



Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers

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APAHC Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 12, 2011 5:00 – 6:00 P.M. E.D.T.

Present on Call: Drs. Bill Robiner, Melisa Moore, Catherine Schuman, Kim Dixon, Barbara Cubic, John Wrybeck, Jerry Leventhal, Patrick Smith, Laura Schaffer, John Linton

- I. Call to Order: 5:03pm
- II. Approval of Minutes of August 4: approved
- II. President Report
 - A. Article by Drs. Hong and Robiner on Accountable Care Organizations is in the Summer 2011 *Clinical Psychologist* (appended).
 - B. Will discuss allocation from Board for Research Committee as follow up to discussion at APA (Item VI E)
 - C. Follow-up from Dr. Linton's comments last month: What are APAHC's most essential functions and opportunities and how do we best allocate our time and resources in light of them? This will be a continued topic of discussion for our organization.
 - D. Early Career Boot Camp ms. was submitted.
 - E. Suzanne Bennett-Johnson's request (see appendix) was met with resounding support. A brief discussion ensued about who might be sent on our behalf, final decision will be made at October's board meeting. Please email nominations of colleagues w/expertise in primary care to the board or to Dr Robiner.
 - F. September/October APAHC Activities (Reminder from Officers Manual)
 1. Call for Membership Renewal (1st week September; Central Office)
 2. Monthly Membership Renewal Reminders (Oct – Dec; Central Office)
 3. Membership Information (final #s) due to Division 12 office (Sept. 30)
 4. Division 12 Board Meeting (Section Rep to Division 12; September)
 5. APA Conference Program Preparation (Conference Program Chair)
 6. Dr. Wrybeck mentioned some of these dates may need to be changed in future iterations of the Officers Manual to align better with Division 12.
- IV. Treasurer Report and Financial Matters: Dr. Dixon
 - A. Financial update: Dr Dixon prepared a spreadsheet outlining our expenses, income, and balances. This has been sent to the board for review.
 - B. Endowment/tribute fund in process. Dr. Dixon has composed a description of the tribute fund and will circulate to the board for review and comment.
 - C. Dr Dixon is exploring options for a new bank closer to her location and will update the board.
- V. Division 12 Updates: Dr. Hong/Lynn Peterson not on call

VI. CAS Update: Dr. Smith

- A. The AAMC conference program is in development and includes a cognitive psychologist as a keynote speaker. Dr. Smith has gotten involved in the planning.

VII. Committee Reports/Discussion

A. Conference Committee: Dr. Schaffer

1. Discussed changing location for the conference to the next most popular according to the survey, which is Chicago, IL. There may be potential conflicts in terms of price and availability due to the outcome of the 2012 election Washington, DC.
2. Selection of other co-Chair is still open. The board is looking for candidates for this opportunity.

B. Membership Committee: Dr. Wryobeck

1. Currently at 166 members.
2. Renewal time period is coming soon. Notices will be sent at end of September, beginning of October by Lynn Peterson. She also sends out a reminder around the 1st of the year. Otherwise, Dr Wryobeck sends out reminders for members to renew.
3. Discussed how members will get their tokens to access the journal online when they renew. Currently, the two renewals are not in sync, the tokens for the journal will not be ready until November/December. Dr Cubic will contact Springer to determine if they can get the tokens in September so they can be sent to renewing members at time of renewal. APAHC could also change our renewal cycle to coincide w/the token availability for the journal access.
4. Discussed need for more volunteers to assist in compiling list of contact information of psychologist working in AHCs. Dr Wryobeck will send out a request to the membership for such volunteers.
5. Dr Linton reminded the board that a certain percentage of our members need to be members of Division 12 in order to maintain our status as a section of this Division. Discussion ensued about changing our membership application to allow for joining APAHC and Div 12 concurrently, as well as offering a discount to those who join both. Dr Linton will talk w/Dr. Barry Hong about writing up something for the e-newsletter encouraging our members to join Div12.

C. Publications and Communication: Drs. Cubic

1. Journal/*JCPMS*: Dr Cubic – December 2011 issue will be a special issue dedicated to the APAHC conference. September 2011 issue has just gone out. All of the March 2012 and part of June 2012 issues are full. Dr Cubic will be ending her tenure as editor at the end of 2012 and there will be a search for a new editor. Dr. Cubic was praised for her excellent work with the Journal.
2. Website: Dr. Wryobeck
3. Newsletter: Dr. Moore. The last few articles are coming in today, along with the few additions mentioned during the call. Dr Moore will send it out to the board for a quick review/feedback.

- D. Research committee: Dr Leventhal
1. There were 2 meetings with Steve Breckler, Ph.D. of the APA Science Directorate. Dr. Breckler would like APAHC's help in advertising CWS positions:
<http://www.apa.org/careers/apa-jobs/openings/1266.aspx>
<http://www.apa.org/careers/apa-jobs/openings/1267.aspx>
<http://www.apa.org/careers/apa-jobs/openings/1268.aspx>
 2. Dr Leventhal also advocated working with the AAMC Workforce group. AAMC gets data from the deans of medical schools and may be willing to share. We need to see how we can help them so that it is a reciprocal relationship. AAMC tracks fulltime faculty. It is essential to determine the most pressing questions and develop target strategies for obtaining and disseminating the data. It is advised that we not focus on salary, but also on other aspects of the workforce (e.g, activities).
 3. The Board approved \$500 for Dr Leventhal for travel and support for his activities on the research committee with the expectation that future budgets will also support the work of the Research Committee.
- VIII. Bylaws revision: Plan is to update bylaws and Officer's Manual. Dr Schuman Deferred.
- IX. Next APAHC Board Conference Call: **Monday October 3, 2011** @ 5:00 P.M. E.D.T.
- X. Adjourn: 6:07pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathryn A. Sanders, Ph.D.

To President of APAHC

Dear Bill:

In January 2012, I will assume the office of President of the American Psychological Association. Throughout my career I have been committed to interdisciplinary science and practice, and am now seeking your collaboration in an effort to advance the preparation of psychologists to work in primary care.

As you know, much work has been done over the last several decades to articulate roles and functions of psychologists in primary care and to promote the involvement of psychologists in primary care practices. As part of these endeavors there has been a focus on the education and training needed by our practitioners, which in turn requires the articulation of competencies fundamental to primary care psychology. A number of documents exist that address these competencies, but there has been no integration of our current understandings into a single document. Such a document would serve to:

- o Inform and encourage education and training programs providing opportunities in this area.
- o Inform current students and practitioners regarding additional knowledge and skills required to practice in integrated primary care.
- o Assist students and practitioners to make informed choices about available educational programs and certificates offered in this area.
- o Inform policymakers, other health providers, and the public regarding competencies to be expected of primary care psychologists.
- o Provide a policy document for advocacy that highlights the distinctive contributions of psychology to inter-professional practice in primary care.

I believe it is important that this be an inter-organizational effort, bringing together those psychologists with expertise providing service in integrated primary care. Consequently, I am inviting your organization to identify 1-2 representatives who are thought leaders in primary care to develop a document specific to the preparation of psychologists for practice in primary care. Up to \$1000 will be provided to each organization to help defray costs of participation. The other organizations I am inviting include: APA Divisions of Health Psychology, Pediatric Psychology, Adult Development and Aging, the Collaborative Family Healthcare Association, the Council of Directors of Clinical Health Psychology Training Programs, the Society of Behavioral Medicine, the Society of the Teachers of Family Medicine, and the VA Training Council.

The work group would accomplish its tasks primarily through non face-to-face meetings, although one meeting would be scheduled to finalize the document. The group would also appoint an advisory panel of invited representatives from organizations such as the American Academy of Family Practice, the American College of Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics who would serve as both advisors and disseminators of the final work.

Within APA, such a document could inform APA's Commission on Accreditation regarding expectations for programs training in primary care, and also provide a basis for advocacy that highlights the

distinctive contributions of psychology to inter-professional practice in primary care. We expect such a document would be useful to your organization and could serve as the basis for inter-organizational education, training, dissemination and advocacy efforts in the future.

I hope your organization will join me in this important endeavor. Please let me know - by October 15 2011 - if you can collaborate on this project, and if so, please provide me the name(s) and contact information for your representative(s).

Sincerely,

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