Scientific and Professional Liaison Council
Minutes
October 31, 2016

Call participants
Katie Davis, PhD
Amy Janke, PhD
Natalia Loskutova, MD, PhD
Sherri Sheinfeld Gorin, PhD – Chair
Miho Tanaka, PhD
Erika A. Waters, PhD, MPH
Julie E. Volkman, PhD

Regrets
Martin D. Cheatle, PhD
David E. Goodrich, EdD, MS, MA
Paul B. Jacobsen, PhD
Sara J. Knight, PhD

Staff
Mary Dean, Andrew Schmidt

MINUTES
The August 22, 2016 SPLC minutes were unanimously approved.

INTRODUCTIONS
Dr. Sheinfeld Gorin welcomed Drs. Janke, Loskutova and Volkman as full members of the Council, and introduced Ms. Dean as SBM’s new executive director.

LIAISON REPORTS
VA and Public Health Law Research Group
Dr. Knight was unable to join the call, and her update was deferred to next month’s call.

EBBM, APOS/IPOS/Cochrane Collaboration
Dr. Sheinfeld Gorin reported that a symposium co-sponsored by the Cancer and Evidence Based Behavioral Medicine SIGs and featuring representatives from the US Cochrane Center had been submitted for the upcoming Annual Meeting. The session will feature lessons learned from novice to expert presenters who have completed systematic reviews.
Physical Activity/VA
On behalf of Dr. Goodrich, who was unable to join the call, Dr. Janke reported that a symposium joint-sponsored by ACSM and developed in cooperation with the Physical Activity and Pain SIGs had been developed for the Annual Meeting. The symposium will focus on the Exercise is Medicine initiative and exercise as an aid in the management of chronic pain.

The Obesity Society and Obesity Week 2016
Dr. Davis informed the Council that National Obesity Care Week (NOCW) was currently ongoing. In addition, Dr. Davis reported that the SBM-sponsored symposium at Obesity Week 2016, “Behavioral Interventions for Obesity,” would be taking place later during the week, and that a corresponding symposium had been submitted for the 2017 Annual Meeting. Dr. Davis also noted that she was working to connect with TOS’s advocacy arm to ensure that behavioral medicine is a part of their considerable advocacy efforts. Dr. Davis added that a group of SBM members is participating in the Obesity Medicine Education Collaborative developed by TOS and the Obesity Medicine Association. Dr. Sheinfeld Gorin noted that the SBM group is contributing to the development of the core competencies and learning objectives for the collaborative.

Informatics and Communications, AMIA
Dr. Tanaka reported that a pre-conference seminar co-sponsored by the SPLC, BIT SIG and Digital Health Council had been accepted for the Annual Meeting. The seminar, entitled “Putting Patient Data into Action: The Use of Patient-Generated Health Data in Clinical Care and Research,” will be led by Robin Austin, incoming chair of AMIA’s Consumer and Pervasive Health Informatics working group. Dr. Tanaka added that SBM had been invited to participate in the working group’s business meeting during the upcoming AMIA annual meeting as well. Dr. Sheinfeld Gorin reported that Dr. Jessie Tenenbaum, a member of the AMIA BOD, was interested in working with SBM’s SPLC on mental health informatics, so had invited us to join their AMIA “birds of a feather” meeting at AMIA.

AAFP/NAPCRG
Dr. Loskutova reported that a midday meeting with AAFP had been accepted for the Annual Meeting. In addition, a symposium was developed in cooperation with AMIA and the IPC SIG focusing on behavioral health services in primary care settings.

Society for Medical Decision Making
Dr. Waters reported than an article was published in the recent special issue of *Journal of Behavioral Medicine* based on the cross-talk sessions held at the 2015 SBM and SMDM annual meetings. Dr. Waters added that SMDM is a smaller association than SBM with a more decentralized leadership structure, and asked the Council to recommend strategies for maintaining liaison relationships over time with similar organizations.

Pain
Dr. Janke reported that the policy brief on persistent pain had been approved by the Health Policy Committee and would be shared with partner organizations. Dr. Janke noted that she would be facilitating an endorsement of the brief from ACSM, and that Dr. Cheatle was reaching out to the American Pain Society and other potential endorsing organizations. Dr. Janke also reported that the symposium on exercise and chronic pain proposed for the SBM Annual Meeting has a counterpart seminar being presented by Dr. Cheatle at the upcoming ACSM meeting.
National Communication Association/American Academy on Communication in Healthcare
Dr. Volkman reported that a breakfast roundtable with the American Academy on Communication in Healthcare has been scheduled for the Annual Meeting, and reiterated a desire for a discussion for building enduring liaisons with decentralized organizations.

OTHER BUSINESS?

Dr. Sheinfeld Gorin shared a recent draft of the SBM/ISBM policy brief on HPV vaccine uptake in international contexts and reported that a symposium would be presented at the International Congress of Behavioral Medicine in December. In addition, Dr. Sheinfeld Gorin shared a recently completed Memorandum of Agreement with the American College of Lifestyle Medicine (ACLM), and informed the Council that a midday meeting would be held with them at the Annual meeting.