



SOCIETY OF BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE

SIG Council Conference Call MINUTES

Wednesday, September 18, 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*

Beth Orsega-Smith, PhD – *Aging*

Dani Arigo, PhD, LP – *BIT*

Danielle Jake-Schoffman, PhD – *BIT*

Elena Salmoirago-Blotcher, MD, PhD – *CVD*

Sabrina Ford, PhD – *CFH*

Amanda Shallcross, ND, MPH – *CIM*

Claire Spears, PhD – *CIM*

Liz Beverly, PhD – *Diabetes*

Heather McGinty, PhD – *EBBM*

Carrie Patnode, PhD – *EBBM*

Kassandra Alcaraz, PhD, MPH – *Health Equity*

Robert Newton, PhD – *Health Equity*

Megan Shen, PhD – *Health Equity*

Kimberly Nelson, PhD, MPH – *HIV & Sexual Health*

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

Cerissa Blaney, PhD – *IPC*

Tammy Stump – *MM*

Kathryn Ross, PhD – *OED*

Sara Edmond, PhD – *Pain*

Laura Porter, PhD – *Palliative Care*

Linda Trinh, PhD – *Physical Activity*

Jessica Breland, PhD – *PHS*

Ekin Secinti – *Student*

Yue Liao, MPH, PhD, CPH – *TTBCI*

Jaclyn Maher, PhD – *TTBCI*

Alicia Dahl, PhD – *Women's Health*

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

Lindsay Bullock (staff)

Andrew Schmidt (staff)

Minutes

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

SIG Annual Meeting Activities

Dr. Gonzalez encouraged council members to begin thinking about the positions for which their SIGs will hold elections in 2020, and to consider asking SIG members for nominations well in advance. The deadline for SIG election results is the last day of the Annual Meeting, and elections can be held online before the conference or onsite during a SIG business meeting. SBM staff can help build and circulate surveys for any SIGs who want to hold elections online before the meeting; the deadline to submit requests for election assistance will be in mid-February.

Mr. Schmidt noted that SIG award requests, which were absent from the non-scientific abstract site this year, would instead be submitted via a standalone form beginning in December. More information will be circulated later in the year.

In addition, Dr. Gonzalez notified the council that SBM can help promote SIG social events prior to the Annual Meeting; any council members who are interested in advertising their events in this way or who have questions about planning or promoting social events are welcome to reach out to SBM staff.

SIG Renewals and Merger Proposals

Dr. Gonzalez reminded the council that all SIGs would be required to submit a renewal application in June 2020 (with the exception of those 8 SIGs that were already reviewed for renewal in 2019). The [SIG Activities Timeline](#) includes the due dates for renewal applications as well as other upcoming quarterly and annual SIG deadlines. Dr. Gonzalez encouraged SIG chairs to plan ahead for these deadlines, and to look for opportunities to delegate regular tasks to other SIG members where possible.

Two of the SIGs that were up for renewal earlier this year (Multiple Health Behavior Change and Complementary and

Integrative Medicine) were instructed by the board to explore merging with one or more other current SIGs before the 2020 Annual Meeting. Dr. Gonzalez noted that any SIGs currently considering a merger could also submit their proposal to the board in October, allowing staff to update the website and conference materials before the Annual Meeting.

Ms. Stump reported that the Multiple Health Behavior Change SIG and Multimorbidities SIG are developing a merger proposal, but suggested that the proposal may not be ready in time for the fall board meeting, particularly as the SIGs would like to survey their members before finalizing the merger. Dr. Gonzalez noted that the SIG manual does require a period for members to provide feedback on any merger proposals before they're presented to the board, but that SBM staff could assist with quickly deploying a survey.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 16 at 9 a.m. HT/12 p.m. PT/1 p.m. MT/2 p.m. CT/3 p.m. ET.