

AADPRT
Executive Council Meeting
March 9, 2006

Members Present: Drs. Lisa Mellman, David Goldberg, Bruce Levy, Chris Varley, Dorothy Stubbe, Eugene Beresin, David Kaye, Lee Ascherman, Sheldon Benjamin, Grace Thrall, Rick Summers, Mark Servis, Sandra Sexson, Deb Cowley, Dorothy Stubbe, Adrienne Bentman, Evaristo Akerele, Joseph Layde, Sid Weissman, Sid Zisook, Kathy Sanders, Ron Rieder, Arnaldo Moreno

ABPN: Pat Janda reported for Steve Scheiber. As previously discussed, the ABPN will move the Part I exam to the end of the PGY4 year to begin in 2008. The child and adolescent psychiatry written exam will be computer administered beginning in June 2006. The ABPN is planning to adopt an electronic tracking system for residents to replace the current paper based system and facilitate the credentialing process. They would like to make a decision about which system to use in May 2006 and would welcome AADPRT input. The ABPN is anticipating moving the interviewing, doctor-patient relationship, differential diagnosis and formulation sections of the Part II clinical skills exam to residency training, perhaps by 2010. This change raises a number of issues including standardization and quality control, resources and faculty compensation, and conflicts of interest for training directors examining their own residents. Representatives from AADPRT are involved in a pilot exploring this. The ABPN is changing the AV section to a vignette section using four case vignettes in May 2006. AADPRT will be posting the ABPN workshop with sample vignettes on its website to assist program directors who are preparing their residents for the new format. There was discussion about the high fees of the board exams and concerns that they are more expensive than other board exam fees.

ADMSEP: Ted Feldman, president of ADMSEP, reported on recent activities of the organization and their upcoming annual meeting in Annapolis. They will be having a half day premeeting workshop this year in conjunction with APA to address dealing with change in organizations and systems. ADMSEP is growing, maturing and networking with other educational organizations. Core competencies for psychiatry clerkships and LCME requirements for tracking clinical encounters of students are recent issues. Training residents as teachers is another LCME issue receiving attention in ADMSEP. They are creating a resident category of membership as a first step.

Academic Psychiatry: Alan Louie and John Coverdale reported on *Academic Psychiatry*. Submission numbers continue to increase, but efforts to stimulate submissions remain important. Eugene Beresin is joining as a new Associate Editor. There is interest in increasing resident submissions and international submissions. Ideas for increasing these submissions were offered.

Information Committee: Sheldon Benjamin and Rick Brandt reported on Information Committee activities. EC minutes are now available in the members section of the webpage in an effort increase transparency. Webpage "hits" during the past year were

reviewed. The website averaged 12,560 “clicks” a month. Annual meeting posters and workshops are frequently downloaded. Plenary lectures were infrequently accessed. Future initiatives being considered include developing an online process for abstract submission and review. The problems with the membership management module are being addressed. The Information Committee recommends a review of Rick Brandt’s contract in light of his increasing activity as AADPRT webmaster. A suggestion was made to introduce members to the webpage in the new training director’s orientation, as well as with periodic email reminders of new webpage entries.

APA: Jay Scully and Debbie Hales reported from APA. Membership numbers are increasing and resident membership remains a priority for the organization. DSM V is underway and the anticipated publication date is 2011. The DSM V editor is David Kupfer. The DSM V will attempt to coordinate more closely with ICD-11. APA has been active in responding to hurricane Katrina. They have provided financial support for residents and residency programs - \$25,000 to each of the Tulane and LSU residency programs. Scope of practice issues continue to be an APA priority. There is an active psychologist prescribing initiative in Hawaii. There are anticipated budget cuts in mental health and training in the President Bush’s proposed budget. Pay for performance programs for physicians are on the horizon. At the APA Annual Meeting there will be a one day course offered to improve physician communication skills using the standardized patient program from the University of Toronto. FOCUS has been submitted to Medline. Other APA announcements include the Irma Bland and Nancy Roeske teaching awards, the APA’s annual chief resident’s conference, and Sandra Sexson’s appointment as Chair of the Council on Medical Education. Issues around pharmaceutical industry support of resident attendance and CME activities at the APA Annual Meeting were discussed.

Ginsberg Fellowship: Rick Summers reported that there was an increase in nominations with 50 applications. The email announcements and reminders were thought to be effective in increasing nominations.

IMG Fellowship: Funding for the IMG fellowship from the pharmaceutical industry remains problematic with uncertainty about future funding and only \$10,000 received for this year, compared to \$50,000 in past years. Dianne Sacks reported that there were 19 applications for the IMG fellowship and 7 were selected. Improvements need to be made in the nomination and selection process. A Fellowship Task Force, chaired by the President-Elect, will look into the goals and objectives of each fellowship, financial support for the fellowships, the selection process, and the relationship between the fellowship programs. Improved coordination in nomination announcements and the selection process will be a goal of the task force.

Freida Fromm-Reichman Award: John Herman reported on the secure funding for the award. Concerns about discerning the degree of resident authorship in the submitted papers was discussed. This will also be a focus of the Fellowship Task Force chaired by the President Elect.

Henderson Award: David Kaye reported that submission quality was excellent this year and there were 10 papers submitted. There was a decision to give a certificate of recognition for outstanding papers that didn't receive the award.

OPDA: Carl Chan reported via conference call on the OPDA. Carl Chan recently completed his term as Chair of the organization. There is a need to appoint a new representative to OPDA from AADPRT. Appreciation was expressed for Carl Chan's service and leadership in OPDA on behalf of AADPRT.

Child Caucus: Chris Varley reported on child caucus initiatives on portals of entry into child psychiatry. The Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry is supportive of a proposal for a pilot program for graduates of pediatrics, internal medicine, and family practice to complete general and child and adolescent psychiatry training in 3 years. There is a need for a task force to address this issue with involvement of both general and child and adolescent training directors.

R-13 Grant and Premeeting Program: Michelle Pato reported on the R-13 grant and efforts to longitudinally evaluate impact of the premeeting activities. The premeeting survey is intended to establish a baseline on how evidence based psychiatry is currently being taught in residency programs. The plan from the Advisory Board for next year is to deepen the focus on evidence based psychiatry. Deborah Cowley will be replacing Lisa Mellman as consultant on the R-13 grant.

ASCP: Sid Zisook reported that the ASCP workgroup has decided to develop two pilot lectures of an expert teacher delivering the Powerpoint slide lectures accompanied by a video segment of a patient with schizophrenia. These will both be linked to problem exercises. The linked problem exercises will also have an accompanying video segment of an expert teacher going through the questions with residents. A demonstration workshop will be offered at the AADPRT Annual Meeting next year.

Proposal for Prospective Case Log Trial: Sheldon Benjamin presented a proposal developed with Carl Chan to adapt the ACGME tracking system for procedures in other specialties to psychiatry case log tracking. Participation would be voluntary, both the ACGME and training programs would have access to the data, and national norms for diagnoses and procedural numbers would be established. Pros and cons of program participation were discussed.

AAP: Linda Worley, President of AAP, reported on the recent activities of the organization and the upcoming annual meeting in San Francisco. There are plans to establish a Distinguished Life Fellow membership category and to reach out internationally to educators in other countries.

AACDP: Peter Buckley, President Elect of AACDP, discussed ongoing issues being addressed by the organization including relationships with the pharmaceutical industry and potential policy statements regarding new clinical treatment modalities such as VNS. Potential implications of President Bush's Freedom Act of 2003 are being discussed,

though the lack of federal funding has slowed implementation in mental health. AACDP is pleased to have joined as a co-sponsor of *Academic Psychiatry*.

TAGME: Linda Gacioch and Lucille Meinsler presented on the TAGME credentialing process for psychiatry that is beginning this year. There is a work effort product and assessment tool that must be completed to achieve certification that includes both an internal and external review process.

Respectfully submitted,

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