



Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers

The Voice of Psychology in Academic Health Centers

APAHC Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 6th, 2015 5:00 P.M. EST

Present at APAHC Conference Board Meeting: Drs. Cheryl Brosig, Ron Brown, Zeeshan Butt, Barbara Cubic, Laura Daniels, Kelly Foran-Tuller, Donna LaPaglia, Gerald Leventhal, Laura Shaffer, Amit Shahane, and Patrick Smith

1. **Call to Order and Approval of the Minutes** –December minutes were approved
2. **President's Report:** (Dr. Brown)
 - A. ***Nominations for APAHC Positions***- Dr. LaPaglia will send out a call for open positions *Treasurer, Member-at-Large, and President Elect* following the conference.
 - B. ***The Board elected Dr. Laura Shaffer to be our CFAS Junior representative for APAHC***
3. **Treasurer's report:** (Dr. Shahane's update via email)

The financial report is as follows:

Checking Account:	\$46,450.74
Savings Account:	\$10,051.08
Tribute Fund:	<u>\$2,200.70</u>
Total -	\$58,702.52

Updates from our committees:

- A. **Publications and Communications:** (Drs. Gonzalez and Leventhal)
 - i. Grand Rounds: Nothing new to report.
 - ii. *JCPMS*: Dr. Leventhal reported that he is working on a special issue regarding psychology and the AAMC. Several board members are also participating-Dr. Smith, with his strong connection to the AAMC through his CFAS position, and Dr. LaPaglia, as a participant in the AAMC LEAD program, will be contributing to this issue.
- B. **Conference Committee:** (Drs. Shaffer and Shahane)

Conference is going well. Extremely well-coordinated effort; great speakers, impactful topics.
- C. **Research Committee:** (Dr. Leventhal) Dr. Leventhal shared that the Research Committee (RC) will give out a handout at the conference in an effort to recruit new members. He also reported that the RC is continuing their work with the APA Center for Workforce Studies and has a conference call planned to discuss future work on the survey project.
- D. **Health Disparities Committee:** (Dr. Breland-Noble)

See final report for 2014 (attached)

New Business: None

Next APAHC Board Conference Call: **April 6th, 2015 5:00 pm E.S.T.**

Report of the Diversity and Disparities Task Force of APAHC

Submitted by: Alfiee M. Breind-Noble, Ph.D., MHSc.

Date: February 6, 2015

Tasks Completed in 2014:

- The TF recommended Drs. David Satcher and Arlene Noriega as potential keynote speakers for the biennial APAHC conference in 2015.
- The TF also recommended special outreach to the local HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) in the area to encourage their participation in the conference.
- Due to the diligent efforts of our APAHC EC members and leadership on the conference planning committee, the Section was able to secure Dr. Satcher (a leading physician in the area of health equity and disparities reduction) as a keynote speaker for the conference. In addition, the section secured a speaker for the conference to focus on issues relevant for the mental health needs of LGBTQ populations.
- Organizational Tasks for 2014
 - Followed strategic plan for the TF including targeted outreach and electronic communication and collaborative efforts with other Division 12 sections to support disparities and diversity initiatives.
- Programmatic Tasks for 2014
 - Supported the mentoring of racially diverse trainees by providing opportunities for them to increase their and by extension to TF's social media presence via blogs and social media sites like Twitter.
 - Organized 2 co-sponsored events/efforts with other APA sections and divisions including a focus on early and mid-career clinical researcher psychologists in AHCs as follows:
 - **Conversation Hour at APA Convention** co-sponsored by **Division 12 Section 8, Division 12 Section 6 and Division 35**: Title: Navigating the Academy: A Conversation Hour for Women of Color Trainees and Professionals.
 - Continuing from 2013's successful event, the 2014 session had 15-20 participants, comprised of students and early career psychologists from various fields of psychology.
 - Hosted a Webinar for Early Career Psychologists: Strategies for Obtaining Research Funding to Address Mental/Behavioral Health Disparities. Held on June 20, 2014 in partnership with Division 12 Section 6 (Clinical Psychology of Ethnic Minorities)
- Goals for 2015 aligned with strategic plan include:
 - Securing webinar on research funding with the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) focused on Addressing Disparities
 - Securing webinar on cultural adaptations of Evidence Based Treatments in child and adolescent mental health
 - Initiating collaboration with AAMC Gov't Relations and the Chief Scientific Officer's Office to support initiatives for increasing the diversity of biomedical workforce (Alfiee has been in touch with David Moore of the Gov't Relations Office and has been invited to follow up with Dr. Bonham AAMC Chief Scientific Officer).
 - Organize a literature review(s) of the state of health disparities and diversity research in psychology in academic health centers and academic medicine.
 - Complete a review challenges and opportunities of diverse psychologists in AHCs
 - Would like to use Survey Monkey for this effort
 - We could issue a call for feedback via our membership then summarize the notes on a few PowerPoint slides on the website and make recommendations for further study and/or mechanisms to address issues.

Any and all input from the APAHC Executive Board is welcome. We would love to work with you on our efforts.

Sorry that I could not be there for our EC meeting and I wish you all well.

Warm Regards,

Alfiee