

ASSOCIATION OF COUNSELING CENTER TRAINING AGENCIES (ACCTA)

Board Conference Call Minutes

Monday, December 12, 2016

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time



Participants: *Officers:* Drs. Natasha Maynard-Pemba (President), Matt Zimmerman, (Past-President), Ellie Hakim (Secretary)

Board Members: Drs. Anita-Yvonne Bryant, Daniela Linnebach Burnworth, Brigid Cahill, Christina Carroll-Pavia, Broderick Leaks, Diane Sobel, Jod Taywaditep, and Laura Wright

Absent: Drs. Carmen Cruz, Terri Rhodes, and Sterling Watson

I. Dr. Natasha Maynard-Pemba called the Board Video Conference Call to order at 1:10 p.m. (Central Standard Time).

II. ACCTA Response to 2016 Presidential Election Stress

Dr. Maynard-Pemba continued the discussion regarding how the board could support members following the 2016 United States Presidential election. Dr. Ellie Hakim provided the board with a summary of suggestions elicited on the last board call. Dr. Maynard-Pemba asked for additional suggestions. Dr. Brigid Cahill suggested acknowledgement of the rise in hate crimes would be important. There was discussion regarding how to be inclusive and support all members, recognizing members may be having difficult reactions regardless of political affiliation. Dr. AY Bryant suggested focusing on the macro-level, specifically the election and inaugural season stress, acknowledging the range of reactions individuals may be experiencing. Dr. Laura Wright noted that ACCTA's Bylaws, and ACCTA as an organization, has clearly defined values, which are not neutral regarding social justice, safety, and inclusivity. Several board members shared similar sentiments. Dr. Maynard-Pemba stated she would draft an email to membership offering continued support. She will send it to the board listserv for feedback prior to sending to membership. Dr. Jod Taywaditep raised that there had been minimal discussion on the SCD listserv following some initial email exchanges. Dr. Maynard-Pemba noted there had been little response to her email to general membership, as well. There was discussion of membership possibly being fatigued with processing the election, as well as acknowledgement of the challenges of job responsibilities at this time of the year for Training Directors. Dr. Daniela Linnebach Burnworth wondered about the culture of the listserv and whether members felt comfortable having potentially difficult dialogues via the listserv. There was a suggestion that the Multicultural Conference may be a space where individuals could have continued conversations regarding the election, if desired. Dr. Maynard-Pemba will encourage members to seek the connections they need for ongoing support with election/inaugural stress.

III. ACCTA Conference 2018

Dr. Maynard-Pemba announced that the 2018 ACCTA conference will be held at the Hilton in Minneapolis. Exploration of location sites for the 2019 conference will begin over the next few months. Dr. Matt Zimmerman encouraged exploring options at the start of the year if we are wanting options for membership to choose, as well as ensure lower costs.

IV. Board Positions

Dr. Maynard-Pemba reported that Dr. Broderick Leaks has agreed to be the junior Website Content Coordinator, working with Dr. Carmen Cruz, as the senior member. Dr. Ellie Hakim will provide assistance as needed. Dr. Patricia Hanley had been designated as the Chair of the Standing Committee on Bylaws. As Dr. Hanley will be leaving the Training Director role, the committee is still determining who will take on the role of Chair.

V. Commission on Accreditation-Implementing Regulation (DSK Direct Observer)

Dr. Maynard-Pemba requested an individual be point person for gathering the board's feedback in preparation of ACCTA's response during the public comment period to IR-DSK Direct Observer. Dr. Cahill volunteered to be the point person. Drs. Hakim and Linnebach Burnworth will also help coordinate feedback and ACCTA's response. The response is due February 5th, 2017.

VI. AUCCCD Joint Committee

Dr. Maynard-Pemba shared that Dr. Mickey Sharma, President of AUCCCD, The Association for University and College Counseling Center Directors, has requested ACCTA's involvement in a group designed to come together as a unified voice for mental health in university settings. This idea is still in the development stage. The board expressed curiosity about the make-up of the group and whether the organizations would all have shared social justice values. Dr. Diane Sobel questioned the purpose of such a group. Dr. Zimmerman noted that CCTC, the Council of Chairs of Training Councils, exists to bring together the training councils and is regularly informed about APA's lobbying efforts. It was agreed that there is openness to being a part of the conversation, but greater clarity about the purpose and the organizations that will be included is requested.

VII. CCTC Joint Conference

Dr. Maynard-Pemba reported that CCTC is planning a joint conference for its members in spring of 2020. Dr. Zimmerman shared this has been discussed in previous board meetings and there was some concern expressed about the lack of return on the investment needed to help sponsor the conference. Dr. Hakim shared her recollection that there was also concern about the potential political ramifications of not sponsoring the conference. Dr. Hakim will review previous board meeting notes regarding the joint conference and share with the current board. Dr. Maynard-Pemba reported that CCTC has not yet determined what the cost of the conference would be for potential sponsors.

The next conference call will be held on Monday, February 13th at 1:00 Central Standard Time.

Conference call adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Ellie Hakim, Ph.D., ACCTA Secretary