

Minutes – Final Version

Association of Teachers of Maternal and Child Health (ATMCH) Business Meeting Fall 2003

Meeting date: Sunday November 16, 2003

Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Westin St. Francis Hotel
335 Powell Street
Georgian Room
San Francisco, CA

- I. Welcome (Eugene Declercq)
- II. Approval of agenda (Eugene Declercq)
 - A. Add under New Business: Sheila Smythe Memoriam
 - B. Discussion of AMCHP meeting budget item
- III. Secretary's report and approval of minutes (Ellen Daley)
 - A. Minutes from Spring 2003 meeting accepted and approved
- IV. Treasurer's report (Donna Petersen)
 - A. Budget is healthy
 - B. 2 sources of funding: MCHB (\$20,000) and Membership Dues (~ \$5,000)
 1. Membership dues are mostly paid
 2. Mentorship Project came out of membership dues
 3. Please encourage other people in your respective departments to join
 4. Gene Declercq: Boston Univ. dept. pays the ATMCH dues for its members/students. Might want to bring that up to the membership to see if other schools might do the same
 - C. Treasurer's report accepted and approved
- V. Introduction of New Officers (Arden Handler)
 - A. At-Large: Marti Coulter (2 year term) and Wendy Hellerstedt (1 year term – this term will become a 2-year term, but is one-year this time so that the terms are staggered).
 - B. Incoming Treasurer: Anita Farel.
 - C. Welcome to the new members.
- VI. Committee reports
 - A. Nominations - New members and Lacey Award (Arden Handler)
 1. Lacey Award: Nominations are due Jan. 16th, 2004.
 2. Spring 2004 Meeting: We will ask for nominations for President, Secretary and next 2-year At-Large.

B. Membership (Molly McNulty – report given by Gene Declercq)

1. Molly couldn't attend this meeting, but the membership committee is doing well; we would like to develop some strategies to increase our membership
2. AMCHP Meeting in Spring 2004: There will be a change in AMCHP conference costs – as of this year, ATMCH will now need to be a conference sponsor in order to get a room at the conference, and to get special registration rates for members. The cost will be about \$2,000 - \$2,500. We will get more information on this topic and make a decision via e-mail.
 - a. One option discussed was raising the dues that members pay to ATMCH, which are currently very low. Two alternatives were reviewed: Increase to \$75.00 (from the current amount of \$50.00) over 2 years (\$60.00, then \$75.00), or directly to \$75.00 now.
 - b. Very important to stay connected with this conference; Title V training/academic/service components very valuable to our members.
 - c. Suggestion was made to increase dues to \$75.00 now, and send letter to the membership explaining the importance of remaining active at this conference, increasing our presence and staying involved in national advocacy of MCH issues.
 - d. Motion made to increase dues to \$75.00, and to send a letter to the membership explaining why dues have increased. Motion was seconded and approved.

C. Education (Elizabeth Gulitz – report given by Gene Declercq)

1. We need to develop a plan to address dearth of material in case studies
2. Spring 2004 meeting: bring in expert to teach development of case studies
3. Spring 2005 meeting: Session on Teaching with Case Studies
4. Propose a panel with AMCHP: Collaborating in Case Studies

D. Research (Karen Peterson/ Edith Kieffer)

1. Plans for sessions at future meetings:
 - a. Session at APHA 2004: inviting funding agencies to talk about funding priorities for MCH
 - b. Invited panel session at APHA 2004: Defining the Future Research Agenda for MCH
 1. Need to meet with Stella Yu who is acting head of research at MCHB
2. Research Committee needs to respond officially to MCHB Research Agenda (3-4 page document). This report needs to be distributed to the ATMCH membership for responses on the research agenda – please send your responses to Milt Kotelchuck and Karen Peterson, who will coordinate reactions from membership into a response from ATMCH.

3. Scrutiny of NIH Grants: ATMCH should add its name to group of Deans of Public Health schools that are protesting the process of a systematic review of NIH funded studies. Suggestion was made to assess website of conservative group advocating this review: www.traditionalvalues.org. This group has a 200-person hit list of HIV researchers. Gene and Pierre Buekens will coordinate a response from ATMCH.

VII. Plans for the Coming Year

A. Mentoring project (Eugene Declercq)

1. Next mentoring project will be Carol Hogue going to St. Louis Univ. She was asked to go because she is in an MCH section in another dept., much like the situation at St. Louis
2. Do we want to continue this activity? General discussion was very positive: need another round of applications, raises the awareness of MCH (talk about the journal, ATMCH, MCH content, etc).
3. It was suggested that this activity become known as the Sheila Smythe Mentorship Project, in honor of Dr. Smythe, who recently passed away. ATMCH will be contacting her school and family in re: an endowed name of this ATMCH activity.
4. Faculty member from George Washington University requested an internal review of their department (internal faculty are in consensus of this need by ATMCH members re: increasing number of credit hours in their degree prior to searching for a new head of their MCH program. GWU will contact Eugene Declercq at ATMCH and the MCH council re: assistance for review.

B. APHA 2003 Continuing Education (Molly McNulty – unable to attend today’s meeting; reported by Eugene Declercq)

1. Faculty: Noel Chavez (Teaching MCH Competencies) Debbie Rosenberg (Teaching Analytical Methods) and Gene Declercq (Teaching Policy)
2. Do we wish to conduct another Cont. Ed. Program again next year? The application process is very lengthy, but now we’ve done it and we have momentum (next year’s topic could be 2-3 new competencies -- management of programs, scientific basis of MCH research, cultural competencies, etc). General consensus was favorable, but we need people to conduct these sessions.

C. APHA session 2004 (Jose Gorrin-Peralta)

1. Discussion of an invited panel for next year, with the possible topic as “Defining the Future Research Agenda of MCH” – ask for papers and try to chose about 4 of them, possibly divided along MCH areas (children with special needs, adolescents, pregnancy, etc)

D. Working session for the Spring, 2004 ATMCH business meeting

(Eugene Declercq)

1. Case Studies – bring in an expert to teach us how to develop them; may need to spend some of the budget to bring someone in who has expertise in developing case studies.
2. Suggestion that we integrate IOM recommendations to become interdisciplinary (and develop case studies to help accomplish this goal).

VIII. New Business

- A. Federal Initiative: Partners for Public Health Access. This is a funded study that involves a library system review of journals in a ‘core collection’ that help (1) identify the domains of Public Health and (2) identify evidence-based resources for MCH. Would like participation by ATMCH. This issue will go to the Research Committee.
 - B. *MCH Journal*: Milt Kotelchuck announced that he is stepping down as the editor of the journal, and that Donna Petersen and Greg Alexander are taking over as co-editors of the MCH journal, which will now include electronic editing as one of its features. The website is kluweronline.com. The website tracks hits, downloading articles, etc. so please access the website to show continued interest in this format. The World Health Organization has a project that has made the MCH journal available to the rest of the world at no cost.
 - C. Student Research Symposium (USF will coordinate this activity) at Spring 2004 meeting: Abstracts are due 1/31/04. Please encourage students to submit works.
 - D. Discussion of conducting a survey of students re: educational needs, what they are doing after graduation, etc.
 - E. Mention of New Fellowship MCH document on Child Maltreatment.
 - F. Jose Gorrin-Peralta reported that we have submitted an application to the USBC, which will be considered on Jan. 15th, 2004. This organization is a coalition of organizations, non-profit that has breastfeeding research, service and teaching criteria as part of its membership.
- IX. Internal Session: Review of MCH courses in three areas (MCH Introductory Course, Women’s Health and Adolescent Health). Reports will be filed separately.
- X. Adjourn – 1:00pm