



Citizens' Assembly Meeting - Minutes


10.30am – 2.30pm on Tuesday 28th January 2014

At Taunton Rugby Football Ground, Hyde Park Lane, Taunton, TA2 8BU

Chair: Christine Teller

Attendance – Joanna Parker, Malcolm Watson, Bob Champion, Clifford Puddy. Patrick Canavan, Pat Harris, John Miskelly, Anne Miskelly, Vaughan Lewis, Sunita Berry, Ellie Devine, Susan Jones, Olly Grice and Kerry McDermott

1. Welcome & Introductions/Information Share	Christine Teller, Chair
<p>Christine Teller (CT) welcomed all to the first South West Citizens' Assembly (CA) Meeting. She told the meeting that she had been appointed as the South West Senate's (CS) Citizen Commissioner and chair of the CA. Following introductions each CA member explained their interest in the Citizens Assembly and what they would like to get out of it,</p> <p>Key Issues were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A means of an authentic patient voice • Effect and Influence • Influence outcomes within the CCG's • Combine intelligence of patients, clinicians and support staff • Independent body – connected to the system but not of the system <p>The main opinion was to bring the patient voice to the Senate. The South West Clinical Senate is the first to invite Healthwatch to nominate people to join Citizens Assembly.</p>	
2. The South West Clinical Senate	Vaughan Lewis
<p>Vaughan Lewis, Chair of the South West Senate Council gave a presentation on the Clinical explaining the role of it and the CA's relationship to it.</p>	 Clinical Senate_Citizen's Asse
3. Feedback from Senate Council Meetings	Ellie Devine
<p>Ellie Devine gave an update on the first two Senate meetings and how the topics for deliberation are chosen (full transcript of the meetings are available on the website, http://www.swsenate.org.uk/senate-advice/)</p>	
4. Terms of reference paper	
<p>The Draft TOR paper was introduced to the group and requests for any amendments and points of clarification to be forwarded to Claire Bullock & Christine Teller by 25th February 2014</p>	 Southwest Citizens Assembly - Draft TOR
5. How the Citizens Assembly should work	Claire Bullock
<p>Two small group discussions considered the issue looking at the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considering your community and the groups in your local area, 	

<p>what role should the Citizens Assembly have in gaining the views and and supporting them?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we link with Healthwatch England? • How do we communicate with the Clinical Senate? <p>Feedback highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop consistency in responses to the CS – feedback format to be devised VK/ED/CT/CB • Make communities and other professionals aware who and what the Clinical Senate and the Citizens Assembly are • Ensure an ethical approach to CA business • Volunteers to be validated by the CS in order to give authority in carrying out their roles • The CA to be “in the loop” of communication of the CS 	
<p>6. The role on the Citizens Assembly Member</p>	Claire Bullock
<p>In two small group discussions looked at the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next topic for the Senate Council is around Complex Spinal Surgery, what would you need to be able to add value to the discussions on this topic? • How can we make your role effective? • Communication? • Support or training needed? <p>The responses from the 2 groups were brought back to the whole group and are attached.</p>	 <p>28012014 Discussion Notes.doc</p>
<p>7. Update on Senate Council Roles for Citizen Assembly Members</p>	Ellie Devine
<p>Ellie Devine described how four members of the Citizens Assembly have been attending the Senate Council on an interim basis until interviews for the role take place in April 2014. All prospective applicants will have the opportunity to attend a Clinical Senate /Assembly meeting prior to the interviews. The Clinical Senate are currently looking for three Citizen Members. In future it is hoped that there will be input from a young person.</p>	
<p>8. Dates of future meetings</p>	Claire Bullock
<p>Dates for future meeting will be confirmed and emailed to all Assembly members</p>	
<p>9. Summary and feedback from the day</p>	Vaughan Lewis
<p>Vaughan Lewis and Christine Teller thanked everyone for attending and for the lively and useful discussions.</p>	

Dates for future meetings for 2014

Date:	Time:	Venue:
End April/Early May	1030-1430	Tbc
16 th July 2014	1030-1430	Tbc
17 th September?	1030-1430	Tbc