



SOCIETY OF BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE

SIG Council Conference Call MINUTES

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

9 a.m. HT/12 p.m. PT/1 p.m. MT/2 p.m. CT/3 p.m. ET

Call in number: <https://bluejeans.com/676025469>

In Attendance

Brian Gonzalez, PhD – *Chair*

Neha Gothe, PhD – *Aging*

Kathi Heffner, PhD – *Aging*

Beth Orsega-Smith, PhD – *Aging*

Dani Arigo, PhD, LP – *BIT*

Danielle Jake-Schoffman, PhD – *BIT*

Ian Kim – *BIT*

Karen Syrjala, PhD – *Cancer*

Claire Spears, PhD – *CIM*

Matthew Whited, PhD – *CVD*

Liz Beverly, PhD – *Diabetes*

Heather McGinty, PhD – *EBBM*

Lisa Carter-Harris, PhD, APRN – *HDM*

Shannon Christy, PhD – *HDM*

Kassandra Alcaraz, PhD, MPH – *Health Equity*

Robert Newton, PhD – *Health Equity*

Jonathan Rendina, PhD, MPH – *HIV & Sexual Health*

Peter Giacobbi, PhD – *MHBC*

Tammy Stump – *MM*

Katherine Hall, PhD – *MVH*

Rebecca Krukowski, PhD, MPH – *OED*

Sara St. George, PhD – *OBBI*

Sara Edmond, PhD – *Pain*

Linda Trinh, PhD – *Physical Activity*

Jessica Breland, PhD – *PHS*

Ekin Secinti – *Student*

Yue Liao, MPH, PhD, CPH – *TTBCI*

Jaelyn Maher, PhD – *TTBCI*

Alicia Dahl, PhD – *Women's Health*

Veronica Njie-Carr, PhD – *Women's Health*

Lindsay Bullock (staff)

Andrew Schmidt (staff)

Minutes

The July 2019 SIG Council call minutes were approved as written.

SIG Renewal Updates

Dr. Gonzalez reminded the council that 1/3 of the current SIGs were asked to complete and submit renewal applications in June. These applications were initially evaluated by a SIG renewal review committee, who provided their recommendations to the SBM board for final determinations of renewal status for each SIG.

During their discussions, both the SIG renewal review committee and the board recommended that future renewals include all of the SIGs at one time, so rather than reviewing 1/3 of the remaining SIGs in 2020 and the final 1/3 in 2021, renewed SIGs from this year will next be up for renewal in 2023, while all other SIGs will be scheduled for renewal in 2020 and again in 2023.

The Aging, BIT, Cancer, Health Equity, Obesity and Eating Disorders, and Pain SIGs were renewed by the board until 2023, while the Complementary and Integrative Medicine and Multiple Health Behavior Change SIGs were instructed to explore merging with another SIG before the 2020 Annual Meeting. Dr. Gonzalez noted that some other SIGs were considering mergers outside of the renewal process, and encouraged any council members with questions about merging to reach out to himself and SBM staff.

Dr. Stump enquired about the possibility of completing a merger before the April 2020 deadline. Ms. Bullock noted that the board will also be meeting in November, and that any merger proposals that the board received by mid-October could be discussed and potentially approved during that meeting.

Dr. Maher asked any chairs that had already completed a renewal if they could estimate how much time they spent on their applications. Several chairs responded that the full application took between 3-5 hours to complete, in part because

much of the required information was available in previous years' annual reports.

Annual Meeting Session Planning

Dr. Gonzalez invited council members to share and questions or concerns their SIGs were having as they prepared their session abstracts for the 2020 Annual Meeting.

Dr. Syrjala mentioned that her SIG's leadership had questions about speaker honoraria and travel reimbursement for SIG-sponsored sessions; Dr. Gonzalez noted that the [SIG Manual](#) features a breakdown of honoraria and reimbursement limits, and encouraged any chairs with additional questions to reach out to SBM staff.

Dr. Krukowski asked whether SIG chairs were required to lead or attend any SIG-sponsored pre-conference course; Dr. Gonzalez pointed out that chairs aren't required to submit the abstract or serve as a presenter for any session type, including courses.

Dr. Arigo noted that she is a member of SBM's Digital Health Council (DHC) and that the BIT SIG was working closely with them to develop a number of session proposals. Any other SIGs working on digital health-related content are encouraged to reach out to the DHC as well.

Dr. Arigo also encouraged council members to make use of the [Collaboration Hub](#) to identify other opportunities for collaboration with councils/committees or with other SIGs.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 18 at 9 a.m. HT/12 p.m. PT/1 p.m. MT/2 p.m. CT/3 p.m. ET.