SIG Council Conference Call
MINUTES
Thursday, June 23, 2016
9 a.m. HT/12 p.m. PT/1 p.m. MT/2 p.m. CT/3 p.m. ET
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In Attendance
Kristi Graves, PhD (chair)
Catherine Alfano, PhD
Pamela Behrman, PhD
Jill E. Bormann, PhD, RN, FAAN
Paul W. Branscum, PhD, RD
Joanna Buscemi, PhD
Lara Dhingra, PhD
Brian Gonzalez, PhD
Jeffrey Haibach, PhD, MPH
Felicity W. K. Harper, PhD (guest)
M. Bryant Howren, PhD, MPH
Heather S. Jim, PhD
Kathryn E. Kanzler, PsyD, ABPP
Andrea Kozak, PhD
Shelby L. Langer, PhD (guest)
Zakkoya Lewis
Sarah Lillie, PhD
Scherezade K. Mama, DrPH
Robin Masheb, PhD
Jennifer L. Matthews, MS
Melissa Napolitano, PhD
Crystal Park, PhD
Sherri Sheinfeld Gorin, PhD (guest)
Lori Scott-Sheldon, PhD
Jamilia Sly, PhD
Teresa M. Smith, PhD, MS
Jayson Spas, PhD
Sara St. George, PhD
Amanda N. Szabo-Reed, PhD
Miho Tanaka, PhD, MPH (guest)

Regrets
Lorien C. Abroms, ScD
James Aikens, PhD
Austin S. Baldwin, PhD
Daniel G. Cassidy, PhD
Andrea Clements, PhD
Margaret A. Crawford
Sabrina Ford, PhD
Jennifer Huberty, PhD
Amy G. Huebschmann, MD
Charles Jonassaint, PhD
Naomi S. Kane, MA
Sara Kornfield, PhD
Kari Kugler, PhD
Allison Lewinski, MPH, BSN, RN
Dejan Magoc, PhD
Thelma Mielenz, PhD
Chandra Y. Osborn, PhD, MPH
Megan Oser, PhD
Amanda S. Phillips
Emily Rothman, ScD
Lila Rutten, PhD, MPH
Jerry Suls, PhD
David Williams, PhD
Julie Wright, PhD
Betina R. Yanez, PhD
Karen H. Yeary, PhD
Nataliya Zelikovsky, PhD

SPLC Presentation on SBM’s Relationship with AMIA
Scientific and Professional Liaison Council (SPLC) Chair Dr. Sheinfeld Gorin joined the call and explained what the SPLC is and what it does. She described Society of Behavioral Medicine’s (SBM) relationship with the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA). Dr. Tanaka discussed the midday meeting that was held in collaboration with AMIA at the SBM 2016 Annual Meeting and shared the slide deck from that meeting. Members of AMIA who have been driving the AMIA side of this relationship want to know what SBM members see as ways to continue relationship.

Action items: Please contact Dr. Sheinfeld Gorin (sherri.gorin@gmail.com) and Dr. Tanaka (Miho.Tanaka@va.gov) if interested in helping bring the project forward.

IdeaLab: Mid-career mentoring activities; creativity session
Drs. Alfano, Harper, and Traeger presented and asked for feedback on the Cancer Special Interest Group’s (SIG) plans for the 2017 Annual Meeting and the rest of the year leading up to it. They spoke of the following projects:
1. Forming mid- and senior-career mentoring groups for members. Council feedback:
   a. Making the groups so that they are not SIG-specific but instead based on topic area/need as some SIGs might be too small to support this type of project.
   b. Including senior-level folks in the mid-career groups.
   c. How would “mid-career” be defined?

2. Organizing the creation of short advice videos by senior members of SBM (called nuggets of advice videos).
   Council feedback:
   a. Praise on the ease at which these videos could be accessed. People would be able to look at them on their own time.
   b. The suggestion to make a video library on the SBM website to house these short videos.
   c. To label/tag the videos so that they are easy to find.

3. Proposing a midday meeting at the 2017 Annual Meeting in which they bring in a coach or generative creativity expert to talk to attendees about how to get out of any rut they might be in. Council feedback:
   a. The content of such a session could make for a good plenary speaker.
   b. Worry that that particular timeslot would make it difficult for SIG chairs to attend.
   c. That industry groups might be a good place to look at since they have a vested interest in creativity.
   d. Dr. Sheinfeld Gorin indicated that the SPLC might be interested in co-sponsoring the session.

Action items: Email Dr. Graves (Kristi.Graves@georgetown.edu) or Dr. Alfano (catherine.alfano@cancer.org) with further feedback on the mentoring groups and advice nugget videos.

SIG Presentations and Questions
Dr. Wright presented on behalf of the Behavioral Informatics and Technology (BIT) SIG. At the suggestion of a member of the SIG the BIT SIG created a private LinkedIn group to supplement their monthly conference calls. Dr. Wright sought feedback on how best to invite BIT SIG members to join the group. Feedback from the council included the suggestion to do a Google Form survey so that members could opt-in to being invited to the group.

Dr. Mama gave a presentation on the Physical Activity SIG’s plans for a pre-conference workshop for junior faculty that would cover the challenges early career investigators face. The chairs of the Cancer and Health Decision Making SIGs expressed interest in being involved.

Student SIG Liaisons Project Update
Ms. Matthews said she is making a list of SIG student liaisons to the Student SIG and will be setting up a call with the liaisons and the Student SIG leadership team soon. Dr. Wang recommended framing the position as a leadership opportunity and/or an avenue through which to receive mentoring from SIG chairs.

Next meeting
Thursday, July 28; 9 a.m. HT/12 p.m. PT/1 p.m. MT/2 p.m. CT/3 p.m. ET