



Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers

The Voice of Psychology in Academic Health Centers

APAHC Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 14, 2012 5:00 – 6:00 P.M. EST

Present on Call: Drs. Alfiee Breland-Noble, Cheryl Brosig Soto, Barbara Cubic, Kim Dixon, Kelly Foran-Tuller, Jerry Leventhal, Melisa Moore, Bill Robiner, Kathryn Sanders, Cathy Schuman, and Patrick Smith.

- I. Call to Order: 5:06pm
- II. Approval of Minutes of April 2, 2012
- III. President Report
 - A. Election Results- Dr. Cubic will contact the winners and all who ran to thank them and congratulate them. The results will then be sent for public announcement.
 - i. Secretary: Donna LaPaglia, Psy.D., Yale University School of Medicine.
 - ii. Division 12 Representative: Sharon Berry, Ph.D., Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota
 - iii. Member-at-Large: Alfiee Breland-Noble, Ph.D., Georgetown University Medical School
 - B. Letter of Support for Leadership Institute for Psychologists in Integrated Primary Care. Dr Cubic thanked the Board for reviewing the document that was submitted.
 - C. Promotions Primer
 - i. Drs. Robiner and Dixon had comments regarding the formatting and overall appearance of the publication. Dr. Cubic clarified that there are plans to have it evaluated professionally for its appearance.
 - ii. There are several potential formats/outlets for publications: Discussion about format for the publication: ebook vs. hardcover book; publishing it in *Journal of Clinical Psychology in Medical Settings*.
 1. Many board members expressed concern that the publication would be lost if published in JCPMS and would not garner the attention it warrants if it is not published as a stand-alone document.
 2. Dr. Cubic proposed we talk to APA and Springer about publishing as an e-book in order to get maximum exposure through wide distribution.
 - iii. Dr. Leventhal wondered if we might consider a limited release of the document for a short period of time to allow for ability to amend and update the document over time. Dr. Brosig Soto mentioned that publishing a second or third

edition is always an option over time.

- iv. Dr. Breland-Noble suggested having a sneak-peek of the primer, or the entire document, available free on our website for members and charge a fee for non-members to download the document from our website.
- v. Dr. Robiner pointed out that the document is broader than promotion, but covers issues related to career development more broadly. He and Dr. Foran-Tuller had some excellent ideas for alternate titles.

D. Update from the Task Force on Diversity and Health Disparities (Dr. Breland-Noble):

- i. Several new members will be helping w/the task force.
- ii. The task force will think broadly about issues of diversity and health disparities- beyond race or ethnicity. Dr. Breland-Noble would appreciate any recommendations from the Board of colleagues who are interested in these areas.
- iii. Plan to organize a literature review of diversity and health disparities and how they specifically relate to behavioral health in academic medicine.
- iv. Produce a webinar series focused on organizing definitions/themes related to health disparities, professional issues related to diversity, and other topics.
- v. Plan to have a brief meeting at APA convention to keep momentum going.
- vi. Publishing a Special Issue in *JCPMS* on health disparities is an additional idea for the task force.

E. APAHC Programming at APA is on our website.

- i. Thursday 9-10am: APAHC 2011 Ivan Mensh Award Winner for Distinguished Achievement in Teaching: Richard Seime, PhD, Mayo Medical School:
Title: It's a Wonderful Life: Life As an Academic Health Center Psychologist and Educator
- ii. Saturday 12-12:50: APAHC 2011 Winner of the Bud Orgel Distinguished Achievement Award in Research: Dorothy Hatsukami, PhD, University of Minnesota--Twin Cities:
Title: Future Direction in Disease Prevention: Tobacco Control As a Case Example
- iii. Saturday 1-1:50: APAHC 2011 Winner---Matarazzo Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology in Academic Health Centers: John Robinson, EdD, Howard University:
Title: But You Don't Act Like a Psychologist

F. Setting a Time for Board Meeting at APA: Tentatively scheduled for 1-3pm Thursday. Friday afternoon is an alternative option. Board dinner tentatively scheduled for Friday evening.

IV. Treasurer Report and Financial Matters (Dr. Dixon)

A. Financial update: No significant changes since last report.

B. Endowment/tribute fund remains stable.

V. Division 12 Updates: Dr. Hong/Lynn Peterson were not able to join the call.

- VI. CAS Update: Drs. Belar and Smith. Dr. Cubic distributed minutes prior to this conference call. Dr. Smith had nothing to add, Dr. Belar was unable to join the call.
- VII. Committee Reports/Discussion
- A. Research Committee (Dr. Leventhal): The committee has been working to advocate for the inclusion of psychology in the AAMC Salary Survey. Feedback from the AAMC has been positive and the process continues to move forward.
1. Dr. Schuman has also connected with the NIH study group at Harvard Medical School and 12 other institutions looking at factors that impact the careers of women in academic medicine, particularly women of color to encourage them to evaluate the career paths of psychologists as part of their research. Dr. Schuman asked the Board if she could put a notice on the list serve recruiting participants to complete the NIH study group survey and the Board supported her request.
- B. Update from Awards Committee (Dr. Robiner): There were 4 nominees for 3 positions. All the nominees are excellent candidates. Dr. Robiner will seek input from the Board regarding the text for the award plaque.
- C. Conference Committee: Drs. Shaffer, Schuman, and Amit Shahane
1. Location: Hutton in Nashville; Date: January 31- February 3, 2013
 2. Update on themes/programming/speakers : Speaker line-up is coming together nicely.
 - a. Drs. Norm Anderson, Danny Wedding, and Suzanne Bennett-Johnson are committed as speakers. Several others are in the works including Dr. Susan McDaniel.
 - b. The committee will email the line-up of speakers to the Board before the next meeting, as it will likely be finalized by then.
 3. Dr. Breland-Noble has been working diligently to attain sponsorships to support the conference.
- D. Update from Membership Committee: Dr. Wryobeck was not on the call.
- E. Publications and Communication: Drs. Cubic, Moore, Wryobeck
1. Newsletter: Dr. Moore: Recent issue of *Grand Rounds* was fantastic. Plans are underway for the next issue.
 - a. Dr. Moore has been working w/a graphic designer on the newsletter. Dr. Moore requested funds of \$200 per issue for this person's continued assistance and the Board supported this request.
 - b. Dr. Robiner mentioned that the images still come out strangely on a newer Macintosh computer and Dr. Moore will investigate this problem further.
 - c. Dr. Moore is also looking for others who are interested in participating in the newsletter and for feedback regarding the numbers of issues of the newsletter (2 per year- Spring and Fall Issues). Dr. Cubic reiterated that two per year is a good balance for now.
 - d. Dr. Moore also requested that we take photos at APA and is looking for a volunteer to write a summary of our presence/programming at APA.

Next APAHC Board Conference Call: **Monday, June 4, 2012**, 5:00 P.M. EST

Respectfully Submitted,
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