

APPD Research Task Force
May 3, 2007
Spring Meeting Minutes

Present: John Co (Task Force Chair), Linda Waggoner Fountain, Heather McPhillips, Hilary Haftel, Daniel West, Russ Kourik, Su-Ting Li, Janet Serwint, Virginia Barrow (COMSEP), John Andrade, Ronald Bainbridge, Chad Brands, Robert McGregor

Dr. Co opened the meeting by briefly summarizing task force discussions and projects over the past two years, including development of a survey policy, developing infrastructure to encourage program collaboration for research, and working with COMSEP to develop research projects that including interventions and outcome assessment across the undergraduate medical education/UME and graduate medical education (GME) continuum.

Specific issues discussed included:

- 1) Survey Policy: Dr. Co briefly reviewed the survey policy (including checklist and review form) the number of surveys submitted (6) and approved (5) since the policy's inception, and distributed a new survey for review. Peggy McManus from Incenter Strategies recently submitted a survey to be distributed to program directors regarding barriers to residency training in adolescent health. The task force approved the 9-item survey, but questioned how adolescent medicine rotation directors would be solicited (ie would program directors be asked to give the rotation director's contact information) as Ms. McManus would like them to complete a 28-item survey that the group suggested was too long and detailed.

Action Item: Dr. Co will contact Ms. McManus to indicate approval of the PD survey and give feedback regarding the other survey.

A few members of the group briefly reviewed the PD survey from Dr. Adam Pallant regarding PD job description and satisfaction. A suggestion was made to add an item asking the PD to indicate their subspecialty training (if any) as this may be the determining factor in his/her salary.

Action Item: Dr. Co will give this feedback to Dr. Pallant and ask for his formal submission for review once his study has been IRB approved.

- 2) Potential Collaboration with the Ambulatory Pediatric Association (APA): Dr. Cynthia Minkovitz (APA Board Member) from Johns Hopkins contacted Dr. Co just prior to the meeting to discuss possible collaboration between the APA and APPD in defining the populations that residency programs serve. This information could be used by either organization to advocate for children and teaching programs. The task force felt this would be a worthwhile effort. Several

group members wondering if both inpatient and outpatient populations would be considered as the data associated with each would be quite different. Dr. Haftel graciously volunteered to be involved in future discussions to develop questions and collaboration.

Action Item: Dr. Co will notify Dr. Minkovitz that the task force was interested in collaboration

- 3) Potential Collaboration with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Committee on Pediatric Research (CPR): Dr. David Schonfeld, Chair of the AAP CPR contacted Dr. Co in the fall of 2006 to indicate in collaborating with the APPD to encourage research (both clinical and basic science) in residents. The task force felt this would be worthwhile, with several attendees describing initiatives at their own institutions that potential could serve as models. Many felt that linking research training with that for practice based learning could be quite effective.

Action Item: Action Item: Dr. Co will notify Dr. Schonfeld that the task force was interested in collaboration

- 4) APPD/ COMSEP (Council on Medical Student Education in Pediatrics) Research Task Force Collaboration: Dr. Barrow from the COMSEP Research Task Force attending our meeting. She indicated that COMSEP would very much like to collaborate on a project. Dr. McGregor, who had attended the COMSEP Research Task Force meeting this past spring, confirmed that COMSEP would like to further develop the idea of a project looking at whether implementing individualized learning plans (ILP) in medical students (likely 4th year students that have matched in pediatrics) improves their utility during residency training. Discussion occurred regarding defining the intervention, how and when to measure outcomes and getting IRB approval at multiple institutions. Dr. Co raised the issues regarding funding and infrastructure support, including whether a centralized web-based system for outcome assessment and tracking would be the most feasible mechanism for encouraging collaboration for both this and future projects.

Action item: Dr. Co will contact Dr. Sherilyn Smith (COMSEP Research Task Force leader) to further define the project question. Dr. Co will also contact Ann Burke and Patty Hicks about how these task force discussions fit into the context of the burgeoning LEARN network.