

Society of Behavioral Medicine
39th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions
 New Orleans – April 11 -April 14, 2018
 Program Committee Conference Call

DATE Tuesday, October 10, 2017
 TIME 3 p.m. ET/2 p.m. CT/1 p.m. MT/12 p.m. PT
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In Attendance

Rachel Shelton, ScD, MPH Chair
 Eric Hekler, PhD, Co-Chair
 David X. Marquez, PhD, Past Chair
 Charles Jonassaint, PhD
 Andrea Cherrington, MD, MPH
 Meagan Helmick, MPH, CHES
 Deborah Bowen, PhD
 Joanna Buscemi, PhD

Staff

Erin Trimmer
 Mary Dean, JD, CAE
 Lauren Seward
 Anne Hahn

Unable to attend

Gary G. Bennett, PhD, President
 Kristi Graves, PhD, SIG Chair
 Ryan Shaw, RN
 Jennifer Huberty, PhD
 Amy Janke, PhD

1. Abstract submission final numbers

Dr. Shelton informed the committee that SBM had a total of 1398 abstracts submitted for the 2018 meeting – a new record, up from 1340 submissions for 2017 and 1119 submissions for 2016. Reviewers have until the end of the day on October 11 to complete their abstract reviews.

There were 112 symposia submissions, but scheduling will only allow 72 symposia at the meeting. Rejected symposia will have the option to be considered as a poster presentation. Other abstract categories will only face minor cuts due to meeting space and time constraints; below is the comprehensive breakdown of submissions.

Number Submitted	Abstract Type
16	Pre-conference seminar
33	Panel discussions
808	Paper and posters
429	Poster only
112	Symposia
1398	Total

SIG/Council/Committee link:

23	Breakfast Roundtable
25	Midday Meeting
15	Pre-Conference Course
63	Total

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2. Health Policy Committee update

The Health Policy Committee chair, Dr. Buscemi, gave an overview of the committee, which has assisted with and organized a number of crucial activities and policy briefs. The Health Policy Committee identifies, assesses and develops key opportunities to inform the policy debate at the federal and state level.

Additionally, Dr. Buscemi spoke about the committee's abstracts, which include one midday meeting and one symposium. Both will be beneficial to "Extend Our Reach" and bring awareness to the membership regarding Health Policy.

3. SIG Council update

Ms. Hahn gave the committee a brief update on the involvement of the SIGs in the upcoming Behavior Change webinar series. Currently seven webinars are in place for the SIGs, which will take place on Thursdays. A second initiative for the SIGs is an existing Google Sheets document which serves as a collaboration hub, allowing more opportunity for collaboration moving forward.

4. Webinar update

Dr. Shelton informed the group that the Program Committee will also be leading two webinars within the series that will feature speakers from the 2018 meeting. The first, on November 16, will feature Joe Smyser, and the second, on March 1, will feature Sara Bleich and Binta Beard.

The program committee will also be creating short feature videos to promote individual speakers.

Next Program Committee Conference Call

Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Time: 12:00 PM PT; 1:00 PM MT; 2:00 PM CT; 3:00 PM ET

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