

Minutes  
APA Global Health Task Force Teleconference  
October 3, 2013

Present: Drs Chuck Schubert, David Keller, Andrew Sherman, Mirzada Kurbasic, Sabrina Butteris, Nicole St. Clair, Yvonne Vaucher, and Ruth Etzel (Chair)

1. Review of draft minutes from September 5<sup>th</sup> teleconference

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

2. Revision of DRAFT Faculty Competencies in Global Health

- Dr. Vaucher: The Administration category is the toughest section of the draft; a lot of the guidelines appear to be general guidelines. What is unique about each category? Tried to continue to reduce the repetition and redundancies but we could still use some help.
- Dr. Etzel: Agrees: this is much more streamlined and is a big improvement. We are close to having the document prepared and ready to be shared by Dr. Robert Bortolussi at the Canadian Coalition for Global Health (CCGH) will meet during the Canadian Society for International Health meeting in Ottawa, Canada on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Are we comfortable with this being shared by Dr Bortolussi in its current form as a discussion piece with his Canadian colleagues? It could possibly lead to an endorsement from them.
- Dr. Vaucher: Agrees, as long as it is presented as a draft. Believes that the input received would be interesting.
- Dr. Butteris: Previously attended a meeting with the American Board of Pediatrics along with Dr. Jonathan Klein and Dr. Cliff O'Callahan, where a discussion topic was exploring partnerships with other groups. Believes that this concept would be a great step for receiving feedback and to have both groups on board if feasible.
- Dr. Etzel: There seem to be no dissent about sharing the draft APA faculty competency document. Will inform Dr. Bortolussi that the group is comfortable and in agreement with the sharing of the draft. We look forward to receiving feedback from the Canadian Coalition for Global Health.
- Dr. Schubert: Will look at the Administration competencies and will also provide input.
- Dr. Vaucher: Don't have to have something listed under each category if there isn't something specific to include.
- Dr. Kurbasic: Might be good to review these again separately, and then compare again to see what could be removed. Needs to be cleaned up a little more.
- Dr. Etzel: All GHTF participants should review the draft and provide edits to Dr. Vaucher by October 10<sup>th</sup>. Would like to have the completed version ready by October 11<sup>th</sup> to provide to Dr. Bortolussi to present it at the Canadian Coalition for Global Health meeting. Thank you to Dr. Vaucher for taking it to the next level.

3. Qualitative study being lead by Dr. Andrew Sherman and Dr. Sanela Gajic/ Compiling a list of participants:

- Dr. Sherman and Dr. Sanela Gajic are working on getting the IRB process going in Halifax for this qualitative study. A first email was sent to the whole GHTF to inform them about the study and to ask for names and email addresses of potential participants so we can identify collaborating researchers. The next step is compiling the list.
- Dr. Sherman: The overview of the survey:  
Basic Questions we plan to ask:
  1. What are good characteristics and strengths that you have seen in that of a good collaborator?
  2. What are the characteristics that you have seen in collaborators that have made for a difficult or unsuccessful collaboration?
  3. Our group is working to better prepare pediatric researcher collaborators from North America. We are creating a list of competencies in global pediatrics. Do you have any suggestions for forming good collaborators?
- Dr. Keller: Is this only aiming at international research collaborators?
- Dr. Sherman: Yes, specific only to research international collaborators. Further down the road might explore other types of collaborators, for example Public Health.
- Dr. Butteris: Wonders if insight outside of scope of research would be interesting.
- Dr. Kurbasic: Agrees; educational, clinical, and administrative work is also interesting and should be explored.
- Dr. Etzel: Agrees, but would have do be studies at a later time. Dr. Sherman and Sanela Gajic will take on only research at this point.
- Dr. Kurbasic: The other topics need to stay on our agenda, we could complete in a step wise approach.
- Dr. Butteris: We do not want to over burden our colleagues with the same question being asked multiple times.
- Dr. Etzel: Aim to develop a list of 50-100 names. We received our 1<sup>st</sup> group of names.
- Dr. Sherman: The main criteria for participants include someone working on collaborative research living in the developing world who has worked with US-based or Canadian-based research collaborators in the past and who is English speaking.
- Dr. Etzel: Are there criteria in terms of educational background?
- Dr. Sherman: We don't have that specific type of criteria set up as we don't want to limit anyone or rule out someone who can potentially play a role in collaborative projects.
- Dr. Etzel: Are there any additional suggestions from GHTF members?
- Dr. Schubert: Could contact additional colleagues; will copy Dr. Sherman.
- Dr. Etzel: Dr. Sherman, would you prefer to have GHTF members to pre-contact colleagues or would you like to email them directly?
- Dr. Sherman: No need to pre-contact anyone. Will respond with a "Thank you" email and at a later time, and then will distribute the survey. Might have to do

“snowball recruitment,” we will see where we are after this week in terms of responses.

- Dr. Kurbasic: It is important to make sure we get participants from around the world, not just in Africa.
- Dr. Sherman: If only receiving African participants, will send the call out to generate more participants from around the globe.
- Dr. Kurbasic: Suggests contacting Dr. Alvin Zipursky, as he would be a really good starting point for contacts.
- Dr. Etzel: Any additional comments? Please follow up with Dr. Sherman directly via email.

4. New agenda item: possible publication of a book on global health education and research:

- Dr. Danielle Laraque is not on the call but has proposed the idea of developing and publishing a book about global health education and research; Dr Laraque and I would like to raise this idea to explore possible sponsorship by the APA. The proposed book would involve many authors from the APA and the GHTF.
- Dr. Keller: 10 years ago, the Advocacy Training SIG was trying to get a common set of competencies published; it was a labor intensive process but overall was a good experience. It was published in 2005 by Ambulatory Pediatrics. \_APA has not sponsored books in a long time, but this is an interesting idea. Dr. Laraque is interested in a finding a publisher; at Elsevier, for example, there is a form that needs to be filled out that outlines the proposed book chapters. We would like the Board to review a book proposal form similar to the kind of form used by Elsevier.
- Dr. Kurbasic: There is a textbook on global health, and another that gives guidelines if you are working specifically in global health, no books are really about academics.
- Dr. Etzel: Is there any potential interest from the GHTF in assisting with this project? The book would probably have chapters further describing the APA faculty competencies in global health and how to measure and achieve them. Dr Laraque would like some sense from the GHTF about whether there is a need for this proposed book and would the GHTF members support its development.
- Dr. Vaucher: Agrees that there is a need for it.
- Dr. Nicole St. Clair: Likes the idea of a guide; we don't have a lot of faculty based guides pertaining to the competencies at this time.

5. Other business:

- Dr. Vaucher: The 2014 Global Health Research Award closes on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Please alert and notify any potential candidates of the application:

<http://www.academicpediatrics.org/GHRSUB/begin.cfm>

- Dr. Kurbasic: Especially researchers!

**Action Items:**

- Christen Brown will post approved minutes of September 5, 2013 call to Global Health Task Force website.

- Dr. Etzel will inform Dr. Bortolussi of GHTF permission to share the draft Faculty Competencies in Global Health with colleagues at the Canadian Society for International Health meeting in Ottawa, Canada on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- Any additional edits to the draft Faculty Competencies, please provide by October 10<sup>th</sup> to Dr. Vaucher so that we can have a revised draft by October 11<sup>th</sup> for Dr Bortolussi to present at the Ottawa meeting.
- All GHTF members asked to assist with collecting names and email addresses of potential participants to provide via email to Dr. Sherman.
- Please respond to Dr. Etzel with additional comments or interest in assisting with Dr Laraque and the possible publication of a book on global health education and research.
- Please alert and notify any potential candidates to apply for the 2014 Global Health Research Award; deadline is October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- Christen Brown will distribute the deadline reminder to GHTF members for the 2014 Global Health Research Award.