

Minutes

APA Global Health Task Force Teleconference October 4, 2012

Present: Drs Cindy Howard, Mirzada Kurbasic, Danielle Laraque, Frances Rushton (guest), Yvonne Vaucher, Ruth Etzel (Chair)

Dr Ruth Etzel introduced Dr Francis Rushton, Chair of the AAP Advisory Committee to the Board on Global Health. She asked all the participants on the teleconference to identify themselves and proposed the agenda for the meeting. Dr Etzel mentioned seeing the Educational Scholars Program info on the back of the recent issue of Academic Pediatrics and proposed adding a discussion about the possibility of launching a Global Health Scholars Program to the agenda for this call.

Reviewed draft minutes from the August 2nd teleconference of the Global Health Task Force (GHTF). It was mentioned that the year listed for the global health workshop at the AAP NCE meeting was not consistent. The correct date of 2013 was confirmed and the minutes were accepted pending the correction of the year of the global health workshop at the AAP NCE meeting.

The draft mission, vision & goals of the GHTF were reviewed:

Mission. Preparing US pediatric faculty to think and act globally.

Vision. Pediatric faculty in US Medical Schools who choose to practice globally will be fully competent and their efforts to working for healthier children in all countries will be academically rewarded.

The **specific goals** of the Global Health Task Force are the following:

1. Foster collaboration between pediatricians, pediatric subspecialists and pediatric professional organizations and societies to maximally synergize and synchronize faculty development in global health with an eye to achieving child health equity
2. Create a presence around global health at PAS meetings by sponsoring plenary sessions, short courses and workshops for faculty interested in global health
3. Develop consensus on faculty competencies needed to provide service, research and teaching in global settings
4. Develop infrastructure for faculty development in global health to encourage academic routes for faculty who wish to incorporate global health into their careers in an ethical manner

- Dr Etzel explained to Dr Rushton the draft GHTF Mission & Vision statement. Dr Rushton liked it and felt it was appropriate.
- Dr Howard talked about how there are many global health faculty who wonder how they would do in an academic field of global health.
- Dr Kurbasic mentioned that we can learn from international faculty, as much as they can learn from us. Somehow offer them reciprocity.
- Dr Howard talked about how funding is always difficult for international colleagues to obtain.
- Dr Rushton suggested keeping the GHTF Mission & Vision focused and leaving what is currently stated in the mission. The AAP's International Health section may be better suited to work on reciprocity than the APA. Dr Etzel affirmed that reciprocity is important and agreed that it is an underlying value for the GHTF. She mentioned that a list of values needs to be created.
- Dr Vaucher suggested that, in addition to the PAS meeting, we should add the NCE meeting to goal #2. Dr Etzel referred to Dr Rushton regarding Dr Vaucher's suggestion for the 2nd goal. Dr Rushton felt that they already touched on that in goal #1, and that NCE meeting shouldn't be added, as it is not an APA meeting. Dr Laraque agreed.
- Dr Rushton mentioned that #3 is a good goal for APA as it's what APA is known for/strong in.
- Dr Howard suggested adding 'mentorship' to goal #3. Everyone agreed.
- It was suggested to remove "in an ethical manner" from goal #4.
- Dr Laraque suggested including "in an ethical manner" in the GHTF values.
- It was suggested to remove "synchronized" from #1. Everyone agreed.

Suggested terms for Appointments to GHTF

Dr Etzel reviewed proposed appointments for GHTF members and chair. She suggested that having members with a 3 year term of appointment would help to keep members more engaged for a defined period of time.

Appointment to membership in the Global Health Task Force is for a term of 3 years. Members are responsible for the following:

- a. Attending meetings and conference calls
- b. Volunteering to take the lead in activities appropriate to expertise
- c. Carrying out individual assignments made by the Chair and staff
- d. Regularly conveying information from the Task Force to parent organization

The Task Force Chair is appointed for a term of 3 years. Responsible for the following:

- a. Working with staff to plan meeting agendas
- b. Working with Task Force to develop a work plan and set priorities
- c. Attending and presiding over meetings
- d. Working with Task Force members to ensure that the action items are completed

- e. Moving members towards participation and decision making
- f. Reviewing meeting minutes before their distribution

- Dr Laraque clarified that the members of the APA committees do not usually have terms, whereas the chair positions usually do. She felt that giving members terms of appointment may limit some members.
- It was suggested that it could be brought to the APA Board of Directors to solicit their guidance on the issue of terms of membership. Meanwhile, each year GHTF members would be offered an option to opt out of membership. Everyone agreed with that idea.
- Dr Laraque explained that APA Committees Chairs are elected; there is 6 months between the election and the time that the Chair takes office. This provides useful overlap. The GHTF chair is appointed so there should be consideration of succession planning.

Discussed proposed GHTF Meeting at PAS 2013:

- Dr Rushton suggested that the GHTF invite 3-6 academic global health centers to present at the 2013 PAS Global Health Task Force meeting.
- Dr Laraque mentioned that there are efforts at academic health & global health centers combining.
- Dr Etzel solicited Dr Howard's opinion about whether APPD had sponsored any programs like this.
- Dr Howard stated that APPD had not done a platform with different global health centers and how they compare. They are going to offer 2 workshops at PAS, one on evaluation of global health education based on ACGME competencies, and another on moving towards 6 months of individual learning, and discussing what could be done with the 6 months.
- Dr Rushton mentioned that APA is a different audience, they are a broader audience.
- Dr Etzel asked Drs Rushton, Howard, Kurbasic and Vaucher to develop a plan for the 3-hour GHTF meeting at PAS in May 2013.
- Dr Etzel mentioned the need to get the session description to the PAS office by December in time to be published in the preliminary program.

Discussion about possible APA Global Health Scholars Program:

- Dr Etzel proposed the idea of an APA Global Health Scholars Program that would be similar to the structure of the APA Educational Scholars Program.
- Dr Howard spoke about her personal experience with the Educational Scholars Program and felt it would be a great idea to consider launching an APA Global Health Scholars Program. This is something that is really needed.
- Dr Etzel asked Jennifer to send out the description of the APA Educational Scholars Program to the GHTF to review so that members can discuss it further on the next teleconference.

Reviewed GHTF website:

- Dr Kurbasic suggested adding important global health links (such as to the IPA website, AAP website, etc.)

Final thoughts:

- On the next teleconference, Dr Etzel proposed discussing the next International Pediatric Association meeting (Melbourne, Australia, August 2013) and possibly submitting a proposal for that meeting.
- Dr Kurbasic mentioned that the deadline for ICP abstracts is in February 2013, so it is timely to add the discussion to our December 2012 teleconference agenda. The ICP meeting begins on August 24th.

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 correct and finalize minutes from the August 2nd call and post to the GHTF page.
- Jennifer to modify the APA GHTF website to add global health links (such as to the IPA website, AAP website, etc.)
- Plan to discuss common values of GHTF on the next teleconference.
- Drs Rushton, Howard, Kurbasic and Vaucher will develop a plan for the 3-hour GHTF meeting at PAS in May 2013.
- Mission & Vision to be further revised by Dr Etzel.
- Jennifer to check with the PAS office as to when they would need a description of the GHTF session by to be published in the PAS advance program.
- Issue of 3-year terms for GHTF members to be brought to the APA Board of Directors to solicit their guidance on the issue of terms of membership.