

**Society of Behavioral Medicine**  
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Program Committee Conference Call

DATE Tuesday, September 11, 2018  
TIME 3pm ET/2pm CT/3pm MT/12pm PT  
CALL <https://bluejeans.com/398428355?src=calendarLink>  
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Meeting ID: 216 189 559

**In Attendance**

Eric B. Hekler, PhD (Chair)  
Alison Phillips Sheesley, PhD (Co-Chair)  
Rachel C. Shelton, ScD, MPH (Past Chair)  
Kateljine F. Acker, PhD, RN  
Austin S. Baldwin, PhD  
Edith A. Burns, MD  
Gregory M. Dominick, PhD  
Brian D. Gonzalez, PhD  
Mary Greaney, PhD  
Lisa M. McAndrew, PhD  
Arlen C. Moller, PhD  
Robert L. Newton, Jr, PhD  
Chad D. Rethorst, PhD  
Dori E. Rosenberg, PhD, MPH  
Jamilia R. Sly, PhD  
John Torous, MD  
Carmina G. Valle, PhD, MPH  
Betina R. Yanez, PhD

**Staff**

Lauren Seward  
Rachel Mizar

**Unable to Attend**

Sherry L. Pagoto, PhD (President)  
Marissa Burgermaster, PhD  
Leah R. Yingling, BS

**1. Abstract Submission Update**

Currently there are 567 abstracts in the submission system, as compared to 2018's 569 abstracts at this time.

**2. Pre-Conference Courses**

Dr. Hekler reminded the group to continue submitting abstracts, especially those pre-conference courses via SIGs. It was suggested that the committee better promote pre-conference courses this year, because in previous years, attendance for many pre-conference courses has been so low that the courses were cancelled. This is common due to the number of pre-conference courses that are accepted.

**3. Practice Gaps and Learning Objectives**

The committee reviewed the drafts circulated for 2018 with the call agenda. The Science Communication and Framing of Science Information was sent to Dr. Pagoto for her review. The Patient Engagement, Empowerment, and Agency needs updates to fit the submission requirements, so Dr. Hekler will review and update as needed. The Theories and Techniques to Promote Health Equity is complete.

**4. Topic Area Description Update**

Committee members (re)pened topic area descriptions in areas with a lack of, or outdated descriptions. Dr. Rosenberg suggested that the Physical Activity topic area mentions sedentary behavior in the future. Dr. Newton mentioned that as there is an active SIG, an Aging topic area may be relevant in the future. Dr. Hekler agreed and said the committee is working on revamping topic areas for 2020.

All topic area descriptions, with the exception of Sexual Behaviors, are complete, and were approved by the committee.

**Next Program Committee Conference Call**

Date: Tuesday, September 25, 2018  
*Small Committee Call*