

Sunday, December 3, 2017

24 Farnsworth Street, Chapel
MFC Sunday Business Meeting

Members (12): Nick Allen, Jackie Clement, Jan Devor, Jennifer Hamlin-Navias,
Jesse King, Don Brunnuquell, Michael Lyde, Shana Lynngood, Joetta Proust,
Maddie Sifantus, Kristen Harper, Greg Ward, Shawn Newton, Mark Watanabe
Staff: Sarah Lammert, Alicia Forde, David Pettee, Marion Bell
Liaisons: Ilene Thompkins-Gillispie, Heather Roberts-Villnave, Maria McCabe
Third Panel Guest: Clyde Grubbs

Settlement Working Group non-confidential items

SWG requests comments regarding the revised renewal page by January 25, 2018

The SWG discussed the need for transparency concerning the 'red flag' renewal decision, possibly changing the decision to "renewal with counsel."

PROPOSED MFC RULE AND POLICY UPDATES –The SWG plans on reviewing the MFC Rules and Policies to and changing them to reflect the new competencies. Maddie will schedule a Zoom call. February 1st stay on after renewal call. Greg will work with Alicia for proposals.

Candidacy Working Group non-confidential items

1. The CWG discussed the M. Div. Equivalency process which has not been updated since the new competencies were determined. Kristin Harper developed a process which was shaped by the CWG members and she agreed to develop descriptive text which will be available for review at the March 2018 meeting.
2. Dave provided an update about conversations taking place within the UUSCM regarding possible endorsement for people considering chaplaincy.
3. The CWG discussed points to consider that came from Equal Access regarding accessibility recommendations and concerns for disabled candidates meeting with the Ministerial Fellowship Committee. The CWG recommends the development of a working group to address these recommendations. Ask the MFC to get volunteers to evaluate the next steps. To whom do we need to direct this? Susan FG? Volunteers for task force to look at the next steps: David, Maddie, Nick. Ask Equal Access, Suzanne Fast, to be a part of this process.
4. The CWG discussed recommendations received from the Canadian career center about background checks for Canadian candidates. Six Oaks Consulting recommended XpressChek and BackCheck, which offer the same kinds of services. The CWG recommends that both sites be acceptable for use by Canadian candidates for the purposes of their required background check.

PROCESS WORKING GROUP

March and September trainings. The Polyamory discussion will be postponed to discuss panel dynamics, maybe with Parisa Parsa. It would be beneficial to have the working groups conduct their business via teleconference prior to the meeting to allow more time for the Thursday morning discussion/training.

Sarah will look into getting a video resource for polyamory that we can use so we don't need to put it off.

Reading list revisions plan. Is it possible to have staff review past packets to see if there are books that are never read?

Policy revision plan & candidate forms and competency updates. Please review and submit comments and suggestions by January 20th.

Discussion of decision rule proposal - tabled. PWG will reach out to constituencies for feedback.

Next steps on interview processes and decision rules