

# SOCIETY *of* BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE

*Better Health Through Behavior Change*

## **Scientific and Professional Liaison Council**

### **Minutes April 18, 2016**

#### **Call participants**

Martin D. Cheatle, PhD  
David E. Goodrich, EdD, MS, MA  
Paul B. Jacobsen, PhD  
Amy Janke, PhD (guest)  
Sara J. Knight, PhD  
Miho Tanaka, PhD  
Sherri Sheinfeld Gorin, PhD – Chair

#### **Regrets**

Matt Buman, PhD (guest)  
Jennifer K. Carroll, MD, MPH  
Katie Davis, PhD  
Julie E. Volkman, PhD (guest)  
Erika A. Waters, PhD, MPH

#### **Staff**

Andrew Schmidt

#### **MINUTES**

The February 22, 2016 SPLC minutes were unanimously approved.

#### **LIAISON REPORTS**

##### **VA and Public Health Law Research Group**

Dr. Knight reported that a productive meeting was held between SBM leaders and David Atkins, acting chief research and development officer for the VA, during the Annual Meeting. The meeting served as a mutual introduction and exploration of potential collaborations. Dr. Knight also reported that the Presidential Symposium featuring Scott Burris of Public Health Law Research was extremely well-attended and that feedback for the session has been positive.

##### **Physical Activity/VA**

Dr. Goodrich reported that the two ACSM/SBM co-sponsored symposia were very successful, and that a policy brief based on a symposium from the 2015 Annual Meeting would be published in the September issue of TBM. Dr. Goodrich also reported that a meeting was held with Stephan Fihn, director of the VA Office of Analytics and Business Intelligence, to discuss opportunities for collaboration with SBM, including but not limited to presenting at upcoming Annual Meetings.

## **APOS/IPOS**

Dr. Jacobson reported that sessions at the Annual Meeting, particularly those co-sponsored by the Cancer SIG, were well attended by individuals from the National Cancer Institute and the American Cancer Society (ACS). Dr. Sheinfeld Gorin suggested inviting Dr. Catherine Alfano, Cancer SIG chair and Vice President, Survivorship at ACS to an upcoming SPLC call to discuss collaboration with both groups during the upcoming year. Dr. Jacobson also reported that Dr. Kevin Stein, Vice President of Behavioral Research at ACS and longtime SBM member, had been named program chair for the next APOS Annual Conference.

## **The Obesity Society and Obesity Week 2016**

Dr. Davis was not on the call and her update was deferred to next month's call.

## **Informatics and Communications, AMIA**

Dr. Tanaka reported that the SPLC/AMIA co-sponsored midday meeting was well attended and productive. Among the topics discussed was the JAMIA special issue on Patient Engagement and Patient-Centered Care that has been cross-promoted by SBM. Dr. Tanaka added that ideas are being gathered for future collaborations between SBM and AMIA via a town hall with the Digital Health Council and the SIG Council. AMIA representatives also indicated that they would be interested in collaborating on health policy efforts, so opportunities may exist for co-creation or cross-endorsement of policy briefs.

## **AAFP/NAPCRG**

On Behalf of Dr. Carroll, who was unable to be on the call, Dr. Sheinfeld Gorin reported that the breakfast roundtable featuring representatives from AAFP and NAPCRG was a rich discussion and helped to solidify the liaisons with both groups. Dr. Sheinfeld Gorin noted that the Integrated Primary Care SIG is particularly interested in co-sponsoring similar discussions at future Annual Meetings.

## **Society for Medical Decision Making**

Dr. Waters was not on the call and her update was deferred to next month's call.

## **Pain**

Dr. Janke reported that a policy brief outline focusing on persistent pain had been developed and would be reviewed by the Health Policy Committee shortly. Potential partner organizations are being identified, including the American Pain Society (APS), the American Academy of Pain Medicine (AAPM) and the American Academy of Pain Management ("the Academy"). Dr. Cheatle reported that he would be forwarding the completed brief to the AAPM president, and that the brief could function as a liaison-building tool with these and other groups. In particular, Dr. Cheatle suggested that this brief and related efforts could lead to more SBM-sponsored sessions at other conferences.

## **National Communication Association/ International Conference on Communication in Healthcare**

Dr. Volkman was not on the call and her update was deferred to next month's call.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Sheinfeld Gorin reported that planning had begun for an SPLC-sponsored session at the upcoming American College of Lifestyle Medicine (ACLM) conference, and an SBM/ISBM policy brief on HPV vaccine uptake is in development.