

# SOCIETY *of* BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE

*Better Health Through Behavior Change*

## **ETCD Council Minutes**

Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2015  
Time: 10:00 am PT/11:00 am MT/12:00 pm CT/1:00 pm ET  
Dial In: 1 (800) 377-8846  
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### **In Attendance**

Nicole Zarrett, PhD (Chair)  
Jamie Bodenlos, PhD  
Margaret Clayton, PhD  
Vicki DiLillo, PhD  
Amy Huebschmann, MD  
Valerie Myers, PhD  
Barbara Stetson, PhD

### **Regrets**

Georita Marie Frierson, PhD  
Patricia Lee, PhD  
Karen Oliver, PhD  
Lori Pbert, PhD  
Jennifer Reese, PhD

### **Staff**

Amy Stone  
Erica Linc

### **2015 Awards Review Decisions**

Council members discussed all 2015 SBM Achievement awards reviews in order to make the following recipient recommendations to the Awards Committee Chair.

#### **Research Mentor:**

Lori Pbert, PhD; Professor of Medicine, University of Massachusetts Medical School  
Note: Three applications were received for this award.

#### **Dissertation:**

Jessica Pepper, PhD; Postdoctoral Fellow, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Note: Five applications were received for this award.

#### **Excellence in Research:**

Scherezade Mama, DrPH; Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center  
Danielle Schoffman, BA; Doctoral Candidate, University of South Carolina  
Note: 11 applications were received for this award.

#### **Travel Scholarship:**

Melissa Crane, MA; Graduate Student, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Sara Edmond; Graduate Student, Duke University  
Cassandra Lowe; PhD Student, University of Waterloo  
Note: 15 applications were received for this award.

### **Potential Changes for Awards Next Year**

Council agreed to, at a later date, discuss:

- 1) Including active SBM involvement in the award criteria; and
- 2) Possible changes to the Distinguished Mentor awards.

Note: Council members examined possible causes for the absence of nominations for the Distinguished Clinical Mentor award. Theories included that there is a perception that the award is less prestigious than the Distinguished Research Mentor award or a misconception that it is an award meant for mentors involved exclusively in clinical endeavors. Possible changes could involve offering just a single Distinguished Mentor award, changing it from clinical to teaching, or encouraging more members to apply for the award by clarifying the award criteria.

### **Next call:**

Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 11:00 am PT/12:00 am MT/1:00 pm CT/2:00 pm ET