

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRAINING IN
PRIMARY CARE MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY (ACTPCMD)**

Meeting Minutes: September 15, 2014

Advisory Committee Members Present:

Caswell A. Evans Jr., DDS, MPH, Chair
David J. Keahey, MSPH, PA-C, Vice Chair
Frederick J. Fox, MD, MPP, FACP
Jean Johnson, PhD, RN
David Keller, MD
Elizabeth (Lia) Kalliath, DMD
Linda C. Niessen, DMD, MPH
Allen Perkins, MD, MPH
Yilda M. Rivera Nazario, DMD, FAAPD
Eve Switzer, MD, FAAP
Elizabeth Wiley, MD, JD, MPH

Others Present:

Candice P. Chen, MD, MPH, Director, Division of Medicine and Dentistry
Sherrilyn Crooks, PA-C, Acting Chief, Medical Training, and Geriatrics Branch
Alice Horowitz, PhD, MA, Research Associate Professor, Behavioral and Community Health,
University of Maryland School of Public Health
Anne Hughes-O'Bannon, Public Health Analyst, Division of Medicine and Dentistry
Crystal Straughn, Technical Writer, Division of Medicine and Dentistry

Monday, September 15, 2014

The Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry (ACTPCMD) convened its meeting at 9:30 a.m. at the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) headquarters in the Parklawn Building, Room 18-57, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

Dr. Candice Chen, Director, Division of Medicine and Dentistry, welcomed the members and attendees. Dr. Chen introduced herself as the new director of the Division of Medicine and Dentistry and discussed her background as a Pediatrician and her past experience with HRSA's primary care training programs. She thanked the Committee for their work on the upcoming report and stressed how valuable their recommendations in the 11th report are to HRSA in moving forward with their programs. Dr. Caswell Evans, Committee Chair, then welcomed the members and attendees and outlined the agenda for the meeting.

Dr. David Keller gave an overview of the draft of the 11th Report, *Training Health Professionals in Community Settings during a Time of Transformation: Building and Learning in Integrated Systems of Care*. Dr. Keller reminded the Committee of the focus of the report: the importance

of training health professionals and trainees in a team environment. The Committee then discussed the report and voted unanimously to accept the 11th report with its discussed edits.

Mr. David Keahey introduced the topic of the Letter of Support for Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education program. Mr. Keahey thanked the members for their work in drafting the letter and providing feedback throughout the process. After a brief discussion, the committee voted unanimously in approval of the letter.

Ms. Sherrilyn Crooks, Acting Chief, Medical Training and Geriatrics Branch, provided an overview of the Title VII Programs under Section 747 and 748; which are sections on primary care training and enhancement programs and dental programs. Ms. Crooks listed the number of grantees for these programs and noted that the programs' targets focus on interprofessional education and practice, team-based care, evidence-based practice, community-based training, caring for vulnerable populations, diversity, cultural competency, grant cycles, and funding priorities. Ms. Crooks addressed the committee's questions and comments.

Dr. Evans opened the floor for discussion of the 12th Report. The committee deliberated on how the focus of the report should be patient engagement with health literacy as a component. Providers must focus on helping patients do what is needed to maintain good health. Dr. Allen Perkins mentioned the American Board of Internal Medicine's initiative, *Choose Wisely*. This initiative is working to encourage conversations between providers and patients to ensure the right care is delivered at the right time. Dr. Keller added the importance of training health professionals to think about their patients differently. Patients are not just recipients of healthcare. They need to become partners in healthcare. The Committee also discussed incorporating health literacy in primary care practice and primary care training.

Dr. Perkins volunteered to be the lead for the 12th Report writing group and Dr. Elizabeth Wiley volunteered to help with writing the report.

Dr. Evans introduced the speaker, Dr. Alice Horowitz, PhD, MA, Research Associate Professor, Behavioral and Community Health, University of Maryland School of Public Health. Dr. Horowitz discussed health literacy in dentistry. She defined health literacy and emphasized how it was linked to improving oral health. Health literacy affects one's ability to understand medical and dental terms, to be able to share personal health information and participate in healthcare. It's also important to be able to navigate the healthcare system, including finding providers and services, finding transportation, and completing forms. She discussed research that showed that people with low levels of health literacy, have a low level of knowledge about oral health. They have fewer dental visits, increased severity of dental issues, higher rates of failed appointments, and lower oral health and quality of life overall.

Dr. Horowitz added how communication skills, both on the part of providers as well as the public, knowledge about health topics, culture and society, and demands of the healthcare system, impact health literacy. She shared examples of the surveys and programs that had been assessed and implemented in Maryland to improve health literacy. She then addressed the committee's comments and questions and made them aware of the health literacy materials that were available to order.

The committee resumed discussion on the 12th Report. Mr. Keahey called for action items to be developed to continue it further. It was reconfirmed that a file-sharing platform was needed and that Dr. Perkins would be the lead for the report. He requested research articles and information that focused on how to teach professionals to engage patients and bring them into the healthcare team and train the trainer best practices.

The phone lines were opened for public comment. Since no questions or comments were made the committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.