

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRAINING IN PRIMARY CARE
MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY
MINUTES OF MEETING, AUGUST 19, 2002
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Advisory Committee Members Present

Denise V. Rodgers, MD, Chair
Ruth M. Ballweg, MPA, PA-C
Frank A. Catalanotto, DMD
James J. Crall, DDS, ScD
J. Thomas Cross, Jr., MD, MPH
Thomas G. DeWitt, MD
John J. Frey, III, MD
Ryan J. Hughes, DDS
Ronald S. Mito, DDS
Carlos A. Moreno, MD, MSPH
Harry J. Morris, DO, MPH
Maxine A. Papadakis, MD
Terrence S. Steyer, MD

Others Present

Carol M. Bazell, MD, MPH, Executive Secretary
Stan Bastacky, DMD, MHSA, Acting Deputy Executive Secretary

The Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry (Advisory Committee) convened at 8:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Select, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20014. Dr. Denise Rodgers, Chair, opened the meeting by thanking members for coming to this extra meeting of the year. The Advisory Committee agreed with Dr. Rodgers' suggestion that for each report of the Advisory Committee, a small group of members be formed, called a report development committee (RDC). The RDC would not only monitor the writing of the report, but also recommend potential speakers and structure for meetings that relate to the particular report. The Executive Committee, on the other hand, would continue to look at the "big picture" of the operation of the Advisory Committee. Members volunteering to work on the RDC for the third report, chaired by Tom DeWitt, were James Crall, Terry Steyer, Ruth Ballweg, and Maxine Papadakis. Other members were encouraged to volunteer.

Dr. Rodgers stated that the focus of the meeting is how Title VII programs have been evaluated by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and how to develop specific recommendations for better ways to evaluate these programs. The October meeting will involve planning for the third report on the role Title VII programs to help eliminate health care disparities. The report will also examine cultural competency and disparity as a quality of care issue. The membership agreed to Denise Rodgers' suggestion to invite Betty Duke, HRSA Administrator, to the October meeting.

There was discussion regarding funding and program recommendations that would be made in the second report, *Delivering the Good: Improving the Public's Health by Enhancing the Primary Care/Public Health Interface in the United States*. The group suggested that the RDC for the second report, chaired by John Frey, suggest a way to encourage as many programs as possible to either develop or demonstrate that they have a curriculum related to public health. Further, the report should state that the Advisory Committee wants to ensure that Title VII, section 747 programs maintain sufficient funding for current activities. Much of the new initiative development should come from new funding.

Dr. Carol Bazell, Director of the Division of Medicine and Dentistry (DMD), welcomed the Advisory Committee. She described recent personnel changes in the Agency and the Bureau of Health Professions (BHPr) and briefly mentioned that the HRSA Office of Field Operations is being reorganized. Dr. Bazell mentioned a concern that in FY2002 the DMD had fewer grant applications across all disciplines. She described changes that have been made in the grant application process for FY 2003, including technical assistance workshops that will be given in the regions. The Advisory Committee requested a report at the October meeting on how Title VII, section 747 funds were spent in FY 2002.

Dr. Nancy Knight, Chief of the Primary Care Medical Education Branch, DMD, focused on the importance of being able to justify Title VII, section 747 grant programs. She traced the history of performance measures including the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993 and described BHPr's Comprehensive Performance Monitoring System (CPMS). Dr. Knight outlined challenges confronting performance measurement of Title VII programs.

Erica Froyd, a legislative analyst at the Association of American Medical Colleges who coordinates the Health Professions and Nursing Education Coalition (HPNEC), gave a perspective on Title VII, section 747 programs gleaned from interactions she had with personnel from the OMB. She outlined OMB's position on Title VII, section 747 programs, the reasons given for that position, and some thoughts on what would have to be addressed to reassure OMB of the effectiveness of these programs.

Dr. Rodgers introduced Robert Phillips, Assistant Director of the Robert Graham Center, the health policy research arm of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). He reported the findings of a study on the long-term effects of Title VII, section 747 funded by the AAFP. Dr. Phillips served as a facilitator for the afternoon discussion.

The Advisory Committee during the afternoon session developed a list of potential performance measures that would represent an improvement over current measures to assess outcomes of Title VII, section 747 programs.

Following public comment, the meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.