

AACP Board Meeting
Winter Meeting
March 4, 2006

Present:

Wes Sowers, M.D.
Anita Everett, M.D.
Jack Haggerty, M.D.
Charles Huffine, M.D.
Andres Pumariega, M.D.
Tony Ng, M.D.
Fred Osher, M.D.
Ken Thompson, M.D.
Elizabeth Oudens, M.D.
Jackie Feldman, M.D.
Michelle Clark, M.D.
Reta Floyd, M.D.
David Pollack, M.D.
Paulette Gillig, M.D.
Russell Lim, M.D.
Britt Peterson, M.D.
Satya Chandrigiri, M.D.
Sara Altman, M.D.
Ken Minkoff, M.D.
Walter Rush, M.D.
Mario Cruz, M.D.
Annelle Primm, M.D.

Visitors:

Ben Crocker, M.D.
David Cutler, M.D.
Peter Stasney, M.D.
Patrick Connell

Absent:

Ken Duckworth, M.D.
Steve Goldfinger, M.D.
Warachal Faison, M.D.
Neal Adams, M.D.
Hunter McQuiston, M.D.
Chris Cline MD
Cheryl Bower-Stephens MD

Meeting called to order at 4:45 p.m. at the Sheraton Station Square, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Doctor Clark announced the Black Psychiatrists of America are conducting a healing conference. She encouraged all to register.

Doctor Pumariega reported he has changed positions. He is now Chair of Psychiatry at Reading Hospital, Reading , PA.

Doctor Huffine reported that the alliance for safe therapeutic and effective residential therapeutic treatment has increased its activity, and has presented to the Federation of Families and several other professional meetings.

Doctor Gillig announced that the homelessness book is in press at APPI. AACP Clinical Guide On the Mental Health Treatment for Homeless Individuals.

Doctor Lim reported that he has a new book, Clinical Manual of Cultural Psychiatry.

The LOCUS treatment planning module is about ready to be released and the demo is on the web site.

Minutes

The minutes were circulated.

Motion: Doctor Osher moved the minutes be accepted as circulated.

Second: Doctor Rush

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Current balance is \$95-100,000. Dues are improving. There have been plans for fund a reserve fund. All accounts were reviewed and the expenses to date were reviewed for the eight months June 1 – Jan 31.

We have had some discussion about a review or audit. There is an effort to standardize the record keeping. Ms. Bell has begun paying the routine bills and making bank deposits into an operating account.

We may change the numbers for the web site and the figures for administrative support for the year. This will be referred to Executive Committee.

New Business

Winter Meetings

2006 This conference will cost about \$85,000 and a small profit may be realized. Eli Lilly might be interested in putting together some kind of publication.

2007

North Carolina – Doctor Haggerty reported that it is still in process and could be linked with the Annual Clinical Update. It would be locked into Pinehurst. The issues would be the logistics of getting there.

Motion: Doctor Osher moved to formalize the plans for the meeting in North Carolina.

Second: Doctor Feldman

Motion carried.

2008 – Brooklyn

NAMI report card: Doctor Minkoff reported the report card has been released. What does it feel like to our membership? How does it impact their systems of care? It is valuable? Was the methodology on target? How do we go forward? Ken Duckworth has taken the front line on this. There is a lot to talk about with this report. Doctor Minkoff recommended putting this in the list serve to inform the membership about this report. Communicating and developing the bullet points might be a good place to start. Doctor Pollack suggested a letter from the President giving the link and use this in each state to start a dialogue that references the IOM report.

Action: Dr. Sowers will write a letter to the general membership referencing the Annapolis Report.

Liaison Reports

APA Assembly

Doctor Everett reported from the APA Assembly. There is one action paper for peer review for people in systems where there are not peer reviews. This will be reviewed at the Assembly Meeting in May. Doctor Ruiz will be outlining his priorities for the coming year.

2005 IPS Meeting:

The meeting made a profit of \$5,000. Doctor Huffine is the Scientific Chair of the Program Committee for IPS 2006. The meeting has been cut it down to 3 days and cut the food served at meetings to save money.

CAPP

Doctor Pollack reported on the APA Ethics Guidelines proposed with the annotations; the document caused a lot of stir and lead to the appointment of a task force. Doctors Moltz and Pollack chaired this group. Psychiatry is driven more by community and public psychiatry and the AACP should ensure the guidelines do not conflict or undermine this practice. There was a discussion group at this meeting, Doctors Michael Schwartz and David Moltz will make a more assertive recommendation to the APA about not going through with the current proposal and present a new set of guidelines. In summary, it is not clear why the APA went so far beyond AMA guidelines.

Action: Drs. Pollack and Moltz will communicate with Drs. Roberts and Stotland on 'irreducible elements'.

SAMHSA:

Doctor Everett reported there have been changes in the administration. Doctor Eric Broderick is the new Deputy Administrator. SAMHSA has announced two new priorities; suicide prevention and work force development.

SAMHSA's international work might interest AACP. SAMHSA is working with physicians in Iraq and they are developing an organization and might come to the APA Meeting. In Afghanistan there are 27 million people with two psychiatrists.

Doctor Everett points out the International Initiative for Mental Health Leadership, begun by the Director of CMH in New Hampshire. They have annual meetings and are looking for exchange.

There is a new cost analysis of the cost effectiveness of the CATIE study and it is not so positive.

Medicare Part D:

Doctor Crocker reported interest in enlisting volunteers across the country to update the spreadsheets he has developed on PDP formularies.

Action: Dr. Crocker will contact Dr. McQuiston about developing a national repository for the websites.

Ortho

The workgroup has not yet met to work out details of joint membership..

Action: Dr. Pumeriaga will convene the AACP-Ortho joint membership workgroup.

NASMDHPD

They are looking at the CATIE Study and working on technical reports.

Red Toad Road:

This company is a CME provider and want to offer a proposal to the AACP for CME. They are offering an exam in the Ortho Journal for CME credit. The Program Committee reviewed this and the Program Committee thought it looked good enough to enter into discussions. The Program Committee recommends Doctor Sowers to explore. Doctor Pollack has forwarded the proposal to all Board members.

Committee Reports

Nominations:

Doctor Feldman reported the slate of nominees for the Spring election:

Wes Sowers, President

Annelle Primm, Vice President

Beatrice Kovaszny, Secretary

Walter Rush, Treasurer

Motion: Doctor Clark moved to accept the slate of officers.

Michelle Clark

Second: Doctor Osher

Motion carried.

Bylaws:

The bylaws state that new members of the board will be seated at the beginning of the Spring Board Meeting, while, in fact, new members have been seated at the end of the spring meeting.

Action: Doctor Clark moved to amend the bylaws to state that new members will be seated at the end of the May Meeting. This will appear in the newsletter and be voted on at the May Membership Meeting.

Second: Doctor Osher

Motion passed.

Emeritus Board Member position description was re-written specifying a 2 year term.

Action: Motion Clark; Second Oudens; Approved. Will be sent out, and then voted on at next general membership meeting.

Membership

The Board was asked to submit to Russell two names for the diversity memberships for this year.

Program

Doctor Pollack will email the report.

Action: Dr. Pollack will ask APA Program Committee to develop a process for labeling AACP presentations at IPS.

The Committee discussed having a separate fund to be set up within the AACP budget to fund consumer and family education at meetings. SAMHSA has some funds for this activity. Doctor Huffine will talk with Doctor Everett and Paula Delvecchio about this project.

Communications:

The “impact factor” for the CMHJ (how many times it gets cited by other authors) is increasing. The list serve is remaining static (500 subscribers). The webpage is being re-organized. We currently rent server space, and Dr. Thompson recommends that we purchase our own server(\$2-3,000 plus \$40/month). The user ID for members only section is: AACPMember; Password: Comm2006psych. Doctor Oudens announced that she is stepping down as co-editor of the Newsletter and thanked the Board for a great experience.

Membership

The membership count is: 645 active members (191 not paid for 2006). The lists of delinquent members were given to area reps for them to follow up. There is a very low response rate on the membership survey. The form will be revised. When the form is not complete, area reps will be asked to contact those people. The Membership Committee reviewed lowering or waiving dues from undeveloped countries.

Action: Doctor Thompson moved to waive dues for members from underdeveloped countries and make only the list serve available to them.

Second: Doctor Feldman. Motion carried.

The Membership Committee recommends increasing the dues for general members to \$125. The Executive Committee suggests that we wait until the end of this year and review what our revenues are. Doctors Sowers and Thompson will work on revising the membership brochure.

Health Care Disparities and Under Served:

Doctor Lim reported that the deadline for the special issue on cultural psychiatry is August 1. Doctor Lim requested that all Board members submit to him two names for the diversity membership.

Executive/Finance

Action: Dr. Sowers proposes further committee reorganization consolidating 12 committees into nine. Approved.

Deerfield has proposed offering business services in exchange for decreasing CALOCUS royalties.

Action: Dr. Sowers will appoint a group to discuss this further with Deerfield.

LOCUS/CALOCUS

There was discussion about the treatment planning module of LOCUS (POWERS). The two products are not linked and the treatment planning has to work from LOCUS. The committee will review this and report back to the Board. The committee plans to edit tie introduction to LOCUS to better reflect a recovery orientation.

Training:

Doctor Cruz is the new chair of this committee. Doctor McQuiston will work with Doctor Ranz to develop a survey of resident's attitudes toward recovery. The Committee plans to expand its charter in the area of research. In particular, the committee will investigate establishing a practice network.

Leadership:

Doctor Everett reported on the NCCBH presentation. A presentation is planned for 2006 IPS: "Stories of Psychiatric Leadership and Transformation"

Clinical Services:

Doctor Oudens recommended Doctor Neal Adams as her replacement as chairperson. The listserv discussion on CATIE has been saved. The committee will summarize it and re-distribute. The Committee proposed at every meeting, inviting consumers and families to one hour of meeting, with someone from the host city being the responsible party. Doctors Sowers was in strong agreement that is a way to vet some of the things the AACP does an organization. There needs to be some way of building in face to face time or a focus group. The suggestion was made to collaborate with Celebrate Recovery at the IPS 2006 Meeting.

Quality and Ethics:

The Committee discussed possible reorganization.

Miscellaneous

Doctor Peterson will not be coming to the Annual Meeting so this is his last meeting on the Board and he thanked the Board for a great experience.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.