

## **APA Global Health Task Force Teleconference February 2, 2012**

**Present:** Drs. Bernard Dreyer, Cindy Howard, Chuck Schubert, Parminder Suchdev, Yvonne Vaucher, Sabrina Wagner, Ruth Etzel (Chair)

Introductions were made.

### **Standing Date and Time for Teleconference Calls**

- Based on the feedback from those who responded to the survey, the first Thursday of the month, every other month, was selected as the best time for the Global Health Task Force teleconference calls.
- We will use this day and time for the next couple of calls, then determine whether it needs to be changed.

### **Review of minutes from December 2011 teleconference**

- The participants reviewed and approved the draft minutes from the last call. Dr Etzel reviewed the action items and reported that all action items have been completed.

### **GHTF Webpage**

Dr Etzel described the new GHTF webpage, found under heading of 'Leadership'.  
<http://www.ambpeds.org/leadership/GlobalHealthTaskForce.cfm>

- It was suggested to add a link to the International Health Research Award page. Jennifer suggested adding a short description of the award to go with the link.
- Dr. Dreyer suggested adding a photo to liven up the page. Possibly solicit a few pictures of residents or fellows in a Global Health work setting.
- Dr Etzel suggested posting the Millenium Development Goals.
- Dr. Dreyer suggested that Dr. Etzel's name be listed as Chair.

### **GHTF Mission, Vision and Specific Goals**

Dr Etzel mentioned that she would like the Task Force to formulate a mission statement, a vision, and specific goals. A first draft will be circulated by e-mail to begin the process, and comments and suggestions for improvement are welcome. Further discussion can occur at the next teleconference.

### **Faculty Development -- Global Child Health Pediatric Mentor**

Dr Etzel mentioned that Dr Robert Hilliard had suggested that the Global Health Task Force consider describing the Global Child Health Pediatric Mentor. Many pediatricians serve as teachers and mentors for residents interested in global child health. This may involve helping with teaching seminars or workshops in the USA / Canada, but this also may involve going to

different parts of the world. Can any or every faculty pediatrician be able to serve as a mentor or teacher? Should pediatricians have some training or faculty development before going overseas to a low or middle-income country?

1. Are there any expectations of faculty who are helping with training or supervising pediatric residents? Should they have any specific faculty development?
2. Should these faculty have any specific qualifications or training in diseases of infants and children in the sub-tropics and tropics?
3. Should these faculty have any experience in low-income countries?
4. Should these faculty have any specific experience working with residents, or faculty development with respect to pediatric residents.
5. If the faculty will be providing patient care, should they have a temporary license or approval from the Ministry of Health in the country where they are providing mentorship and teaching?

Developing a document about faculty as teachers and mentors would be a useful product of the Task Force.

### **Plan for annual meeting of the Pediatric Academic Societies**

- Dr Etzel mentioned that the Global Health Task Force will meet for 3 hours on Sunday, April 29, 2012 during the PAS meeting in Boston. Part or all of the session should focus on faculty development
- Target audience for the session is those with experience in global child health, who will be tasked with defining competencies for faculty in global child health
- A workshop submission, entitled “Who Are You and Why Are You in Malawi? Transitioning from drop-in work to sustainable global academic efforts” was not accepted as a PAS workshop, but Dr Etzel invited the GHTF members to rework some of the ideas for possible presentation at the GHTF session, focusing on faculty competencies.
- Dr Shubert, Dr Suchdev, Dr St Clair. Dr Wagner and others will work on a description of the GHTF session to be circulated to the GHTF by February 22 for comment.
- Dr. Wagner mentioned the different approaches that can be taken to advertise the GHTF meeting to let everyone know that it is open to anyone with an interest.
- Dr. Schubert mentioned that Dr. Suchdev may have some research/papers on the ethics of short term experiences in low-income countries. Dr. Suchdev agreed to share with the group.
- The GHTF will use 2.5 hours of the PAS meeting to discuss the range of competencies that faculty need to thrive in global health. The attendees will break into small groups to develop competencies in research, patient care, and teaching in global health. Each attendee will leave with a draft list of competencies.
- The session description will be reviewed by the GHTF and revised by the end of February. It will be sent to Jennifer to submit to the PAS office for the meeting program.

- Dr. Vaucher suggested publicizing the GHTF session so that people know that the session is open to everyone.

### **Other Business**

- Dr. Etzel announced that Dr. Zipursky was named an Officer of the Order of Canada and would like for him to talk about it on the next call he is on.

### **Action Items:**

- International Health SIG chairs (Drs. Vaucher, Howard & Kurbasic) to create a short description of the International Health Research Award to be posted, along with the link to the award page, on the GHTF page.
- Dr Etzel to send the Millenium Development Goals to Jennifer to be posted on the website
- GHTF members will send Jennifer a few pictures of residents or fellows in a Global Health work setting to be added to the GHTF page.
- Dr. Suchdev to share his research/papers on the ethics of short term experiences in low-income countries. research (??) with the group.
- Dr Etzel will circulate a first draft of the GHTF mission, vision and specific goals for comment and suggestions.
- Dr Etzel will put a description of the GHTF in the APA Newsletter.
- Subgroup (Drs. Schubert, Wagner, St Clair, Suchdev) to come up with new outline and draft of a proposed 2.5 hour session, send to GHTF for review by February 22. Description should state that this is an open session. Once it is finalized, will send to Jennifer by end of February to submit to PAS for online program session description.
- Leaders for each competency domain (research, patient care, teaching) should be identified and contacted after the draft proposal has been approved by the GHTF.
- Next teleconference will be planned for the first Thursday in April.