

ECHF Forum Meeting
Date 05/04/21

Attendees: Catriona Wild (Health All Round), Katie Reid (ECHF), Stephanie-Anne Harris (ECHF), Susan Paxton (CHEX), Dawn Anderson (PCHP), Charlie Cummings (ELGT), Helena Richards (Carr Gomm), Ruth Maclellan, Brock Lueck (OPF), Emma Cormack (THA), Suzanne Lowden, Anna Templeton, Brenda Black (ECF), Kelly Innis (Four Square) , Moyra Burns (NHS Lothian)

Apologies: Biddy Kelly (EVOG), Georgia Artus (Vintage Vibes), Marion Findlay (Volunteer Edinburgh), Maruska Greenwood (LGBT Health), Anne Munro (PDP), Rachel Green (The Ripple), Jen Richards(BHealthy)

1. Welcome and Introductions - Cat

Cat welcomed everyone to the meeting. Each member gave a brief introduction to themselves and their organization.

2. Update from Susan Paxton - CHEX

Susan Paxton reported that there was not much of a national update as things were quiet over the easter period. Susan was hoping to tell us more about the Community Recovery Fund, as the forum and many members of the forum were recipients of the fund, however there is no further info as of yet. Hoping for updates before or at our next meeting but it seems it will be largely recovery focused.

HIIC training updates : training to look at the social model of health and social method. If interested you can contact Susan or Kate McKendry who manage the HIIC programme.

HAE training is delivered in multidisciplinary settings, bid in for training on this in the following year. If there are opportunities to deliver this with forum members Susan will get in touch.

3. Themed Breakout rooms (20 mins)

- Emerging from lockdown

Concerns about service delivery and sustainability of services throughout emergence from lockdown.

- Return to Service delivery

Discussions on forging sustainable partnerships with orgs looking into the next year. Updates on where each organisation is at and how we are feeling. Want to do this properly, a mix of emotions with people wanting to get out and start working in and with communities, but then prioritising a holistic / blended approach is becoming the norm as well as considering individuals growing health issues and concerns. We may feel ready to resume services, but this doesn't mean individuals using the services are.

Options for facilitators/ service operators / volunteers to do the twice weekly COVID lateral flow tests to ensure they are negative. Can order a pack a day (7 in a pack). You can order for individuals but you may need to report the results on this. Emma sent a link in chat to order the tests: [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-tests).

Potential to ask Kirsty Ferguson to speak with us legal and contractual issues around the testing of staff .

Emma sending link re testing protocols: [Re-starting your services safely – SCVO](#) / [Webinar Recording: No Jab/No Job – what’s the legal position? | Burness Paul](#) / [\(210\) Webinar: Third Sector Conference - Employment update \(12 March 2021\) - YouTube](#)

Building a team's confidence is also really important moving on from lockdown. It's important to ensure we are checking how staff are coping, so perhaps offering support for team members and support for leaders in supporting their teams would be useful.

- **Community Anchor orgs**

Suggestion that it's a good idea for the forum to come up with ideas or an idea of what community anchor orgs would look like, with support from Susan Paxton. Good reception for that as members want ideas and critical thinking on this, could possibly be our theme for next month's meeting with assistance from Suzanne Lowden too ?. Reminder from S-A about the Pact meeting on the 13th of May which everyone should have an invite too. Community Anchors, in the report presented to the recent IJB 'are deemed to be the solution'. However, we still have lots of questions as we are still at the beginning of this process. We can still influence these discussions, as the pact is creating a larger steering group for the CAO's which includes S-A.

Here is the link for the meeting on the 13th should anyone not have it: [The Edinburgh Pact – formulation to enactment Tickets, Thu 13 May 2021 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Members asked why no one has come to the Forum to speak about the CAO's, despite SAH asking Linda to come. Linda is our senior lead for developing the pact for CAO's but this is one aspect of six components of The Pact so she is very busy. Discussions around the role of EVOC in CAO's. How do we as a Forum represent ourselves within EVOC as they seem to be relatively influential. Should we be engaging more with EVOC? SAH advised that she was on the Steering Group for all of this along with Stef Milenkovic and Ian Brooke.

Agreed that a dedicated meeting on CAOs would be useful. SAH and KR to organise.

4. Summer Training Update

Digital training with Ross - summer 2021, likely to be the 2nd week of each month for 6 months. We need eight people to sign up to this so if you are interested please send Katie an email so she can secure a place. The training is tailored to you, so you come to Ross with a question and he will help to workshop an answer, however we are waiting to get more specific details!

5. Future meeting and AGM

The Pact meeting : 13th May

AGM 31st: August, looking for speakers if anyone has any ideas please send them to either S-A or Katie.

6. Update from SAH and KR

S-A has been reviewing the innovation Grants, and can report that each org involved has adapted / delayed the start of their innovation grants and now there are examples of new service delivery which will be shared in due course.

SAH reminded everyone to read the IJB report which can be found on the Council's website and has been circulated. Also, there is a recording of the IJB meeting which is available where you can see Linda's presentation.

KR update on possibility of 'Critical Friends' for funding applications and perhaps the creation of a Slack Channel for the Forum members.

7. Notes from previous meeting

Minutes were approved and there were no additional comments or concerns.

8. AOCB

None.

9. Meeting Evaluation

Evaluation was done through the chat function on Zoom where we asked for positives and negatives of today's meeting, responses are below:

- *“great meeting and stimulating discussions, good to see people and great to reconnect with collective issues for us all.”*
- *“sharing info, support, kindred.”*
- *“It was good to Network with everyone and to have the opportunity to get involved in this forum.”*
- *“Good chat and information - you always pick up something you need to know and something it's good to know and something it's just nice to know :).”*
- *“Hear the updates and see everyone:)”*
- *“I really liked the break out room and getting the chance to hear Susan & Susan's views on community anchor organisations.”*
- *“Good discussions, great to see everyone, feels like we have plans for going forward for issues affecting us all.”*
- *“Would like see more people in break out rooms-rotate.”*

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is confirmed as 03/06/21 at 9.30am.