



# SOCIETY OF BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE

## Scientific and Professional Liaison Council Minutes

Monday, April 22, 2019

3-4 p.m. ET

### Call participants

Amy Janke, PhD – Chair  
Melissa Bopp, PhD  
Bernadine Pinto, PhD (Guest)  
Kristin L. Schneider, PhD  
Rebecca Bartlett Ellis, PhD (Guest, DHC liaison)  
Colleen McBride, PhD (Guest)

### Staff

Lindsay Bullock

### Regrets

Martin D. Cheatle, PhD  
Jeffrey P. Haibach, PhD, MPH  
Paul B. Jacobsen, PhD  
Natalia Loskutova, MD, PhD  
Barb Resnick, PhD  
Jennifer A. Sumner, PhD  
Tracy Trevorow, PhD (Guest)  
Julie E. Volkman, PhD  
Erika A. Waters, PhD, MPH  
Natasha Williams, EdD, MPH, MSW  
Sandra Winter, PhD

### Approval of the Minutes

February 25 meeting minutes approved by consensus. As a reminder, the call agendas and minutes are on the SPLC Google Drive folder for viewing and editing. Let Ms. Burant know if you do not have access.

### Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Resnick was formally approved as an SPLC member by SBM's Executive Committee (GSA liaison).

SPLC is building up liaisons with digital health organizations. A lot of the relevant organizations (such as AMIA and WISH/CCC) also coordinate with SBM's Digital Health Council. To help build these liaisons, Dr. Bartlett Ellis is joining the SPLC as a guest. She is a Digital health Council member and has been active in working on a relationship between WISH and SBM.

Dr. McBride has joined SPLC to continue the liaison efforts of the SBM Genomics Working Group, which she chaired for the past two years. The group's core mission was to determine if SBM should be more involved in genomics, and if so what were the barriers to entry. The group held a session at the 2019 SBM Annual Meeting and is publishing its findings in TBM (report on discussion groups, challenges of finding collaborators, challenge of judging the evidence base, conception of incompatibility of behavioral/social science and genomics, issues with review groups). The group has been sunset since working groups are designed to be temporary. The working group started building relationships with the [National Society of Genetic Counselors](#), the [American Society of Human Genetics](#), and others.

### Liaison Updates

Dr. Janke reminded all that the SBM 2020 Annual Meeting session submissions will be due in early September, so start thinking about these now.

### **ACSM**

Dr. Pinto said the third and final paper from the ACSM meeting to update the exercise guidelines for cancer survivors has been officially endorsed by SBM. The papers' conclusions can help inform SBM 2020 Annual Meeting session submissions (both from SPLC and in coordination with the Cancer SIG). Dr. Janke also suggested a session around health equity based on Twitter conversations with ACSM leaders. Dr. Bopp said SBM could also submit a session for ACSM; the deadline is mid-June for the 2020 meeting.

### **TOS**

Dr. Schneider had a call two weeks ago with Dr. Janke, Akilah Dulin, PhD (SBM Health Policy Committee chair), Joanna Buscemi, PhD (SBM Health Policy Council chair), and TOS leaders, including its executive director who really wants to build collaborations with other organizations. TOS has started doing more MOUs with other organizations about having content at each other's meetings. A TOS MOU could also include collaboration on policy work. As a first step, Dr. Schneider put together an SBM symposium for the TOS meeting in November. The symposium will be about ethnic and minority health disparities in obesity and will feature Drs. Monica Baskin, Scher Mama, and Akilah Dulin. The session proposal was sent to TOS last week and initial feedback is positive.

The next step will be finalizing an MOU. The draft MOU from TOS says we'll set aside time for leaders to meet at the meetings, and we will offer each other a complimentary exhibit booth.

**ACTION: Ms. Bullock will schedule a call with Drs. Janke and Mama (Membership Council chair) to talk about guidelines for when affiliate membership is appropriate and when an MOU is appropriate.**

### **AHA**

Dr. Janke and co-authors from a commentary response to the 2017 AHA hypertension guidelines had a call with a member of the guidelines team, Dr. Don Casey. The commentary advocated for a larger presence for lifestyle and behavioral medicine approaches. The call was less productive than was hoped for, but Dr. Casey did explain the behavioral component was missed due to a lack of time and funding. He suggested SBM publish a systematic review on the topic that could inform future guidelines. He also offered to connect SBM with leaders of the AMA/AHA targetbp.org initiative. Since Dr. Janke is not an expert in this area, she has enlisted support from the CVD SIG-in-Formation and its leader, Dr. Matt Whited, as well as Dr. Caroline Richardson.

### **Tracking**

**ACTION: For the next call, all are to review the [online draft liaison tracking spreadsheet](#) and come ready with feedback. This will be the lead item on the next SPLC call. Please consider what information would be useful to you and what information you wish you had for managing your liaison.**

*The call adjourned 3:55 p.m. ET.*