

Minutes  
APA Global Health Task Force Teleconference  
August 1, 2013

Present: Drs Tina Slusher, Nicole St. Clair, Yvonne Vaucher, Mirzada Kurbasic, Donna Staton, Melanie Ansbacher, Ruth Etzel (Chair)

1. Review of draft minutes from July 11 teleconference:

- Minutes were approved and accepted as written. Christen will post to the GHTF webpage.

2. Dr. Ruth Etzel: Review of DRAFT Faculty Competencies in Global Health:

- Dr. Etzel: Received revisions of clinical competencies from Dr. Kurbasic and Dr. Vaucher. Are there any additional revisions for the 3 other existing domains?
- Dr. Vaucher: Should we have a general section for the principles that apply to all groups? There is a lot of repetition of the shared elements.
- Dr. Kurbasic: Agrees, thinks it will look cleaner.
- Dr. Staton: Agrees and believes it will make the reading of all 4 areas more interesting and shorter in length.
- Dr. Etzel: Believes that this will improve the overall document.
- Dr. Vaucher: Proposes that “Personal issues and behavioral issues” be included. For example, recognizing and dealing with stress. Working overseas can be very stressful.
- Dr. Staton: Agrees and suggests that a 5<sup>th</sup> domain be included, possibly titled “Working effectively in a different culture.” Issues can then be listed.
- Dr. Kurbasic: Possibly add as an addendum, but where to put it?
- Dr. Staton: We should add our own 5th domain because we believe it is important to Global Health work. Could possibly be titled “Special abilities when working in a different culture” or “Special considerations unique to working in a different culture.”
- Dr. Etzel: We can use “Special considerations unique to living in a different/unfamiliar setting” as a place holder.
- Dr. Ansbacher: Has noted that under each domain/subset, different formats are used. For example some are numbered, while others are bulleted. It is necessary to reformat in order to make the document more unified and centralized.
- Dr. Etzel: Agrees.
- Dr. Kurbasic and Dr. Vaucher: Both volunteer to help with the editing. Dr. Slusher and Dr. Staton also volunteer to assist with the revisions and suggest using Track Changes so that edits and comments are visible to all.
- Dr. Staton: Believes that minor editing and tweaking is needed to draw in the reader for the first paragraph; one more sentence is needed for clarification. Although the content is good, you have to work your way to the punch line.
- Dr. Etzel: Agrees and will circulate the clinical competencies revisions from Dr. Kurbasic and Dr. Vaucher. Will ask the writing group for a revised document within 1 week.

3. Identifying lead(s) for qualitative analysis of results from circulating 2 short questions to colleagues
  - Dr. Etzel: This topic will be skipped today as both Andrew Sherman and Senela are unavailable to participate on the call. Will discuss again during the September teleconference.
4. Global Health Task Force activities at the International Congress of Pediatrics - Workshop and Symposium convened by the International Pediatric Academic Leaders Association (IPALA)
  - Dr. Etzel: The agenda for the meeting has been distributed. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in the discussion.
5. FYI: Global Health Service Partnership -- an innovative public-private partnership allying doctors and nurses as health care educators in resource-poor settings

Global Health Service Partnership is an innovative public-private partnership allying doctors and nurses as health care educators in resource-poor settings. GHSP is a PEPFAR-funded partnership between Peace Corps and the non-profit Seed Global Health. The partnership has established the first ever “Peace Corps for doctors and nurses” where volunteers will serve as adjunct faculty at partner schools of medicine and nursing to build local capacity in the healthcare systems in developing countries.

#### Action Items:

- Christen Brown will post approved minutes of July 11, 2013 call to Global Health Task Force website.
- Dr. Etzel to send revised clinical competencies from Dr. Kurbasic and Dr. Vaucher; the version is labeled “August 1.”
- Dr. Kurbasic, Dr. Vaucher, Dr. Slusher, and Dr. Staton volunteered to all work together over the next week via conference call, Skype, or email to name the 5th domain and complete any additional and necessary revisions to the document. Anticipate the document to be complete and prepared for distribution in 1 week.
- Dr. Etzel will find list of all participants in the Administrative subgroup from Dr. Chuck Schubert and add to the current draft competencies document.
- Identifying the lead(s) for qualitative analysis will be discussed and determined on the September call.
- Christen Brown will post the link to the Global Health Service Partnership in the Global Health Task Force website.