the members of the board have been looked at. GM has clarified the strategic role of the RPB within the new terms of reference.   <b>KEY POINTS RAISED:</b> DO commented on Point 6 and pointed out that the board do make formal decisions. This was confirmed by NS and wording will be amended.  TO liked the diagram in appendix 3 but was unsure why leadership group was coloured differently and what goes through this group. She questioned if Together for Mental Health (TG4MH) are answerable to leadership and would like to see this as a standalone group. NS explained leadership has their own terms of reference and these are to be shared.  The subgroups are all fluid and come and go as necessary.  AW commented links are needed with the Public Service Boards and this needs to be reflected in the documents in future. PSB's have no financial budgets but must work together with RPB to align their plans.  FfJ - unpaid carers need to be added to the group and the membership to be updated accordingly NS suggests this document be approved by the group today pending amendments.
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	<p>All agreed in adopting the new Terms of Reference with slight amendments made.</p> <p> <b>KEY ACTION POINTS:</b>  Word amendments to ToR. GM  A Diagrammatic Scheme of Responsibility showing Governance structure prior to be produced by GM.  RPB and PBS to arrange to meet at a future date for further discussions.</p>
4	<p><b>Together for Mental Health presentation - six monthly updates Vicky Jones</b>  VJ provided an overview of the past six months in T4MH.</p> <p> <b>KEY POINTS RAISED:</b>  EH commented Gwent RPB have a mental health response vehicle funded by ref slippage. An evaluation of this is currently taking place and this to be shared. This features in plans across Wales and meetings to take place in the future to discuss.</p> <p>CTJ - asked if iCan supports young people currently. Discussions going on in West.</p> <p>GP pathways to be streamlined and workshops in the planning stage to explain further. Tier one and two strategies will then follow. CTJ to be included in further discussions.</p> <p><b>KEY ACTION POINTS:</b>  EMY to share the presentation following the meeting for all to digest further.  VJ to contact CTJ outside of meeting to discuss further.</p>
5	<p><b>Regional Commissioning Board Update – Alwyn Jones</b>   <b>KEY POINTS RAISED:</b>  AJ presented the RCB Update as per the meeting pack and thanked Llinos Howatson and her team for all her hard work.</p> <p>Jeff thanked Alwyn for all the unseen work going on currently</p> <p>AR enquired as to the number of children arriving through Holyhead ports and causing problems for the local authority and social services. Is there any consideration for this.</p> <p> <b>KEY ACTION POINTS:</b>  Above to be discussed at the next UASC meeting.</p>
6	<p><b>St John’s Ambulance Cymru: Supporting communities across the country - Darren Murray</b>  DM presented to the Board a breath of serviced provided across the community and how some services benefit the NHS in Wales and could do so further.</p> <p>Highlight how WAST working collaboratively with partners.</p> <p> <b>KEY DISCUSSION POINTS:</b>  EH - WAST - thanked Darren for the presentation and stressed the ongoing joint working currently taking place.</p> <p>SG commented the falls response team is very valuable.</p> <p>SL thanks Darren for his presentation and asked how referrals are made - whether through WAST or personally. Currently referrals are made through WAST but explorations are underway for direct referrals, and also other partnerships – private ambulance, transfers to hospital etc</p>

	<p>DM to liaise with LR re presenting to community groups.</p> <p>TO asked about measurement details. The data currently available to be shared with the group.</p> <p>The Chair thanked DM for the presentation, imperative we understand the role of the 3<sup>rd</sup> sector and the support they provide the system.</p> <p><b>KEY ACTION POINT:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> EMY to share DM's presentation with the group.</li> </ul>
7	<p><b>BCUHB Update - Dyfed Edwards</b></p> <p>Timely to provide an update of where we're at as a Health Board. The journey will be a long one and we're well into it.</p> <p>Still in special measures due to management issues however significant improvements have been made and CSIW inspectorate confirmed this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Positives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recruitment has taken place recently and excellent new staff are now on board.</li> <li>The annual reports have been published this week.</li> <li>Llandudno hospital has had significant improvements and there will be an event to celebrate this</li> <li>There is currently a business plan to improve the Alex hospital in Rhyl. Plans for Bangor and Pen y Berth, Pwllheli to follow.</li> <li>All of this will be to be improve the lives and health of people in North Wales.</li> <li>There are many things to celebrate within health and lots of NHS prizes have been given to BCUHB recently including the Welsh language team.</li> <li>Cost saving has been achieved recently by reducing the amount of short-term contracts offered.</li> </ul> </li> <li> Obstacles facing us - recruitment is still a problem. The executive board is difficult to recruit to. Geographically North Wales is difficult to attract people to. Salaries are lower here than over the border in England and a plan needs to be put in place to attract people. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Digital - work is currently ongoing to improve things within BCUHB to improve outcomes for patience</li> <li>Waiting lists are still far too long. A&amp;E waiting times how far too long. More attention needs to be given to these - working together with the Welsh Assembly Government to improve things</li> <li>Feedback received shows people receive good quality care once they are seen by medical staff but waiting times are too long on there is not enough aftercare. Radical thinking is needed to progress and improve</li> <li>Communication is a problem within BCUHB and needs to improve. A pilot scheme currently in place to text message patients and families is proving successful and hopes to improve lines of communication.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Changes are needed to become enablers of better services within health, to remove the strain on the major hospitals and improve the lives of the people of north Wales. This is a big challenge, but it needs to be taken.</p> <p>The chair thanked Dylan for his presentation.</p> <p>A question around the WCIS system which is finishing soon was raised - will the new system work across shared streams? This is currently work in progress and LR asked that the RPB be included to ensure the new system is the right fit.</p>
9	<p><b>Any other Business</b></p> <p>RPB all Wales conference in Cardiff on the 16th of September - anyone interested to contact Eluned Yaxley by mid-August.</p>

	<p>EMY advised, that following the e-mail sent to all to decide on the day and frequency of future meetings was unanimous in keeping the RPB meeting to a Friday morning and from September 2024, will be held bimonthly.</p> <p>The Chair thanked all for their contributions and wished all well for Summer.</p>
	<p><b>Dates of next meetings:</b> Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Coed Pella, Colwyn Bay</p>