



WILLIAM GLASSER INTERNATIONAL

MO Meeting March 12, 2021

1300 Meeting

Present:

Cathy O'Toole – Australia
Fumiko Hamada – Japan
Sonia Muñoz – Colombia
Maureen McIntosh – Canada
Katrina Diano-Vandenbroeck – Philippines
Minkyung Suh - Korea
Farida D'Silva Dias – WGI Chair
Kim Olver – WGI Executive Director

2000 Meeting

Present:

Saádia – North Africa
Ahmed ait el Madani - France
Ali Sahebi – Iran
Mohammad Al Marhabi – Saudi Arabia
Hana Al Sane - Kuwait

MOs were polled as to their self-evaluation of their current stage based on the WGI rubric for Stages of MO development. The results were as follows:

Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
France	Colombia	Australia
India	North Africa	Canada
Philippines	Saudi Arabia	Iran
		Japan
		Korea
		Kuwait

Those absent:

Ireland
New Zealand
Russia
Singapore

South Africa
Turkey
UK
United States

News from the MOs:

India reported having training occurring in four of its states. They are growing fast. They are looking to offer curriculum to colleges so Choice Theory can be offered there. They are doing several TCoYL workshops, holding monthly meetings and giving presentations. They are planning a national conference in June.

Korea reported doing a case conference on Zoom for four hours. There were over 100 in attendance.

Australia reported a lot regarding their big meeting and strategic plan. They are looking at ACNE regulation, consolidating their Policies & Procedures, recognition of prior learning and current competencies when considering faculty, hiring a marketing person, holding a national conference in 2021, developing their strategic plan with faculty and certified people to operationalize the plan, attracting younger senior faculty, applying for payment for TCoYL from the government, create solid governance, looking at prevention and intervention in mental health since COVID is causing an emphasis on mental health, and running online programming due to COVID.

Japan mentioned their year-end is March 31 so administrative details are occupying much of their time at the moment. Unlike Australia and others, they have a lot of young people joining, mainly businessmen, who would like to jump ahead in the certification process.

Colombia reported they are doing training via Zoom: two basic practicums and an advanced practicum that was half virtual and half in person. They all have met competencies so they see this virtual environment being effective. They have a GQS rubric and created a rubric for observing classes. Sonia says it's excellent, with three pillars, five markers and four levels: below level, at level, advanced level and mastery level.

Canada has a new president effective January 1. Welcome Maureen McIntosh. They are developing their strategic planning for the year. It isn't complete yet. They report having new younger energy on the board and are also struggling with aging faculty. They are focusing on supporting new faculty and having marketing as a focus. Maureen says they need to do better with marketing and new instructors need to be equipped. They are growing their eGlasser platform and are working to be more thoughtful with planning, rather than dealing with crises.

Kuwait has been talking about Choice Theory on Clubhouse, TV and radio. They have been consistently scheduling three basic training each month and supporting families with children with disabilities. They now have 15 instructors and 2 senior faculty with Dr. Zamal awaiting word from WGI on his endorsement to senior faculty. There is one teacher using Choice Theory and Nadeen is teaching at the University. They are planning an international Middle East conference in October in Bahrain, TCoYL workshop and an advanced training in CT/RT.

Saudi Arabia has 6-7 programs they are doing: family, children, leadership and management.

North Africa is offering training and translating it to Arabic. They are helping teens and younger children learn soft skills.

Iran is also offering online training with the public, as well as a 3-hour offering designed to improve mental health, mainly anxiety, depression and anger, to increase psychological capital. They hold a 2-day course, *Working with resistant Clients*. Other programs they offer are preventing suicide in teens, parenting, parenting teens, and addiction. They also run all certification training and are planning a certification on Zoom in early April. They also offer couple's counseling, pre-marriage sessions, marriage enrichment, surviving affairs and handling marriage discord. They would like the formal approval of WGI's board for these courses. Ali was asked to become a member of the training committee.

France held a certification in February with six people. One of them is planning to continue on to become an instructor. They have a website and are working on communication. They have four stages of Reality Therapy that Asmaa Chiroqui teaches. Workshops are done via Zoom. They have also translated, *Stop Spinning Your Wheels*, by Jim Montagnes.

Saudi Arabia they had a certification two months ago, have published Choice Theory in Arabic and have three programs they've shared with universities, one on education, one on leadership and one on counseling. They noted that often Saudi people want to hurry through the process, citing that they can become certified in CBT in six months but it takes three years for Choice Theory.