

American Psychological Association Conference, Washington. D.C. ---Division 54 Board Meeting Minutes –August 18, 2005

I. Meeting called to order by President Dennis Drotar, Ph.D.

II. Mary Campbell from the Children Youth and Families Office reported on the working group for psychotropic medication for children. She also discussed the conference on enhancing family school relationships.

Annie Toro from the Public Policy Office discussed the Child Care Crisis Relief Act. She discussed different programs the office is working on, including the childhood cancer alliance, the obesity and eating disorder program, and the children's mental health initiatives to name a few. She invited our Division to be part of the listserve; she can be contacted at [atoro@apa.org](mailto:atoro@apa.org)

III. APA's Diversity Committee has been rejuvenated.

Discussion ensued regarding methods for recruitment and retention of diverse individuals in pediatric psychology, methods for increasing training in diversity in pediatric psychology, and methods to increase research in under represented groups in pediatric psychology. Highlighting exemplary programs such as those which are successful in recruiting in this regard may be one way to help increase diversity in our profession. In addition another method to increase diversity in our discipline would be to gear APA convention programming as well as other conferences and events towards cultural diversity in Pediatric Psychology. One method to promote diversity in our research is to provide incentives for research regarding pediatric psychology diversity. It was discussed that we could put people who are experts in diversity on grants and as consultants for training programs. It would be prudent that every course or seminar include some discussion of diversity. Discussion ensued regarding feelings about the allocation of research grant or research award monies for Pediatric Psychology diversity work. Dan Clay stated it wouldn't even have to be given every year. It was also suggested that we sponsor people with diverse backgrounds to attend APA. Some APA Boards and other slates have positions designated for people who are considered minorities. According to Sharon Berry, such a practice has engendered discrepant feelings and is viewed as controversial by many.

Sharon added "We don't even have a breakdown of minority of our membership."

IV. Federal Advocacy Coordinator. The role and process of the Federal Advocacy Committee was discussed. It emerged through the Practice Directorate which brings together the leadership of each State's practice organization. Broad based issues related to practice are addressed. Three days of leadership training occur, which is structured via the agenda for APA and focuses on practice issues regarding regulatory processes, health and behavior codes,

testing codes, and the overlap of state policies with Federal ones. At the close of the meetings participants can meet with senators of their State; it allows the participants to know the process. It was discussed that the Federal Advocacy Committee's potential role for Division 54 includes serving as a grassroots network when APA has an issue. The Committee can lobby a senator to support a Division 54 issue.

Lizette Peterson Scholarship has been increased from \$1000 to \$1500. Although the submissions were excellent, there were not enough nominees. Discussion ensued whether it should be opened to other divisions and groups other than psychologists. Don Routh donated \$36,000 which increased the principal to \$70,000 which will generate \$1500 needed for the scholarship. Don Routh attended today's Board meeting and said he had no problem with inviting award submissions from other groups. Discussion proceeded such that there are only 5-6 research groups in the country identified working in the area of accidental injury. It was decided that we could expand donor pools and our Division will continue to discuss this option.

Don stated that the CDC had handouts on accidental injury prevention. The Board thanked him for his generosity.

APA Presidential Initiatives – Task force for children's mental health is going well. Latest development: Karen Saywitz's goal is to focus on psychologists in primary care settings, so it was decided that we want to help her in anyway we can.

#### V. Past President's Report: Mary Jo Kupst

1. Mary Jo Announced the new officers and award winners.

**Officers:**

President-Elect – Alan Delamater

Member-at-Large – Randi Streisand

2. **Awardees:**

Lee Salk Distinguished Service Award: Dennis Harper

Logan Wright Distinguished Research Award: Grayson Holmbeck

Routh Early Career Award: Christine Chambers

Martin Levin Mentorship Award: Tony Spirito

Mary Jo reported that the work of her appointed task forces has been completed. These task forces include: Access for Patients to Clinical Services, Access for Students/Early Career Psychologists in Pediatric Psychology; Access for Pediatric Psychologists to Joint Resources and Collaboration.

Fellows Committee: Mary Jo said she had no news about Fellow status. Dan Clay is our Division's candidate for this year. We should find out Sunday morning whether he is granted Fellow status. Mary Jo and Dennis Harper are now on the Fellows committee. Michael Roberts encouraged application to Fellow status. According to Michael, we need to invite people; anyone 5 years out can apply. The bonus of recruiting Fellows is that they tend to stay longer as members. Application is seasonal (November 15 is deadline at central office); the Fellows committee reviews the application and then it goes to APA Board for vote.

VI. APA Council of Representatives- Michael Roberts. The Council passed a resolution on evidence based practice in professional psychology. There was a request from Board of Directors that more specificity regarding the resolution is needed with respect to child and adolescent psychology. Another new resolution, health care for the whole person, was endorsed.

Specialty in child clinical psychology was approved. Also, violent video games resolution was approved. The resolution will be on the APA website. The 1986 torture and interrogation resolution was misconstrued in recent medical journals. The problem is that such misrepresentation besmirches our reputation with the Military. The Council is addressing human and animals interaction studies. There is much discussion which must remain confidential due to the possibility of a law suit. Michael stated that the evolving Trauma Division may present problems for Division 54 such that we diminish our power every time we start a new division since we can't garner greater representation on the Council. Michael also stated that APA signed a deal with Washington D.C. to obtain an one million tax abatement if we hold our conference there every three years. Washington D.C. happens to be a popular site for drawing conference attendees. Prior to this recent contract, we had a contract to hold the conference there every fifth year.

Michael stated that if you are running for an office and you are not on council, the preestablished caucus can make an endorsement. Let Michael know if you are running for an office and he'll get them to endorse it.

VII APA public policy/ science directorate and public policy. The focus is on the public face of psychological science, that is how psychology is portrayed in the media/press. Our work is oversimplified and misrepresented; we have to correct it with policy makers. There is a conference on minimal risk which addresses policy related issues. NIH is restructuring the administrative offices. The restructuring may impact those folks who have grants particularly training grants (wait and observe).

VIII. Publications –Ron Brown. The impact of the Journal has increased with an impact factor of 1.94. The immediate goal is to reach 2.0 like clinical child and the Academy journal. The impact factor is determined by the number of citations in prior two years divided by number of articles published for those two years. A special issue as a tribute to Ray is being developed. Submissions have

increased with 113 for the first half of this year. Many of submissions are coming from Europe. Most submissions have extramural support with 40% supported by NIH; 23% supported by other grants. The 2006 year of journal issues are completed except for two special issues, in progress. For 2007, 3 or 4 special issues are planned. According to Ron, the membership likes special issues.

Also, continuing education exams are on-line for every journal as a member benefit. Also, Oxford has opened 21 of their journals as author open access; that is the article is immediately available. We can participate in the open-access process next year; Oxford needs to know by October of next year. We can add the benefits to new member packets.

Finally, a committee has been organized to obtain a new editor.

IX. Convention Program Chair: Jane Robinson reported there has been good attendance at the two symposia and paper presentations this morning. There is no programming on Sunday. The events that appear to increase attendance include two hour poster sessions, continuing education programming, social hours and programs that include Divisions 53 and 23.

X. Treasurer's report – Carolyn Ievers-Landis reported that there appears to be a problem with our Visa vendor. The charges are not being posted; this may be going on since 2001, according to Carolyn.

Further, she reported that the Society of Behavioral Medicine membership is \$300 a year plus \$5 for each member (not optional). Membership entitles the person to reduced cost for their conference. She said, overall, we are fiscally sound. We are on a good trajectory not too many expenses. There may be some line items we don't need.

XI. Member at large --- Sharon Berry announced that we had a total of 20 applications for the three primary student awards this is a significant increase from the prior to years.

1. Routh Research grant. There were 15 excellent applications (7 in 2004). There are abstracts on the web page. Criteria for the award include Division 54 membership. If those who submitted weren't members, Sharon encouraged (and succeeded) them to join. Some postdocs are applying for poster awards. Sharon accepted these because the work was completed as students.

The winner: Huss, Debra, University of Kentucky: Comorbidity of Pediatric Migraine and Sleep Disturbances: The Role of a Dysfunctional Autonomic Nervous System; faculty supervisor: Richard Milich, Ph.D.

Honorable mention: Lewin Adam, University of Florida: Development of the Diabetes Family Adherence Measure (D-FAM); faculty supervisor: Gary Geffken, Ph.D.

2. Student Research Award:

The winner: Stanford, Elizabeth, University of British Columbia: The Role of Developmental Factors in Predicting Young Children's Use of a Self-Report Scale for Pain; faculty supervisor: Christine Chambers, Ph.D.

3. Lizette Peterson-Homer Injury Prevention Grant: \$1000 (co-sponsored with the American Psychological Foundation, APF)

The winner: Crowell, Sheila, University of Washington: Biological and Psychological Correlates of Suicide Risk in Parasuicidal Adolescent Girls: Testing an Emotion Dysregulation Model; faculty supervisor: Ted Beauchaine, Ph.D.

Student Travel Awards:

Mednick, Lauren, The George Washington University/Children's Hospital – Boston: Parenting young children with diabetes: Hope as a resilience factor; with Cogen, F., Henderson, C, Kittesa, D., and Streisand, R.

Gonzalez, Elizabeth, Drexel University: Comparing adolescents with sickle cell disease to their siblings; with Nicolaou, D. Collette, Herman, Sarah, Simon, Katie, Restifo, Veronica, Patterson, Chavis, and Barakat, Lamia.

lobst, Emily, University of Cincinnati: Children with JRA: attitudes toward illness and family functioning; with Petropoulos, Nabors, and Nash.

Schwartz, Lisa, Case Western: Self-identified goals and well-being in young adults with a history of childhood chronic physical illness; with Denny Drotar, Ph.D.

2. Student Poster Awards: 18 Student Posters in 2005 (results pending) 3 winner at \$50 each plus Blue Ribbon on Poster

2003: 22 Student Posters

2004: 25 Student Posters

Sharon also reported on the mentoring program: 20 mentoring matches have been made. This is a Member service; one has to be a member to be matched with a mentor.

BEA has small grants -- \$2000. Sharon is working on developing an application for such a grant for the mentoring project. Interdivision programming; perhaps an hour could be donated across divisions for promoting the mentoring program. Perhaps we could do this next year in the evening.

The On-line directory is up and running. We are working jointly with Division 53 on this project.

XII. Member at large report –Alexandra Quittner. Board decided on-line membership directory. The vote was unanimous to go forward.

XIII. Member at large – Lindsey Cohen discussed the Cross Training Institute for Pediatric Pain via the internet. He proposed 5 multidisciplinary faculties across the US to participate via the list serve. He also discussed that web conferencing may be an institute every year. He stated he was exploring funding options via various sources. Compartmentalizing the funding across different disease organizations (e.g. sickle cell) was also discussed.

The website and newsletter going well, according to Dan Clay. Issue of advertising was raised including whether we should charge. It was decided that we don't want to do display ads, ads from headhunters, or people looking for work one line. We want to keep it simplified as, "its working right now." We discussed mailing the newsletter out with the Journal. Michael said that if we send it out with the Journal, people won't realize they have gained an extra benefit, which may impact marketing. Discussion was tabled until Midwinter meeting.

XIV Student Representative – Katie Devine

Student Advisory is in its annual transition – 5 new members. They are continuing with the committee approach: programming, membership and website and student spotlight. New initiatives: Student Advisory is developing a Membership brochure. Discussion ensued as to how to distribute. Student listserv has not been active for the past couple of years; it is an open form discussion of issues. The student representatives are attempting to generate ideas that will revive the list serve.

XV. Continuing Education: Susan Simonian. We are approved for five years on CE program sponsorship. Discussion ensued regarding charging a CE credit fee to cover expenses for the SPP conference. We don't need to cosponsor anymore to be able to issue CE credits. Susan was reappointed as CE chair,

XVI. President Elect -Anne Kazak discussed the Midwinter meeting scheduled for San Antonio. The integration summit is to be held Thursday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Board meeting will be held on Friday and half of Saturday. The Board voted to approve Summit expenses for the three members attending.

XVII. New Business

Dennis Drotar, President:

Discussion regarding the 2006 SPP conference ensued. Denny discussed the collaborative effort between the institution and SPP. He stated that we haven't flushed out the details about this collaboration but there will be more discussion later.

Clarification was requested regarding policy for international travel for SPP Board business travel. Jan examined the appendix to the Division manual. Upon review, appendix did not reveal such policy.

Alan Delamater raised the liaison issue. We don't have one from our Division to the Society of Behavioral Medicine. Raise issue about a more formal relationship between SBM and SPP. Alan and Carolyn come up with a brief proposal; there is a SBM task force on empirical based treatments. We could have a Division 54 member on it.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Faust, Ph.D.