

Scholarship and Training Committee Report
AACP Board Meeting/IPS
October 8, 2009

Members Present

Jules Ranz
Anita Everett
Tony Carino
Wes Sowers
Sarah Altschuler
Stephanie LeMelle
Paula Panzer
Jackie Feldman
Dick Christensen
Michelle Clark

Certification Process

The committee received an update from Tony Carino, Certification Work Group, regarding the status of the certification process. At this point in time, Topics Experts have been identified, notified and most have returned their disclosure forms. In addition, the APA has in place an on-line test format (Mind Games) that could potentially serve as a format for the AACP's on-line certification test. The next action step is the development and review of the questions that will make up the examination. Hence, following discussion, it was proposed that each Topic Expert would be provided guidelines on how to write examination questions and given a "sample set" of questions resembling the format that would be on the certification examination. Each expert would be asked to compose at least five (5) questions drawn from their respective area of expertise that would be considered for inclusion on the examination. The guidelines and sample questions will be sent to the Topic Experts by November 1, 2009, with the request that they return their questions within one month. Those who have not done so by then will be prompted with a follow-up reminder.

Action Steps:

Contact Topic Experts as above by November 1, 2009 (Workgroup)
Begin the collection of examination questions and establish a review process to evaluate the questions for clarity and validity prior to Winter Meeting in March

Community/Public Psychiatry Textbook

Jackie Feldman led a discussion surrounding the possibility of developing a contemporary textbook on the history, principles and practice of Community Psychiatry. Currently there is not an identifiable comprehensive text that is up to date. In her leadership role as editor of the **Community Mental Health Journal** she will explore possibilities with her publisher and proposed drawing upon AACP members for their expertise in developing topics and chapters for the edition. Will provide a report at the Winter meeting.

Strategic Plan Objectives

Delete in Section 6 of original draft:

“Develop capacity to identify EBP’s”

“Establish capacity to offer CME credits for online web-based training”

Add in Section 6 of original draft

“Formally recognize expertise in public sector psychiatry by establishing an AACP-sponsored certification process”

“Promote the development of Fellowship training programs in public psychiatry and increase awareness of the AACP “Guidelines” to that end.

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