

APA - AC7 - Portland OR 8/13/11-8/14/11 - Theme - Psychologist prescribing (RxP)

Health Care - Bill Uwelling NM Rep wrote an action paper (AP) for APA to declare health care as a right. AC7 supported AP in principle but suggested the language of the paper would have to be tweaked before final support as an AP.

Action Paper - 10 steps to a successful AP were presented

Annual Retreat - NV DB has an annual retreat which they find very helpful

Private Practice dinner meetings - WA DB has 535 members, they have private practice dinner meetings, talk about coding, the DB pays

CME - AK has an annual CME meeting, 125 attended this year, they made \$ by increasing late fees and exhibit fees, not providing meals, having speakers give > 1 talk, the theme was evolution and immunology

RxP (Crash course prescribing with drive-by-training for psychologists) -

There's a paradox between many psychologists being against prescribing psychotropic medications and them wanting to prescribe

NM - Psychologists are in cities, not rural areas

LA - 60 psychologists can prescribe, easier than in NM, many in Public Health Service and Indian Health Service, only 1 in a community of <18,000

Psychologists are lying and/or ignorant since they say they have had no side effects, no mistakes and do better than psychiatrists

Nurses - use them to fight RxP

OR - advocacy has a nice color map to show where psychologists are and a neat letter with LOTS of logos of supporting organizations on top

Strategies

Be against the bill not against RxP

Jay Scully -

1) Legislation (if RxP wins), 2) Regulation, 3) Legal action (sue them)

Truth in advertising - make "doctors" say what kind of "doctor" they are, everyone is calling themselves "doctor"

CEO Report - Jay Scully

Finances - APA finances are ok, \$1 million in the black

Website - the website is being re-done for \$100,000 and up by 2012 latest,

Psych News - to be online, you can customize what you want

Apps - coming

Budget cuts - there are cuts in graduate medical education & Medicare but not in Medicare pt benefits

Parity - APA won lawsuit against insurers regarding parity

Medicare - \$300 billion is owed on doctor Medicare cuts that did not go through

Recorder, Melinda Young-Legislative Workgroup on Standards of Medical Practice and Scope of Practice Issues: developing sharing of information horizontally across district branches and not just vertically between DBs and the APA. Collecting, collating and sharing data (such as AMA geomaps) among DBs. These materials will be available for DBs as they deal with standards and scope of practice in the legislative arena.

Speaker-Elect, Scott Benson on MOC: There has been a pushback from AMA and some specialty societies on the MOC requirements as being onerous. These have been communicated to ABMS. Concerns within membership about patient feedback, and ethics of asking patients for feedback. Ethics committee is being asked to submit in writing about their opinion on this. Discussion in the council as to whether States may put in similar maintenance of licensure requirements regardless of what ABMS does.

Charles Price, Nevada Rep: Presented report on DSM-5. Private practitioners are being asked to participate in field trials.

Action paper on the APA public psychiatry fellowships for members in training to be funded by APA was not supported at this time. These and other APA fellowships for residents had lost pharma funding. There may be other deserving fellowships, such as minority fellowships, which may be needed to be funded as well. It was felt that this needed to be researched and the pot of money available for fellowships through the APA may have to be divided among these fellowships so that there would be smaller number of fellowship awardees for each fellowships compared to days of pharma funding.

Awards committee: this discussion was tabled. Leslie to follow up on this. Looking for nominees for Profile in Courage award

Area 7 trustee nominations were announced as being Jeff Akaka from Hawaii and Annette Mathews from Oregon

