

# Life beyond addiction

# SMART Recovery International Board Bulletin July 2022

*Growing, connecting & supporting and unlocking potential across the global SMART Recovery community* 

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This information bulletin provides SMART Country Affiliates with information pertinent to the operations of their organizations. It summarizes progress reported and decisions made at the SMART Recovery International Board of Directors meeting held on 19 July 2022 and is organized under the SRI strategic areas of activity.

#### Grow

- Currently SMART Affiliates are providing 883 online meetings and 1636 in person meetings. In total 2801 weekly meetings globally. Meetings are being delivered in fourteen languages.
- The August Presidents & Chairs meeting will explore opportunities for global collaboration on digital infrastructure and include a presentation by SRUS on the development of their digital meeting management platform.
- The SMART Track App developed by SRAU has been handed to SRI for further development as a global project. The board wish to see the development of an App that enhances and supports the participant experience of SMART that can be used by Affiliates globally.
- Partner Affiliate Le Cap have launched their online training portal in French.
- Five facilitators from Indonesia and one from Sweden are now trained as SMART trainers. Plans are already underway for their first in country facilitator training workshops.
- SRI currently licenses the SMART Recovery intellectual property (IP) to 6 Country Affiliates, 5 Partner Affiliates and 1 Training Affiliate.

### **Connect & Support**

- The Brand & Communication committee are working to enhance SRI's communications with Affiliates and tools to support cross Affiliate engagement.
- The SMART Veterans facilitators from SRUS, UKSR and SRAU have worked with the GRAC to develop a participant survey to gather information to better inform this programs development.
- Tom Horvath, SRUS, continues to mentor Nigerian Partner Affiliate Resurgence Recovery and recently co-presented with this group as an ISSUP Nigeria workshop.
- The SMART Brand Guide has been reviewed with input from Affiliates informing the amendments. The reviewed guide can be accessed through this <u>LINK.</u>
- The board approved the amended Harm Reduction position statement. A copy of this statement is available through this <u>LINK.</u>
- The board have requested that the GRAC build upon the scientific foundations of SMART Recovery document to develop a lengthier version.



## **Unlock Potential**

- The Brand & Communication committee are undertaking an audit of SMART social media channels globally. This includes the SMART Recovery YouTube channel. The board heard of the plans to restructure the architecture of this channel to become a global channel with individual Affiliates having their own playlist.
- The board have decided to conduct an evaluation of each of its governance committee and have asked the Executive Officer to prepare a survey document for the evaluations.
- The board approved the appointment of Clare Bower, SRAU, to the position of Chair of the Global Fundraising Committee.
- The board approved the appointment of Alan Maclean, UKSR, to the position of Interim Chair of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee.