

AADPRT
Executive Council Meeting
May 21, 2005

Members Present: Drs. Mellman, Goldberg, Levy, Zisook, Summers, Krasner, Bentman, Ascherman, Kaye, Rieder, Cowley, Sexson, Servis, Benjamin
Administrative Coordinator: Lucille Meinsler

R13 Premeeting Conference Grant: Michelle Pato updated us on the NIMH R-13 5-Year Conference Grant for AADPRT premeetings. Participants at the concurrent NPTC meeting at APA and specifically Tom Insel have expressed their support of the grant and see this as an important outcome of the IOM report and subsequent NPTC initiative. The grant has 2 aspects: teaching and implementation. Outcomes will be measured. Proposed themes for the anticipated Premetings include: Teaching research literacy, teaching neuroscience, portable and packaged curriculum, evidence based medicine, and integrated programs. Outcome data may include issues around the retention of training directors and other issues important to AADPRT – the pursuit of outcome data presents an opportunity for the organization to study itself.

Planning for 2006 Premeeting: Tentative plans for the Premeeting on Research Literacy include providing some coverage of hotel costs the first night for attendees, and speaker fees for key participants. Topics include how to read articles critically and workshops may include web connections to look up articles. There was discussion about using the funds to sponsor non-training directors to attend – those who would actually teach research literacy to residents in their program. Administrative oversight of the Premeeting was discussed with the importance of coordinating closely with AADPRT emphasized.

National Psychiatry Training Council (NPTC): The NPTC was meeting next door at APA and Executive Council members who were participants provided updates. There is a proposal from geriatric psychiatry (mainly from UCLA) to have a 2-year 50% research track in the PGY4 and PGY5 year. Steve Scheiber visited the EC and expressed concern about the geriatric psychiatry proposal meeting necessary training requirements. The problem of retention of researchers was also discussed. Ron Rieder expressed concerns about the sense in NPTC that they are making the critical decisions about what will happen in residency training – and not being sufficiently collaborative with key organizations such as AADPRT, APA, and AACDP. Concerns about the integrity of the fourth year of training were discussed.

RRC Update: Sandra Sexson provided an update on RRC deliberations. Reduction of the inpatient requirement to 6 months is likely. Incorporation of psychotherapy competencies into the Essentials section on clinical experiences is likely, under the competencies of medical knowledge and patient care. The appropriate place for psychotherapy and other competencies was discussed. This may be under active consideration by the RRC as they are considering the comprehensive ABPN competencies, but these competencies are too inclusive and emphasis on core

competencies will be lost. Responses to the RRC tentative plans are possible and needed. Establishing requirements for program graduates to take and pass the ABPN exam are also under consideration. Concerns about a requirement for taking the exams were discussed, given the lack of control programs have over what graduates choose to do. The proposed passing rate of 50% seems overly high as a first step.

ABPN Initiatives: There was discussion of initiatives to change the timing of the board exams. Part I is being moved to the PGY4 year. There is discussion of moving Part II to some time during residency training – with a focus on interviewing skills. Concerns about logistics and implementation of such an exam, that would depend on collaboration between regional programs, were discussed. Issues include standardization, competition between programs, remediation, logistics, and cost.

TAGME: Linda Gacioch, from University of Michigan and our representative to TAGME, an organization for program coordinators that encourages program coordinator certification, came to EC. Certification exams for program coordinators for pediatrics are planned and surgery is likely for 2006. Logistics around a certification process in psychiatry were discussed. A proposal for a task force to develop assessment tools for the certification process and help develop exams was discussed. Initial cost will be \$250 to take the exam with re-certification every 3 years. Certification is a voluntary process. This program would initially begin with general psychiatry coordinators only. The need for data on retention and turnover of coordinators was presented. A motion was made by Ron Krasner that AADPRT support the TAGME certification process, seconded by David Goldberg. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Review of AADPRT Annual Meeting: Meeting evaluations were reviewed. Methods of improving the response rate were discussed including links to receiving CME credit, web-based evaluations, and putting speaker evaluations on chairs at the meeting. The time available for “non-new” training directors after the Premeeting when new training directors are attending the day long orientation needs to be re-considered to make it more useful.

Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Caucus: A proposal from the caucus requiring programs to complete all requirements by the end of the 3rd year was discussed. Concern about mandating general programs to complete all requirements to allow entry into child after the PGY3 year was expressed. Support for requiring programs to disclose 4th year requirement before residency begins was endorsed. Additional concerns were expressed about the elements of the proposal that relate to acquiring and completing competencies during adult vs. child training. It was decided to table further discussion until Chris Varley is able to attend the EC and represent the caucus consensus.

ASCP Curriculum: Since the ASCP curriculum needs further modification to be useful to training programs, consideration of launching modules in either Schizophrenia or Affective Disorders is underway, with Schizophrenia being the likely initial module. The *Journal of Clinical Psychiatry*, now the official journal of ASCP, has expressed an interest in helping with this curriculum. They could bring a great deal of technological

expertise, but they are largely industry supported. Sid Zisook, David Goldberg, and Ira Glick are meeting to consider the next step. There may be too many “cooks” at this point in the process and a better understanding of where this is going and who controls it is needed.

Further Report on NPTC: Ron Rieder, Deb Cowley and Sandra Sexson presented on further discussion in NPTC. Tom Insel has said that some change in the RRC requirements is needed – or else the NIH will be discouraged about supporting research training for residents in psychiatry. AADPRT members in attendance at NPTC encouraged a close inspection of the current RRC requirements that already allow over a full year for research activity. There was discussion about using the RRC to establish guidelines towards facilitating research in selected residents that might bypass RRC requirements. Ron Rieder suggested that the RRC could establish language that allows individualized plans for residents with an expressed interest in research that would include assignment of a mentor, approval of the plan by program director and/or chair, using assignments at outside institutions with additional resources, etc. There was wide discussion about the merits of this proposal, with concern expressed about how such residents would be selected, the anxiety such a proposal might create among training directors who would be unclear about how to implement a new requirement, etc. There will be an email discussion about this proposal for further clarification and refinement and possible endorsement to NPTC.

Discussion of 2006 Annual Meeting: Speakers for San Diego are being invited. A tentative theme “Evidence and Beyond” is under consideration. Planning for “non-new” training directors after the Premeeting was discussed including the use of technology and the issue of retention of training directors. Moving the fellowship meetings currently on Friday to sometime on Thursday is being considered. There was discussion about concerns raised about the new RRC resident survey, and subsequent inquiries by Lisa Mellman and Carl Chan to clarify this issue. It was decided not to take any further action at this point.

ABPN Task Force: David Goldberg, a member of the task force, presented some of the issues under consideration, which focus on moving all or part of the exams into the residency training years, and his hope that Ron Krasner and/or Lisa Mellman could be added to the Task Force to ensure strong representation by training directors in this process.

Fourth Year Task Force: Adrienne Bentman presented plans to gather data from programs including their current written goals and curriculum for the fourth year, followed by a possible survey of training directors and residents about the fourth year. The goal will be to clarify the learning objectives of the PGY4 year.

Executive Office Move: Lucille Meinsler presented details of her move from UConn to Pennsylvania and transition issues relevant to maintaining some functionality in the office during this period.

AADPRT Listserv: Surveys and job postings on the listserv are again an issue due to occasional use of the listserv for these purposes. Lisa Mellman reviewed current guidelines that stipulate that surveys to the email membership list (and not the listserv) need to be approved by the President and Information Chair. Parameters for what surveys should be approved were discussed. A member of AADPRT needs to be involved and the survey needs to be part of the mission of AADPRT. Job postings should only be on the website and not on the listserv.

OPDA Report: Ron Krasner attended the OPDA meeting and reported on the “Quadrad” meetings - that include a member from the Board, the RRC, a program director, and a resident – for all specialties. David Leach was there and presented the vision of advancing competencies in the fields. The problem of measuring competencies was acknowledged and discussed. Realistic goals were considered, with limitations on using competencies in residency education being featured in the discussion.

Regional Representatives: David Kaye presented the consensus from his meeting with the regional representatives. They would like to have 2 meetings of the regional caucus during the Annual Meeting. There was also concerns expressed about the ACGME/RRC and some consideration for surveying the membership on the RRC site visit process.

Website: Sheldon Benjamin talked about changes on the website including the recent postings of Floyd Bloom’s talk from the Annual Meeting. The desire to get each keynote speaker’s consent for posting to the website before the Annual Meeting was requested.

President’s Announcement: Lisa Mellman announced that she is one of four finalists for the open Dean of Student Affairs position at Columbia. She will know the results in a few weeks. It will not affect her Presidency of AADPRT or her commitment to residency education.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary