## SOCIETY of BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE

Better Health Through Behavior Change

# Scientific and Professional Liaison Council April 24, 2017

## **Call participants**

Katie Davis, PhD
David E. Goodrich, EdD, MS, MA
Amy Janke, PhD – Chair
Sara J. Knight, PhD
Sherri Sheinfeld Gorin, PhD
Miho Tanaka, PhD
Julie E. Volkman, PhD
Erika A. Waters, PhD, MPH

## Regrets

Martin D. Cheatle, PhD Paul B. Jacobsen, PhD Natalia Loskutova, MD, PhD

## Guests

Joanna Buscemi, PhD

## Staff

Mary Dean, Andrew Schmidt

## **MINUTES**

The March 27 SPLC minutes were approved as written.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Janke reported that productive meetings were held with new and developing liaisons during the Annual Meeting, including an informal meeting with the American Heart Association (AHA) and a breakfast roundtable with the International Society of Hypertension in Blacks (ISHIB). Moving forward, SBM leaders will be in contact with the AHA's behavioral medicine special interest group to discuss a possible collaboration, and will be providing assistance to ISHIB with a PCORI grant proposal they are preparing. Dr. Janke added that a call was recently held with Dr. Barbara Resnick, incoming president of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA), and a number of possible avenues for collaboration were discussed. In particular, Dr. Resnick suggested the organizations explore partnering on policy efforts.

#### **LIAISON REPORTS**

#### VA

Dr. Goodrich reported that the pre-conference course on research translation for military and veteran health was very successful and featured a significant number of first-time Annual Meeting attendees from the VA. Dr. Knight noted that the VA presence at the Annual Meeting usually extends beyond sessions developed or sponsored by the SPLC, and Dr. Janke reported that a call was scheduled to discuss a strategic approach to partnership with the VA, and military and veteran health at SBM more generally. Dr. Goodrich also reported that he has been working with Team Red, White, and Blue (RWB), a Veterans Service Organization that focuses on physical activity and community engagement. An invitation has been extended to Team RWB's research director on behalf of the MVH SIG to publish in an upcoming *TBM* special issue on social networks and health outcomes, and such an article could serve as a first step toward a continuing relationship with SBM.

## EBBM, APOS/IPOS/Cochrane Collaboration

Dr. Sheinfeld Gorin reported that the symposium on systematic reviews at the Annual Meeting was well-attended, and noted that there is growing interest in the scholarship offered by the Cancer and EBBM SIGs for SBM members to attend a Cochrane review training.

## **ACSM**

Dr. Janke commented on the success of the ACSM co-sponsored symposium on exercise and management of chronic pain at the Annual Meeting. Dr. Goodrich added that Dr. Cheatle would be chairing an SBM co-sponsored symposium at the ACSM Annual Meeting in June, and the session organizers would be meeting shortly to develop a submission for the 2018 meeting as well. Dr. Janke noted that Dr. Lynette Craft will coordinate a debriefing following ACSM between the session planners and presenters, as well as the authors on the policy brief on persistent pain, to identify next steps.

## The Obesity Society and Obesity Week 2017

Dr. Davis reported that the Annual Meeting symposium entitled "Behavioral Interventions for Obesity: A debate on the State of the Evidence," while not formally co-sponsored by TOS, was based in part on an SBM-sponsored symposium presented at Obesity Week 2016. In addition, a symposium proposal has been submitted for Obesity Week 2017, which will focus on lifespan physical activity. Dr. Davis suggested that the topic could potentially provide an opportunity for co-sponsorship or collaboration from ACSM. Dr. Davis also provided an update on the Obesity Medicine Education Collaborative (OMEC), which intends to publish its recommendations in the coming year. Through the development of conference programming, sponsorship of initiatives such as National Obesity Care Week, and SBM members' involvement on the OMEC writing committee, Dr. Davis noted that this liaison has expanded to include additional organizations such as the Obesity Medicine Association and American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, and that further collaboration with these groups could be considered.

## Informatics and Communications, AMIA

Dr. Tanaka reported that the pre-conference session with AMIA was well-attended and served as a strong continuation of the symposium held during the previous Annual Meeting. Dr. Sheinfeld Gorin added that two invited industry representatives attended the session, and that follow-up with the session organizers will include a discussion of industry partnerships.

## AAFP/NAPCRG

Dr. Loskutova was unable to join the call and her update was deferred to next month's call

## **Society for Medical Decision Making**

Dr. Waters reported that a symposium proposed by the SBM/SMDM cross-talk committee had been accepted for the 2017 SMDM Annual Meeting, and that the group would be submitting a similar proposal for next year's SBM Annual Meeting. Dr. Waters noted the obstacles she encountered while trying to advance the liaison with SMDM, and Dr. Janke suggested returning to a strategic discussion for maintaining liaison relationships on a future call.

#### **Pain Societies**

Dr. Janke reported that, following its presentation during the Annual Meeting, the policy brief on persistent pain has been officially published and is available now on the SBM website.

National Communication Association/American Academy on Communication in Healthcare

Dr. Volkman reported that she is developing a symposium for the upcoming International Conference on
Communication in Healthcare, being held in Baltimore in October. Dr. Volkman also reported that SBM
members can now access a complimentary trial of the DocCom (<a href="www.DocCom.org">www.DocCom.org</a>) trainings on
healthcare communication skills via the SBM website, and DocCom will additionally be offering SBM
members access to a webinar on delivering bad news.

American College of Lifestyle Medicine / International Society of Behavioral Medicine Dr. Sheinfeld Gorin deferred her updates to next month's call.