

Minutes

APA Global Health Task Force Teleconference August 2, 2012

Present: Drs Bronwen Anders, Christiana Russ, Jonathan Klein, Jonathan Spector, Melanie Ansbacher, Nicole St. Clair, Sabrina Butteris, Yvonne Vaucher, Ruth Etzel (Chair)

Dr Ruth Etzel asked all the participants on the teleconference to identify themselves and proposed the agenda for the meeting.

Reviewed draft minutes from June 6th teleconference of the Task Force. The minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Discussed the mission, vision & goals of the GHTF:

- Dr Etzel sent a draft version of the mission, vision and goals to the GHTF. The draft proposed that developing faculty competencies in global health could be a major initial focus/goal for the GHTF. The vision would be to prepare faculty to think and act globally.
- Dr Christiana Russ asked if it's meant to focus on faculty only in the US or in other countries.
- Dr Etzel mentioned that, practically speaking, we can only reach US faculty members.
- Dr Bronwen Anders asked if it's possible to get international members from other organizations.
- Dr Jonathan Klein mentioned that the group has done a nice job coming up with a great focus.
- Dr Yvonne Vaucher discussed the International Health Research Award. She explained that it is meant to encourage young investigators/researchers, who wouldn't ordinarily present their research globally/internationally. She doesn't feel that the GHTF and the IH SIG will be duplicative. Also thinks that the GHTF can do a great deal to help promote the IH Award. She feels that person to person contact is what gets the abstracts.
- Dr Russ mentioned that APPD has a GH Educators program. She doesn't think that it's exclusive within APPD, but feels that it is something we should think about/take into consideration.
- Dr Etzel asked if the APPD has already developed faculty competencies in global health.
- Dr Melanie Ansbacher said that they have not developed faculty competencies in global health; they have just had their 1st meeting. She and Dr Nicole St. Clair discussed that meeting.
- It was mentioned that there is very little guidance and a lack of clarity for faculty who want to build an academic career in global health.
- Dr Etzel suggested that in view of the perceived need, the GHTF begin working toward developing competencies for faculty interested in global health, possibly leading to eventual subspecialty certification in global health.
- Dr Vaucher mentioned that sub-specialty certification is controversial and should be considered carefully, but not be the primary goal of the GHTF efforts.

- Dr Etzel agreed that we leave out sub-specialty certification.
- Dr Etzel suggested that the GHTF have a vision to focus on enhancing the abilities of pediatric faculty in the US schools of medicine to practice global health and improve child health equity and be recognized professionally and academically for doing it well.
- Dr Russ suggested that it is important for collaborative networks for global health work be available to faculty on a national level.
- Dr Nicole St. Clair suggested that we consider who's doing what in the various associations. She mentioned that APA is strong in helping to foster academic capacity and partnerships and AAP is strong in developing the clinical workforce.
- Dr Klein suggested considering getting just the general gist of putting things together, instead of focusing on verbiage and the exact goal at this early stage. He mentioned that child equity and child rights are very important and can be supportive language, and tackling one facet of the big picture.
- Dr Vaucher suggested focusing on collaborative partnerships and to figure out exact verbiage later.
- Dr Ansbacher mentioned that being in good relationships with international colleagues, is important.

Reviewed GHTF web page:

- Dr Etzel mentioned that she would like to see/have/receive graphics/photos to add to the web page.
- Dr Vaucher suggested moving announcements closer to the top.
- Dr St. Clair & Vaucher suggested adding current information and updates as they become available.
- Dr Ansbacher also suggested adding updates and missions, goals and what the task force is doing.
- Dr Vaucher suggested adding the IH award to the APA homepage. Jennifer explained that it will be added to the home page, once the call for awards goes out.

Final Thoughts:

- Dr Etzel invited everyone to think about the topic for the GHTF meeting at PAS 2013, since there was a late start last year. She mentioned that it will be a 3 hour meeting.
- Dr Vaucher suggested that since the PAS meeting will be in Washington, DC, maybe we can get speakers from Washington DC international groups.

Action Items:

- Dr Russ to send information to the group for the workshop being presented at the 2013 AAP NCE meeting. If anyone would like to contribute, it would be beneficial.
- Volunteers interested in helping with developing faculty competencies for GH, should contact Dr Etzel.
- Volunteers interested in helping with the workshop for the 2013 AAP NCE meeting, should contact Dr Russ.
- Jennifer to finalize minute from the June 6th call and post to the GHTF page.

- Dr Etzel to incorporate ideas for the group's goals into a revised draft and send to all GHTF members to review.
- Dr Etzel would like suggestions for topics for the GHTF meeting at PAS in May 2013.