Scientific and Professional Liaison Council  
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MINUTES

The February 26, 2018 SPLC meeting minutes were approved as written.

LIAISON UPDATES

Cochrane Collaboration
Dr. Jacobsen reported that he and Dr. Sheinfeld Gorin would be participating in a midday meeting entitled “Models for SBM as an Evidence-based Practice Site.” Dr. Sheinfeld Gorin noted that the session would explore ways in which SBM could support systematic reviews such as those promoted by Cochrane and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). In particular, the Cancer SIG has offered limited scholarships to support training in systematic reviews in the past, and a similar program could be adopted more widely by SBM to connect experts in systematic reviews and meta-analyses with trainees and early-career members. Depending on discussion during and after the meeting, Dr. Jacobsen suggested that the group will decide on next steps and determine how to involve partner organizations.

AAFP
Dr. Sheinfeld Gorin reported that SBM was invited to develop a session for AAFP’s upcoming annual meeting, and while the presenters that were identified were unable to attend this year, the invitation was extended for next year’s conference as well. In addition, a midday meeting during the SBM Annual Meeting will explore intersections with the AAFP National Research Network (NRN).

SOBC
Dr. Sumner reported that Dr. Donald Edmondson would be participating in an SBM webinar this Thursday, with Dr. Sheinfeld Gorin moderating.
LIAISON MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

Continuing the discussion from the previous council call about ways in which the SIGs could enrich the SPLC’s ability to reach out to potential partners and manage existing liaisons, Dr. Janke asked for immediate thoughts or concerns from council members about the relationships already being explored by the Sleep SIG and the proposed SIG/SPLC liaison arrangement.

As additional background, Dr. Janke noted that on last month’s SPLC call, Dr. Brian Gonzalez, outgoing Sleep SIG chair and incoming SIG Council chair, reported that the Sleep SIG has already been forming connections with a number of organizations, including the Sleep Research Society, the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, and the Society of Behavioral Sleep Medicine.

It was proposed that the Sleep SIG would be primarily responsible for engaging with these groups, while the SPLC would offer its advice for managing cross-organizational relationships and assistance with connecting the organizations with other SBM councils/committees or other partner organizations. The Sleep SIG would check in as needed (quarterly at minimum) to discuss their progress, challenges they’ve encountered, and any areas where additional involvement from the SPLC would be warranted.

Dr. Schneider suggested that the steps being undertaken by the Sleep SIG could serve as a useful test case of SIG-managed liaison activities and a template for collaboration between the SPLC and the SIGs. If the approach proves successful, the SPLC could identify other SIGs in areas where cross-organizational relationships haven’t existed previously and reach out to them to see if they know of potential partners or would be willing to take on some of the work to develop new liaisons.

WEBINAR UPDATE

Dr. Janke noted that the weekly SBM Grand Round webinar schedule has several openings in the coming months, and encouraged council members to reach out to their liaisons to discuss the potential for a co-sponsored or partner-developed webinar.