



## Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers

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### **APAHC Board Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, August 3, 2012 2:00 – 4:00 P.M. EST**

Present: Sharon Berry, Alfiee Breland-Noble, Ron Brown, Barbara Cubic, Kim Dixon, Donna LaPaglia, Jerry Leventhal, Bill Robiner, Cathy Schuman, Kathryn Sanders, Amanda Wheat

- I. Call to Order: 2:15pm
- II. Approval of Minutes of July 2, 2012
- III. President Report
  - A. Welcome New 2013 Board Members, Donna Lapaglia (Secretary) and Sharon Berry (Representative to Division 12)
  - B. Reminder about APAHC Programming at APA
    - i. Board Dinner, 6:30 p.m. August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Everglades
    - ii. APAHC Programs
      1. 9 -9:50 a.m., Thursday, August 2 (Seime) [award to be given to John Linton]
      2. 12- 12:50 p.m., Saturday, August 4 (Hatsukami)
      3. 1-1:50 p.m., Saturday, August 4 (Robinson) [award to be given to Robert Archer]
  - C. Education Leadership Conference- APAHC has been invited to send a member to this conference, hosted by APA. It is in Washington DC September 8-11. Dr. Cubic will check with those not present at the meeting to see if any are interested. Drs Brown and Schuman expressed interested in attending.
  - D. Update on the Task Force for Behavioral Sciences Education in Medical Setting (for Cheryl Brosig Soto): Dr. Cubic updated the Board on the committee's activities. The committee has 5 members, including Jack Carr, Kelly Foran, Barry Hong, Mark Vogel, and Cheryl Brosig-Soto. They will work to create a repository of innovative educational techniques and educational resources for psychologists in Academic Health Centers who are teaching other professionals in medical settings (other than psychologists). They will have their first conference call next week.
  - E. Update on Task Force for Multicultural Diversity (Alfiee Breland Noble): There are 4 new members of the task force, Dr. Breland-Noble is sponsoring them for APAHC memberships. The task force would like to have a section of the webpage dedicated to the NIH reports on training in the biomedical workforce and disparities in awards for federal funding. They are working on their mission and vision statements and organizational goals. See attached document outlining the overall goals for the task force.

- F. Promotions Primer: Dr Cubic is meeting with Ed Christophersen and Zeeshan Butt later today to finalize the primer. She will send the final PDF proofs to the Board for any additional comments or last-minute changes. Discussion ensued regarding how to promote and disseminate the primer. Several options have been discussed, including offering for download on our website (with or without a fee), discussing with APA or Springer more formal publication options, tying it into our early career boot camp, and including the primer as a supplement to *JCPMS*. Dr. Dixon recommended that our membership application be included in this publication. Some issues discussed included our ability as an organization to maintain control over reproduction, revisions, etc; pirating and illegal photocopying; maintaining our goals of exposure for the organization and making the primer as easily available at low or no cost to early career psychologists in academic health centers. Drs Cubic will follow up with Springer and with the rest of the group working on the primer to clarify some of these options. Ideas for expansion of the primer were also discussed, including reaching out to other disciplines to create a set of guidelines for success in Academic Health Centers that would cut across disciplines and have a more general/broad appeal.

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

- A. Financial update: no major changes from our last meeting.
- B. Dr. Dixon suggested having a student travel award for our upcoming APAHC conference. The board agreed that this should be offered.
- C. Drs. Robiner and Schuman thanked Dr. Dixon for handling reimbursement so quickly.

V. Division 12 Updates: Dr. Hong/Lynn Peterson not present.

VI. CAS Update: Drs. Belar and Smith not present.

VII. Committee Reports/Discussion

- A. Research Committee (Dr. Leventhal): The committee will meet w/Steve Breckler, Peggy Cristitas, and Karen Stam to discuss the data their group collects regarding the work of psychologists in AHCs . The committee's efforts have been heavily centered on three projects with the AAMC and meeting with representatives from their informational services. Regarding one project related to including psychology as a discipline in the AAMC annual faculty survey the committee is advocating that they pull data about psychologists from psychiatry, pediatrics, and family medicine as a minimum. Dr. Robiner recommended also looking at PM&R as another department that tends to include a high ratio of psychologists to other healthcare providers. Regarding a project on interdisciplinary teams, the AAMC center for workforce studies referred the committee to the AAMC director for primary care, from whom we have not received a response. Dr. Robiner suggested including a physician on the project as additional leverage.
- B. Conference Committee: Drs. Shaffer, Schuman, and Amit Shahane
  - 1. Location: Hutton in Nashville; Date: January 31- February 2, 2013

2. Update on themes/programming/speakers : Conference schedule is very close to completion, the committee is finalizing two remaining speakers. Drs. Shahane and Leventhal will be working together on the poster session. A call for posters will go out shortly after APA. The deadline for poster submissions will be mid-October. Hotel registration and online conference registration are up and ready. Checks will be sent directly to Dr. Dixon, credit card payments sent to Ms Peterson at Div12.
  3. Any task force or committee chair can get in touch w/Dr. Schuman and she will help facilitate them organizing a meeting of their committee at the conference.
- D. Update from Membership Committee (Dr. Wryobeck not present): We now have 182 members, including 11 students.
- E. Publications and Communication: Drs. Cubic, Leventhal, Moore, Wryobeck
1. Journal/*JCPMS*: Drs. Cubic and Leventhal
    - a. Transition in Editorial Board is underway. Dr. Leventhal is taking over this important role. He has indentified 7 associate editors.
  2. Newsletter: Dr. Moore has done a fantastic job with the newsletter. We are looking forward to the next edition. Drs. Robiner and Cubic mentioned that we should write up brief reports on our committee and task force work for the next Grand Rounds, along with a piece on APAHC on APA. Amanda Wheat offered to write the APAHC at APA piece.

#### VIII. New Business:

1. Update on the APA Task Force for Interorganizational Workgroup on developing competencies for primary care. The group has been meeting monthly by telephone and is moving toward completion of a document outlining competencies for psychologists working in primary care settings. They have a face-to-face meeting September 7-8 in Washington, D.C.
2. By-laws and officers' manual updates are still in need of update. Drs. Robiner and Schuman will continue to work on it.

Next APAHC Board Conference Call: September 10, 2012

Meeting Adjourned: 4pm

From Dr. Breland-Noble re: Task Force on Multicultural Diversity

- 1) I have recruited a few members to our task force, most are graduate students and early career folks from across the country with strong interest in health disparities and diversity in psychological science and academic medicine.
- 2) I have drafted a call for participation for our EC to and would like your feedback on the draft (please see following):

Do you have interests in diversity in academic medicine (including clinical service provision, research or administration)? Are you looking for a way to become a little more involved with leadership in APAHC? Would you like to provide mentoring or support to the next generation of psychologists in academic health settings? Then the new APAHC Task Force on Diversity and Health Disparities is for you! I am Dr. Alfiee M. Breland-Noble and I have been appointed Chair of this committee for its inaugural year. Our president, Dr. Barbara Cubic had the great foresight to vision this idea and bring it to fruition and I am very pleased to serve in a leadership role for the Task Force. I know that I would benefit greatly from your input and expertise and do not anticipate that participation on the Task Force will be time consuming. In this first year, I hope to organize a web presence and generate ideas for implementation quarterly during this first year, culminating with a presence at our 2013 conference. Please let me know if you, or one of your colleagues or trainees, might be interested in this work and thank you for your consideration.

- 3) I have a brief list of ideas regarding initial steps for the committee and would like to determine if you as president are comfortable with these ideas (please see following)
  - a) Organize a literature review(s) of the state of health disparities and diversity research in psychology in academic health centers and academic medicine.
  - b) Creation of a vision statement, mission statement and strategic plan
  - c) Delineation of tasks and subcommittees for said tasks
  - d) Planning a presence at the 2013 conference
  - e) Organizing quarterly programming items (e.g. webinar on sources for Health Disparities funding; webinar on defining diversity and health disparities in academic health centers; webinar on professional development issues for all types of diversity in the workplace, etc.)