



## ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS IN ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTERS

*The Voice of Psychology in Academic Health Centers*

### APAHC Board Minutes

Monday, October 4, 2010 5:00 – 6:00 EDT

Present: Drs. Bill Robiner, Barbara Cubic, Cathy Schuman, Kim Dixon, John Linton, Kathryn Sanders, Jeff Baker, Justin Nash, Alfiee Breland-Noble, Kelly Foran-Tuller

- I. Call to Order:
- II. Approval of Minutes dated September 13, 2010. Approved.
- III. Treasurer Report and Financial Matters: Dr. Dixon.
  - A. Financial update: The organization remains financially stable.
  - B. Endowment fund
- IV. Division 12 Updates: Bill Robiner/Lynn Peterson
  - A. Nominations chair: Discussion of whether a Nominations chair is in the bylaws and if a chair should be considered. Board agreed that the most useful person to fulfill this role would likely be the past president. Dr. Linton agreed to this role for the present time. Dr. Robiner agreed that he is willing to participate as nominations chair in the future.
  - B. Journal submission: Dr. Hong has drafted article for *The Clinical Psychologist* on Boston APAHC conference, AAMC, JCAHO, upcoming journal article on previous conference in St. Louis.
- V. CAS Update: Drs. Smith and Belar.
  - A. Dr. Smith will attend large AAC meeting in November. Discussion on how he might share what is discussed at this meeting with the rest of the APAHC Membership. Board members agreed that a consolidated summary of the information that was presented at the meeting would be interesting to APAHC members. Dr. Smith will try to consolidate something from the meeting in November and deliver this to the listserv.
- VI. Committee Reports/Discussion
  - A. Membership Committee: Drs. Schuman (Dr. Wyrobeck cannot attend)
    1. Plan for 2011 renewal dues notice will go out in October, listserv notice for dues payment in November, listserv notice 30 non-members will no longer have access to the listserv.
    2. Letter will go out to these members after conference information is clarified.
    3. Current Membership: Continue to expand membership
    4. Committee will contact new medical schools to solicit members, including Quinnipiac University School of Medicine.
  - B. Elections/Nomination Committee: See Nominations Chair discussion above.
  - C. Publications and Communication:

1. Update on website, etc. Drs. Baker and Breland-Noble
  - a. Positive feedback from committee members to Dr. Baker that the website is looking good.
  - b. Membership directory is at least 5 years old – discussion of how it could be updated. Dr. Baker will investigate this further.
  - c. Dr. Breland-Noble suggests that email is sent to renew membership and also ask these people to update their information at that time.
2. *Journal of Clinical Psychology in Medical Settings*: Dr. Cubic
  - a. Revised Aims and Scope: Janice Stern has asked for suggestions for revising the scope. The current language is:  
 ...is an international forum for the publication of peer-reviewed original papers on both applied and basic research as related to the work of psychologists in medical settings and with all patient groups. With a focus on medical settings, the journal publishes clinical articles that reflect single-case design methodology; literature reviews that serve as a basis for new techniques, heuristic research challenges, or exemplary clinical material; and papers that address philosophical issues surrounding training models at the graduate, internship/residency, or postgraduate level. Articles also discuss innovative training programs or special course materials' articles on licensing, credentialing, and privileging in hospital practice, and ethics, the role of psychologists in medical schools, professional practice matters, practice management, marketing, and the politics of health care in general.
  - b. Should we similarly review the “About this journal”?  
 This is the official journal of the Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers (APAHC). It publishes clinical articles that reflect single-case design methodology; literature reviews that serve as a basis for new techniques, heuristic research challenges, or exemplary clinical material; and papers that address philosophical issues surrounding training models at different educational levels.  
  
 The Journal of Clinical Psychology in Medical Settings is an international forum for the publication of peer-reviewed original papers on both applied and basic research as related to the work of psychologists in medical settings and with all patient groups.  
  
 Coverage in the journal includes innovative training programs; special course materials; licensing, credentialing, and privileging in hospital practice; ethics; the role of psychologists in medical schools; professional practice matters; practice management; marketing and the politics of health care in general.
  - c. Dr. Cubic recommended that both of these issues be considered and also suggested a timeline for this. Would like the board to reply to her by the end of the week on these issues so that she can relay the information to Janice Stern.
  - d. Importance to looking at this is to try to increase the readership from other disciplines (nurses, physicians, other providers). Dr. Cubic asks that people think about this and reply to her this week.
  - e. Dr. Robiner noted that there is no journal of Academic Health Centers and how that might be a consideration as we consider broadening.
- D. Conference Committee: Dr. Nash and Dr. Schuman
  1. 2011 APAHC Conference in Boston: Preparing Psychologists For A Rapidly Changing Healthcare Environment”
  2. Confirmation of date
    - a. Dr. Schuman relayed that the planning committee was aware of the consolidated meeting and chose to move forward.
    - b. A few of the speakers that were initially asked have a conflict with this consolidated meeting. Speaker slots were filled despite the meeting. Dr. Schuman voiced concern that if the meeting is changed, we may lose speakers that are currently in place. Her suggestion is to

keep this date in place. Dr. Nash confirmed that this would affect only a few speakers.

- c. Others voiced their concern that attendees (in addition to speakers) might be affected by the conflict of these dates. Dr. Linton relayed that this consolidated meeting is an important meeting in which about 100 people + are there. He suggested that we get a list of the people that are actually going to be at this meeting so that we can confirm who will be there to find out how many people are likely or unlikely to attend APAHC conference.
- d. Agreement that first step is to understand who would be impacted, second step would be to understand what the consequences for moving the date would be. Board will communicate through email this week and possibly a brief phone call to finalize date for conference.

3. Publicity/Marketing

- a. Membership plans to post the conference information on Division 38, Division 12, possibly SBM, our listservs and other listservs once the board has finalized a date.
- b. Dr. Schuman relays that registration and conference information is posted on the website.

4. Early Career Boot Camp: Drs. King, Sanders, and Foran-Tuller.

- a. Preliminary scheduled is planned as the result of a phone conference between Drs. King, Sanders, and Foran-Tuller.
- b. In general, brief presentations followed by workshops. Topics will include: professional effectiveness, developing clinical supervision skills, launching a successful research program, and strategic career planning.
- c. Dr. Breland-Noble asked if health disparities could be incorporated into the workshop. She will follow up to Dr. Sanders through email to provide further suggestions.

5. Call for Posters. Deferred.

6. Registration. Deferred.

E. APA 2011 Conference: Dr. Cubic

- 1. Dr. Cubic would like to get ideas from people about what kind of programming they like to see at APA next year.

F. Research Committee: Jerry Leventhal requests that the following email be used for APAHC-related business: [jerryumdnj@aol.com](mailto:jerryumdnj@aol.com) and [leventha@umdnj.edu](mailto:leventha@umdnj.edu)

VII. New Business: Dr. Linton suggested that we have another conference call before next month to finalize the conference date.

**VIII.** Next APAHC Board Conference Call: **November 1, 2010 @ 5:00 PM EST**

IX. Adjourn: 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted: Kelly Foran-Tuller, Psy.D. and Kathryn Sanders, Ph.D.