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Multi-Faith Group for  
Healthcare Chaplaincy

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

15<sup>th</sup> January 2008

**Present:** Mr Tim Battle (in the Chair)  
Dayasara Professor Huw Jones  
Revd Derek Johnston Mr Manhar Mehta  
Revd Max Shepherd

### 1/08 Co-Chairs

Tim Battle reported that, due to an unfortunate clash of priorities, neither Co-Chair was available to take the chair. With the agreement of those present, he agreed to chair the meeting,

### 2/08 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Ervad Rustam Bhedwar, Revd Alan Brown, Revd Debbie Hodge, Gen Tubchen Kelsang, Hon Barney Leith, Revd Chris Levison, Mr Jayman Mehta, Mr Nizam Mohammed, HM Shafique Rahman, Mr Umesh Sharma, Revd Peter Scott and Mrs Deborah Wheeler.

### 3/08 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2007 were agreed.

### 4/08 Introductory training courses (ref min 3/07)

Tim Battle reported that the publicity about introductory courses had been channelled into the work concerning progress towards curriculum reported under min 5/08.

### 5/08 Developing an educational curriculum for healthcare chaplaincy (ref min 5/07)

Tim Battle reported on progress since the last meeting.

Shortly after the last meeting of the Committee in April 2007, the Co-Chairs had attended a meeting with the Caring for the Spirit NHS Project and St Michael's College, Llandaff to progress their educational partnership. At that meeting, Andrew Todd for St Michael's had agreed to convene a meeting with HEIs undertaking chaplaincy studies education and of other chaplaincy bodies to discuss forming a curriculum for healthcare chaplaincy for the UK.

This meeting had been convened by Andrew Todd via his letter of 17<sup>th</sup> October 2007 a copy of which had been circulated with the agenda. The MFGHC Council had expressed support for this initiative and the Co-Chairs had submitted both a written statement and a short presentation for the meeting planned for December 2007. A copy of the written statement had been circulated with the agenda.

The meeting with HEIs and Chaplaincy Bodies had taken place in December 2007 at Leeds Metropolitan University. The notes of the meeting had been circulated with the agenda. Two further meetings had been proposed – one for HEIs and one for Chaplaincy Bodies.

The Committee discussed the proposal for a meeting between the Education Committee and CAAB planned for 31<sup>st</sup> January. There was support for the concept of closer working between the two bodies but a lack of clarity about how this might be expressed especially in relation to the document on competences and capabilities whose status was not clear.

It was agreed to take stock after the meeting.

#### **6/08 Training programme 2008-2009**

Tim Battle spoke to the draft training programme 2008-2009. There was broad agreement to the approach and support for the concept of local events tied to the competences framework. It was not thought necessary always to repeat the subjects in all parts of the Country.

The Committee was concerned to see this concept put into operation as soon as practicable.

#### **7/08 Date of next meeting**

It was agreed to convene a meeting as a follow-up to the joint discussion with CAAB.