



AADPRT Executive Council Meeting
September 23, 24, 2011
Scottsdale, Arizona

Present: Melissa Arbuckle, Sheldon Benjamin, Adrienne Bentman, Gene Beresin, Robert Boland, Adam Brenner, Deborah Cowley, Sandra DeJong, Arden Dingle, Jeffery Hunt, David Kaye, Bruce Levy, Isis Marrero, Kathy Sanders, Sandra Sexson, Donna Sudak, Richard Summers, Chris Varley, Art Walaszek, John Young, Sidney Zisook, Lucille Meinsler

Present by phone: Sahana Misra, Tony Rostain, Mark Servis, Chris Thomas

Introductory comments were made by Rick Summers.

The minutes of the May 2011 Executive Council were approved.

RRC Task force, PIF Survey (Gene Beresin)

The work of the RRC Task Force was summarized. Proposed changes to the program requirements for psychiatry and child psychiatry will be distributed for review and comment when completed. Results of the 2011 PIF Survey results were presented and discussed.

There was a broad discussion of recent actions of the ACGME. Rick Summers described discussions he has had with Chris Thomas, head of Psychiatry Review Committee (RC), and with the head of training directors group for Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. It appears likely that over time the PIF will be replaced by Web ADS.

Action Items:

- 1) A letter which comments on the PIF survey and additional issues such as WebADS and the resident survey will be written by the AADPRT RRC Task Force, revised and finalized by Steering Committee, and sent to the ACGME.
- 2) The RRC Task Force will continue to function.
- 3) There was agreement about a need to provide protected time for program coordinators. There will be further dialogue with the coordinators' group to generate specific recommendations.

RC updates (Chris Thomas)

Chris Thomas, Chair of the Psychiatry RC, joined the Executive Council (EC) meeting by phone and provided an update. The process of completing proposed changes to the program requirements for general psychiatry and for child and adolescent psychiatry has been put on hold until the Milestones Project is completed.

There was discussion with Dr. Thomas and the EC about the need to reduce duplication of tasks and promote transparency in the review process.

Duty Hours Task Force (Deb Cowley)

The task force plans to survey AADPRT members about duty hours prior to the annual meeting. Deb Cowley also provided an update on other task force activities.

Duty Hours - Handoffs (John Young)

John Young provided an update on the activities of this group. They propose to add questions about handoffs into the duty hours survey.

Action Item:

- 1) The creation and distribution of a survey to be sent to AADPRT membership about duty hours and specifically handoffs were endorsed by the EC.

Assistant / Associate Training Directors Caucus (Melissa Arbuckle)

Melissa Arbuckle discussed activities of this caucus. She proposed having venues for relatively new training or associate training directors at the annual meeting. There is potential space for that on Thursday morning at the annual meeting.

Action Item:

- 1) Melissa will coordinate plans for the above activity with Adrienne for the 2012 Annual Meeting.

Pre-meeting Committee (Sidney Zisook)

Sidney Zisook reported on the status of the Pre-meeting for 2012. The topic will be on post-traumatic stress disorder. There are some concerns about possible low attendance, given the added cost this year.

Annual Meeting (Adrienne Bentman)

Much has been done at this point. Adrienne Bentman provided an orientation to the meeting structure.

Future Meetings (Rick Summers)

Rick Summers noted the location of our annual meetings for 2013, 2014, and 2015 (Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Tucson, AZ, Orlando, FL) and presented a proposal from Hilton to lock in three more years of meetings at a favorable rate. Steering Committee supported the proposal and wants feedback and discussion from EC. The discussion supported the proposal.

Action item:

- 1) A proposal from SC to have the meetings for 2016, 2017, 2018 in Austin, TX, San Juan, Puerto Rico and New Orleans, LA respectively was approved by the EC.

Development Committee (Art Walaszek)

In general attendees did not see evidence of endorsement of vendors by AADPRT at our annual meeting. The conflict of interest disclosures required of EC members have successfully been collected.

Action items:

- 1) The EC endorsed an AADPRT donor privacy policy as proposed by Art Walaszek.

Discussion -- How Can We Improve our Communication and Advocacy with the ACGME? (Rick Summers)

There was an open discussion about how to improve the relationship of AADPRT and the ACGME, particularly in terms of enhancing communication. The plan for the psychiatry milestones project was described and discussed. The clear sentiment was that it is essential for AADPRT to have a meaningful voice in the development of psychiatric education and we will continue to find ways of improving our dialogue with the Psychiatry RC which is working hard to position themselves to be part of ACGME decision-making on topics which cut across residency specialties. We will also work hard to develop our relationships and contacts with psychiatrists in order positions at the ACGME and will develop a relationship with the new ACGME SVP for Medical Specialties when that person is appointed.

Regional Representatives (Sahana Misra via telephone)

Focused questions were sent by Sahana Misra to the regional representatives. Respondents stated that accommodations to new ACGME regulations off duty hours went relatively well for the residents, but planning for this comprised a major time burden for program directors. There was a range of responses about the effect of the “All In” NMRP policy on smaller programs because many feel the policy will challenge their ability to recruit residents.

Action item:

- 1) Sahana Misra will propose a plan to more effectively communicate to regional representatives as several regional representatives did not respond to her queries.

Information Management (Bob Boland)

Bob Boland described development of improved and nuanced access to our website. A new chair of the committee will need to be appointed as Bob Boland’s term is expiring. There was a discussion of the current listserve problems and potential solutions.

Model Curriculum Committee (Tony Rostain via phone)

Tony Rostain described “Vimeo,” an online service which has the capacity to post Model Curricula that include videos. The cost is \$60 per year. There is also space in our web site for videos as there is on public sites such as YouTube.

Tony Rostain described a number of new areas of model curricula to be submitted in the fall and spring cycle.

Action Item:

- 1) EC requested that the Model Curriculum Committee provide a specific proposal about what they would like to do with videos and model curricula submission.
- 2) EC approved subscription to Vimeo if recommended by the model curriculum committee and the information committee after additional research on the matter.

Recruitment Committee (Sandra DeJong)

A survey on the NRMP “All In” proposal has just been completed. There was a 31 percent response rate and 157 respondents. Results were reported and discussed. Overall, 37 percent of respondents believed the proposed policy would adversely affect recruitment to their program.

The NRMP Board of Directors will meet in late October, 2011, and they are soliciting input re exemptions /exceptions to the All-In Policy.

There was an extended discussion of the potential impact of “All In” on residency programs using the survey as a springboard. The consensus of the EC discussion was the majority of members were supportive of the All In Policy, but there was a clear awareness that the AADPRT membership was split almost 50-50 on the policy. The EC felt it was important to strongly advocate for exceptions, but it was not possible to advocate against the policy because the organization was split in its views.

Action Plan:

- 1) The results of the survey will be disseminated to membership.
- 2) The Recruitment Committee will draft a letter to NRMP based on the survey and the consensus of the EC.
- 3) This correspondence will recommend exceptions for off-cycle applicants and recommend that the new policy apply only to PGY-I applicants. Concern will be conveyed about the potential negative effect of the new policy on recruiting for small programs and rural programs. There is also ambiguity regarding post-match issues which need to be clarified. An effort will be made to coordinate our response with the Council on Medical Education of the APA.

Internet and Professionalism Task Force (Sandra DeJong)

The current focus is to revise and edit the professionalism vignettes. There is an ongoing discussion with the APA, specifically with Debbie Hales, regarding partnering with the APA on this issue.

Action Item:

- 1) The EC approved establishing a formal liaison with the APA on this initiative.

APA Update (Debbie Hales)

Debbie Hales highlighted PsychSIGN developments and opportunities for residents for fellowships. A psychiatry review 2011 course is being developed. Mind Games will occur again this coming year. Debbie Hales requested AADPRT participation in writing a column on patient safety.

Match Review Board (Bruce Levy)

These have been two match violations referred to the match review board in the past two years. The EC discussed the increased attention and scrutiny to

the match process and the biases in the NRMP's investigation of possible violations.

Psychotherapy Committee (Adam Brenner and Donna Sudak)

A draft of the psychotherapy milestones for general psychotherapy essentials was distributed to EC members and discussed.

Action Items:

- 1) Deb Cowley will serve as liaison from the milestones working group with the psychotherapy committee on integrating the psychotherapy milestones with the overall milestones project.
- 2) EC members will review the psychotherapy milestones draft and provide additional feedback to the psychotherapy committee.

Membership Committee (Isis Marrero)

Efforts to respond to questions from and provide support to newer AADPRT members and more junior training directors continue.

There was discussion about how to make best use of the breakout groups at the annual meeting.

Fellowships (Kathy Sanders)

The timelines for all of the fellowships have been coordinated to occur at the same time and to be more standard in form. The deadlines have also been moved up to November 1st.

Child Adolescent Psychiatry Caucus (Arden Dingle)

An ERAS representative will again attend the child and adolescent psychiatry caucus at the annual meeting with consideration once again of the use of ERAS as the application tool for CAP residencies.

A clarification of the goals and objectives of the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry AADPRT caucus and the AACAP Work Group on Training and Education is being developed.

Neuropsychiatry and Neuroscience Education Task Force (Sheldon Benjamin)

The committee is working with faculty at Stanford and colleagues at National Institute of Mental Health on the development of a survey on how to

enhance neuroscience teaching in psychiatric education. There was discussion of refinement of the survey.

Action Item:

- 1) The committee will revise the survey and send to the SC for comment and editing.

Clinical Skills Task Force (CSV) (Jeffrey Hunt)

Jeff Hunt described the newly developed studio-quality vignettes, which include school-aged children and preschoolers.

There was discussion about the perceived need to have effective tools to train local faculty in the conduct of CSV assessments.

Action Item:

- 1) The General Psychiatry and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry CSV components of the Task Force will confer about the next steps they are recommending.

Update on Combined Training (Mark Servis via phone)

A letter was sent from AADPRT and other organizations to the ACGME to take up the issue of combined training in an effort to find a means of securing accreditation. There seems to be a slowdown on finding solutions to the current stalemate.

Action item:

- 1) Given the ACGME's current position of taking no action at this point, the EC endorsed Mark Servis' having a formal conversation with Larry Faulkner about the absence of action by the ACGME, with encouragement that the ABPN to reconsider their position.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary