

MINUTES OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE : 17th March 1997

CHAIR: Sr Berneice Loch

PRESENT: Sr Berneice Loch, Sr Anne Slattery, Geoff O'Driscoll, Darren Holzberger, Sue Prosser.

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND PRAYER - led by Sr Berneice Loch.
2. UPDATE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM - Sr Anne presented the response from Sr Di-Anne to the recommendations to the Leadership Team (as distributed at the meeting) .

DISCUSSION:

Pt. 2 - We did not discuss how liaison between the Diocesan and Congregational Groups could occur.

Action: To be discussed at the next committee meeting.

We discussed widening the membership of the group to include a Priest - Fr John Daley was suggested, and/or someone from the Neerkol Parish. Sue informed the group she knew Fr Daley had declined the membership of the Bishop's Committee however, it was agreed an invitation would be issued.

Action: Fr Daley to be invited to join the committee by Sr Anne.

Pt. 3 - Contact people - Sr Anne and Sue agreed that they were happy to be contact people. The committee thought Ross Munro would be appropriate as a male contact person.

Action: Sue to informally approach Ron as to the possibility of his involvement.

Pt. 6 - There was agreement as to the difficulties of the terminology used by Robert Grant, IE "Case Manager". The term "Response Co-Ordinator" was suggested by Sr Berneice and the committee agreed this was an appropriate term.

Action: For this term to be recommended to the Leadership Team as no equivalent term exists in the "Towards Healing" document.

Pt.7 - Sue and Sr Berneice to prepare a budget for submission to the Leadership Team in April 1997.

Pt. 8 - The outline of allegation procedures was discussed and amended at the committee.

Action: The recommended tasks will be addressed as soon as possible.

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3. ROLES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE.

The committee discussed the draft "Job Description" of the committee's role and functions presented by Sue. A number of amendments were suggested before we present this description to the Leadership Team. These include; removing 'resolve' from the purposed Reporting and Authority Units: to be developed using ideas submitted previously to the Leadership Team slightly amended. The committee members agreed the description reflects their understanding of the Role and Functions of the committee.

Action: Sue and Sr Berneice to develop the description further.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS/STRATEGIES.

The outline of allegation procedures based on R. Grant's work was presented to the committee by Sue for discussion. A number of changes were identified - please see attached revised outline.

Action: Sue to develop revised outline in conjunction with Darren Holzberger and committee.

5. CURRENT ALLEGATIONS/ISSUES.

The case of Dave Owen was discussed. The committee agreed it was time to take action, chiefly the recommendation to the Leadership Team that an investigation be commenced as soon as possible.

Action: ? to submit a recommendation for an investigation would also include an offer to attend a meeting with Sr Dianne when the Bishop is informed of this action.

It was noted that Sr Berneice was to be interviewed by 60 Minutes reporter Ms Tracey Curro after the committee meeting. The committee was happy for Sr Berneice to mention the existence of this committee.

OTHER: The phone numbers for the ;new office were distributed and are as follows:

226 955 (Office)

226 770 (Fax)

041 775 1535 (Mobile)

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 1st April 1997, 12.00pm to 1.30pm CPSC Meeting Room, Mercy Administration Centre.