

Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry

Approved on December 7, 2000
Minutes of September 27, 2000, Meeting

The Advisory Committee met at the Ramada Inn Bethesda, 8400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD. The Meeting began at 8:30 a.m. The Advisory Committee was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. Dr. Denise Rodgers, Chair, presided.

Members Present:

Billie Wright Adams, MD
Ruth Ballweg, MPA, PA-C, Member
George Blue-Spruce, DDS, MPH, Member
Frank Catalanotto, DMD, Member
James Crall, DDS, MS, DSc, Member
J. Thomas Cross, MD, MPH, Member
Thomas DeWitt, MD, Member
Staci Dixon, DO, Member
Ronald Franks, MD, Member
John Frey, III, MD, Member
Julea Garner, MD, Member
Ryan Hughes, DDS, Member
Ronald Mito, DDS, Member
Carlos Moreno, MD, MSPH, Member
Harry Morris, DO, MPH, Member
Maxine Papadakis, MD, Member
Denise Rodgers, MD, Chair
Terrence Steyer, MD
Valerie Stone, MD
Justine Strand, MPH, PA-C, Member
Shaun Wright, PA-C, Member

Others Present

Carol Bazell, MD, MPH, Executive Secretary, ACTPCMD
Stan Bastacky, DMD, MHSA, Deputy Executive Secretary, ACTPCMD
Dona L. Harris, Ph.D., Consultant to ACTPCMD
William K. Mygdal, Ed.D., Consultant to ACTPCMD

Welcoming Remarks

Denise Rodgers, MD, Chair, opened the meeting by reviewing the ongoing process of writing a Report to Congress and the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) on Title VII funding, what it has accomplished, and how it should be modeled to meet future needs. She emphasized the importance of providing some data on workforce output generated by Title VII as well as making a compelling case for the need for expanded grant support. She underscored the importance of addressing national priorities for this legislation as outlined by Congress, including the need to generate a culturally diverse workforce and improve access to care for underserved populations. She then reviewed the timeline for preparation of the Report as had been outlined at the previous meeting in April, 2000: the first draft of the report is due October 15, 2000; the second draft of the Report is due November 16, 2000; the Final Report to Congress is due November, 2001.

Carol Bazell, MD, MPH, Executive Secretary and Director of the Division of Medicine and Dentistry (DMD), BHP/HRSA, announced administrative changes that have resulted in the appointment of Barbara Brookmyer, MD, MPH, as the new Deputy Director of DMD. Stanton Bastacky, DMD, MPH, is the new Deputy Executive Secretary of ACTPCMD. He will be assisted by support staff, led by Dr. Richard Diamond for Workgroup A, which is addressing the accomplishments of Title VII programs, and Dr. Jerilyn Glass and Ms. Ellie Grant for Workgroup B, which is addressing how Title VII programs should be structured in the future. William Mygdal, EdD, is serving as consultant for Workgroup A and Dona Harris, PhD is serving as consultant to Workgroup B.

Justine Strand, MPH, PA-C, Chair, Workgroup A, noted that many success stories have been collected from Directors of Title VII programs by Committee members and compiled by Dr. Mygdal. The Committee must now review them to identify gaps in distribution of responses, particularly among specific disciplines. It will be important to prioritize the stories to emphasize the most powerful ones.

William Mygdal, EdD, discussed the format of the stories of accomplishments obtained from recipients of Title VII grants and reviewed some examples.

Ronald Mito, DDS, Chair, Workgroup B, reported that they had developed issues related to multidisciplinary collaboration according to key questions: (1) What if no Title VII funding were available? (2) What if funding remained at the current level for each discipline? (3) If the ideal amount of funding were available, what would that amount be and how would it be utilized? (4) What should Title VII funds be used to accomplish in the future, independent of funding levels? They also focused on developing a series of themes and cross-cutting recommendations that could be put forth as potential policy/legislation.

The 2 workgroups then met separately.

Summary of Workgroup meetings:

Work Group A (Billie Wright Adams, George Blue-Spruce, Frank Catalanotto, Tommy Cross, Staci Dixon, John Frey, Carlos Moreno, Terry Steyer, Valerie Stone, and Justine Strand [*Chair*]). William Mygdal, EdD, consultant, summarized his methods for cataloguing the cases sent in by Title VII grant recipients, stressing the subjectivity of the value scale. He noted that common threads of value could be identified. Possible omissions and suggested additional individuals to contact were discussed, as was the need to review related funded primary care contracts. The group discussed developing a common template for soliciting responses, which would include key items including those related to Congressional intent of the legislation, such as patient diversity, institutional change, supply and distribution of health care providers, recruitment and retention of minority providers, service to the underserved, improvement in the quality of primary care facilities, and documentation of providers who were trained. Examples of how Title VII funding created benefits beyond the original purpose were presented. Progress made so far by Workgroup B was presented by Dona Harris, PhD, consultant, and the need for extensive additional work to delineate recommendations for the future form of Title VII funding was discussed.

Work Group B (Ruth Ballweg, Jim Crall, Tom DeWitt, Ron Franks, Julea Garner, Ryan Hughes, Harry Morris, Maxine Papadakis, Shaun Wright, and Ron Mito [*Chair*]) discussed their mission and ideas for multidisciplinary collaborative work. They touched on the need to build on what

programs have accomplished, the changing environment, and the need to adjust to local situations and accreditation rules in developing multidisciplinary programs. They underscored the desirability of focusing on the needs of underserved and minority patients in defining training needs, interactive faculty development programs, training strategies and curricula, the importance of an emphasis on community health, health services research, and the need for emphasizing costs of health care in training. The difficulties in trying to link results of programs to desirable outcomes for patients and the composition of the workforce were discussed. Issues related to the separate pools of funding for different disciplines were noted. Key themes for the Report, universal access to health care and collaboration were emphasized throughout. Medical informatics, quality, cultural competence for treatment of diverse disadvantaged populations, interactive mechanisms for dissemination of information about primary care education and research, community-based health care, and BHP/HRSA cross-cutting initiatives (geriatrics, genetics, HIV/AIDS, palliative care, oral health, public health, mental health, and border health) were mentioned as subjects to be addressed in describing future training needs. William Mygdal, EdD, presented progress made so far in accumulating and analyzing stories from heads of Title VII training programs submitted to Workgroup A members.

The entire Committee then met together to plan subsequent steps in generating a Report. It was decided that the two Workgroups would jointly discuss concerns and direction in future conference calls and meetings.