

CIRCULAR LETTER #598

Post-Meeting Spring

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

MAY 2006

Dear Colleagues,

The Board and Steering Committees have been discussing the need for GAP to move into product development for which we can be paid as a new source of revenue for committee work to add to the number of product lines we currently have such as books, papers, editorials, and PowerPoint presentations. Taking a page out of David Pruitt's committee which set up the first (and very successful) poster presentation, we are turning to our committees through the chairs to see who will step up to the plate with an idea, concept, or plan for the development of some "product" that can be registered and contracted for by some entity seeking an educated and scientific consultation with a GAP committee.

Following the poster presentation on Preventive Psychiatry, four chairs approached me to do a similar job in November and I think we are now also partially booked for the April, 2007, meeting. David and his committee were courageous and the number of responses was fabulous.

It was suggested that we contact the VA to see if they have an area they would like to explore and we are doing so. I would welcome any other suggestions that you may have.

Another new idea which came up in April, was the role of GAP in resident and medical student education. When the committee chairs were reporting at the Steering Committee meeting, it was interesting to hear how many committees are actually working on curricula. That led to the question of GAP's role in the training of psychiatrists and our perspective on what additions or corrections are needed as the knowledge base grows and the practicing psychiatrists do not. What's missing? What can we add? And is there a way to consolidate and/or coordinate all of the curricula that is clearly a major interest of our membership.

We could do a frontal effort, telling the RRC and the Graduation Education Committee of the APA what we think or perhaps even develop a route into the curriculum development process. Or, we could find a member of the RRC who would be our connection and get our ideas into the RRC debate so that it could be aired, discussed, and, in some instances, included in the standards. Or we might find a way to establish an iterative process in which our various curricular concepts and pedagogical suggestions could be infused into the regular and standard bureaucratic pathways currently in use.

First, we have to begin to establish what GAP wants to do concerning resident education and how we collect and collate our collective ideas drawn from those committees now at work on these as well as other issues.

These are exciting times for GAP. Finding our proper place/niche in the psychiatric establishment is important, not only for GAP, but I believe for the body politic of psychiatry.

Sincerely,

Paul

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Addictions Committee is seeking a consultation with experts in pain management. If you have information, please contact Ed Nace: epnace@aol.com

GAP welcomes Jack Drescher and Frances Levin to the Board of Directors. Their first meeting will be November 2006.

The Task Force chaired by Jerrold Post has been approved to become a new committee, "Political Violence and Terrorism."

The Board thanks the members of the Committee on Preventive Psychiatry for the poster presentation.

The Board and Steering Committee had a strategic planning session on Thursday, April 6 with a skilled facilitator, Elizabeth Greenland. The session was extremely successful in generating new and exciting ideas for the future of GAP. The ideas generated, priorities set, and conclusions reached will be discussed at length over the next several meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**GAP FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE – Thursday, April 6, 2006**

Present: Drs. Gross, J Rosenthal, N Rao, R Gardner, S Shanfield, A Heru, R Finkenbine

The Committee is in the process of reviewing the content for the Fellowship Brochure and the application to be sent to potential Fellows. The Committee will begin working on revising the brochure content and updating the application. The brochure and application will be mailed by August 1. This Committee will review the applications prior to the Fall Meeting in order to compile the results and make the final offer to the next group of Fellows.

The current Fellows are working on the Plenary Program for the Fall 2006 Meeting.

GAP PUBLICATIONS BOARD - Thursday, April 6, 2006

Present: Drs. Adler, Aldrich, Baron, Nace, Nadelson

1. Update on Reports
 - a. "Stalking" from the Committee on Psychiatry and the Law. The Publications Board has reviewed and given feedback on all ten chapters that have been submitted to us.
 - b. The Committee on the College Student's report "Student Mental Health Services in Crisis" was approved for publication submission.
 - c. The Committee on Addictions' report on Coercion received Board Feedback was approved for publication submission.
 - d. The Committee on Gender Issues report "Is there an Abortion Trauma Syndrome" was approved for publication submission.
 - e. The Committee on Work and Organizations was approved to submit to three publishers their proposed book: "Business is Personal: Tools to Manage the Crisis in Workplace Relationships".
 - f. The IMG Committee had its manuscript, "An Annotated Bibliography of Professional Literature on IMGs" accepted for publication to Academic Psychiatry
2. During the 1992-2005 time frame 21 of our 28 (now 29) committee's have produced at least one Publication approved report. There have been 35 short reports (23 from 4 Committee's: Aging, Community, Family, Psychopathology; and 12 from an additional 9 committees). There have been 7 reports placed on the GAP website (from 7 committees; 2 of these also had short reports). All these products are/should be available on our website. In addition, GAP has produced 11 books in that timeframe (from 10 committees including 8 who also produced a short report). These are not available on the Web though links are available for a few.
3. A proposal that at each of the next four meetings, four Committee's present their work in poster style, available to the entire membership for review and dialogue during each meeting was approved by the Steering Committee. This is an attempt to provide an additional method of enhancing communication by Committee's of their work to the entire membership.
4. It was suggested that each Committee Chair take responsibility for providing to Frances a one page summary of the work product of the Committee if the committee is currently engaged in a writing project. This needs to be received in time to be part of the circular letter or placed on the website as another mechanism to enhance communication exchange between

committee's and the membership at large. The format would include:

- a. Title
- b. Overview several sentence summary of topic or objective (as currently given in Circular Letter)
- c. Target audience/prospective journal
- d. Several paragraphs summary of introduction, methods/results as applies and discussion/conclusion.

David Adler, M.D.

OPERATING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADOLESCENCE

Present: Harper, Onesti, Flaherty, Becker, Copans

Fellow: Stephanie Sander

The Committee is working on a fast track article due to be completed by July 2006 targeted to the general medical audience to be submitted to the NEJM. The work on this draft was done at this meeting and will continue to revise and circulate this paper.

ADDICTIONS

Present: Nace, Suchinsky, Francis, Westermeyer, Birkmeyer, Tamerin, Fromson

Fellow: Brian Toliver

The Committee completed "Coercion: In Substance Abuse Treatment" targeted at mental health providers to be submitted to American Journal of Addictions.

The Committee is working on selecting a new topic and planning out the outline.

ADOLESCENCE

Present: Harper, Onesti, Flaherty, Becker, Copans

Fellow: Stephanie Sander

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AGING

Present: Blank, C. Cohen, G. Cohen, Liptzin, Sakauye

Fellow: Kelli Harding

Guests: Robert Rohrbaugh, Joel Streim

The Committee is working on three projects:

Geriatric/updating curriculum, targeted to residents and training director to be completed by April 2007 to be submitted to AJGP.

Dear Abby Survey of readers' experience with geriatric mental health surveying the general public.

Post Katrina Responses of Seniors, targeted to the general public to be submitted to Academic Psychiatry for publication.

CHILD

Present: Drs. Knapp, Pfeffer, Schowalter, Kruesi, Jensen, Shapiro, Tanguay

Fellow: Guido Frank

Guests: Jeff Daly, John Walkup, Dorothy Stubbe

The Committee is working on a fast track article on a ten year review of research on temperament.

COLLEGE STUDENT

Present: Girard, Notman, Reed, Reich, Wenger

Guests: Victor Schwartz

The Committee is working on a fast track article, “Dilemmas in Campus Mental Health Care.” This article will define and address current dilemmas facing clinicians involved in student mental health care, as presented by risk management, confidentiality, institutional needs, etc., in conflict with ethics and patient care standards.

The anticipated date is 2007-2008 targeted to mental health providers and academic administrators. It will be submitted to the Journal of College Health/Chronicles of Higher Education.

The Committee will begin to define a new project and assigning work.

CULTURAL

Present: Desai, Oquendo, Jacobsen, Lu, Lewis-Fernandez

Guest: Anne Becker

The Committee is working on a fast track article that will address:

Impact of 9/11 on Training on IMG Residents in Psychiatry

Role of Race, Ethnicity, and Culture in Psychiatric Research

Barriers to Training of Cultural Psychiatry in Psychiatric Residency with the first draft mostly completed. The three topics should be completed by December 2007. The targeted audiences are academic psychiatrists for the first project and interdisciplinary (psychiatrists, other MH professionals, sociologists /anthropologists)

The first project will be submitted to Academic Psychiatry and the second project will be submitted to American Journal of Psychiatry and the third project's project has not been determined.

Before the next meeting, the Committee will review the near final draft of the first project, have discussion of final data gathering and prepare article outline, and the discuss the methodology approach for the third project.

Much of the work of the work is conducted between meetings, all committee members are reviewing the manuscript as well as generating data by coding a sample of articles for the role of race, etc.

DISABILITIES

Present: John Gale, Sanjay Gulati, Robert Nesheim, William Sack.

Not present: Meyer Gunther, Deborah Steinberg, Bryan King (contributing member), Margaret Stuber (contributing member)

Guests: Rachel St. John (Ittleson Consultant): pediatrician/mental health counselor with extraordinary expertise in disability services provision. Jon Van Loon (1st time guest): exceptionally productive psychiatrist with experience with patients with mental retardation in group home settings. Karen Gennaro (1st time guest): psychiatrist with experience with mentally ill & mentally retarded individuals—who are pregnant.

Manuscripts:

- A. Short article concerning technical standards for admission to medical school, submitted to Publications Committee for review.
- B. Longer article concerning interviews with medical student deans, submitted to the Journal of Postsecondary Education and Disability.
- C. Longer article concerning disabled medical students' survey, submitted to Publications Committee for review.
- D. Short letter to the editor or guest editorial nearing final draft, concerning pitfalls in evidence-based medicine.

New work—we are at the early stage of exploring three new areas:

- E. Schaffer v. Weast. A Supreme Court decision last fall which may reduce the ability of parents to advocate for special education services. To date, the decision's impact has been limited, so we are “waiting and watching” on this issue.
- F. Pregnancy and Mental Retardation: spoke eloquently about the dilemmas she has observed when mentally retarded (and often also mentally ill) people become pregnant. A quick literature search showed that there has been some writing and research in this area from time to time by various groups over the past two decades. Given that disability theory and disability rights have been

active areas of evolving social change, we decided we liked the idea of exploring the topic further.

G Building Rapport with Disabled Patients: A quick literature search showed that there appear to be no recent articles helping primary caregivers find the right “stance” towards disabled patients. Issues include the awkwardness of not knowing how to deal with specific disabilities, the impossibility of knowing about all disabilities, and the countertransference feelings that arise and sometimes affect care. Our potential audience is general practitioners, e.g. American Family Physician. A potential offshoot or subsection of this topic is the experience of parents and siblings of disabled people.

Status—as above.

Anticipated dates of completion:

A, B, C: completed

D: final draft by next meeting

E: topic on hold Anticipated Audience:

A, B, C: medical school deans and faculty

D, G: general practitioners

E: special education/child psychiatrists

F: general psychiatrists

Potential Publication:

A, B, C: Journal of Postsecondary Education and Disability

D: Postgraduate Medicine, or Resident and Staff Physician

G: American Family Physician

E, F: not yet clear

HUMANSEXUALITY

Present: Friedman, Downey, Haase, Goldenberg, Adelson, Fisher

Fellow: Sidney Edsall

The Committee is working on two projects:

1. Fast Track article – what do psychiatrists know about their sexual histories? Research study. To be completed by April 2007 targeted to mental health providers, specifically, psychiatrists, to be submitted to Academic Psychiatry.
2. Intermediate length manuscript – critical review of topic of sexuality in bipolar spectrum disorder. Designing a research study in this area. This is a massive project. To be completed April 2008 targeted to mental health providers, specifically, psychiatrists, to be submitted to Archives of Sex Research.

INTERNATIONALRELATIONS

Present: Twentyman, Saathoff, Plotnick, Marzani-Nissen, Dorn, Rogers

Fellow: Susan Meffert

Guests: Anita Everett, John Young, Eric Stern, Lindy Love

The Committee is working on a manuscript on crisis management. The anticipated date for completion is 2008, targeted to the public policy community.

The Committee had a presentation from Eric Stern of his think tank methodology studying crisis management. Development of questions he would like help with. The Committee will further articulate questions to answer.

LGBT

Present: Rosario, Volpp, Guss, Masters, Hanin, Barber, McCommon, Drescher

Guests: Amy Hoffman, Lisa Capelle, Sally Herbert

The Committee is working on a web based product “LGMT Issues in Mental Health Care”, www.AGLP.org/GAP/main.htm

The first draft is 50% complete and should be completed by June 2007. This will be targeted to mental health students and psychiatric resident.

MEDICAL EDUCATION

Present: Bernstein, Nadelson, Robinowitz, Scheiber, Levine, Dickstein, Silberman, Hales

Fellow: Paul Jones

Guest: Tana Grady-Weliky

The Committee is working on a fast track article:

Mental health screening on state medical licensure applications

Impact of research training on career research productivity

The project should be completed by April 2007, targeted to the general medical audience; psychiatric educators. Publication will be sought in: JAMA/Academic Psychiatry or American Journal of Psychiatry. Structural work of data gathering on both projects and assigned tasks.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Present: Ackerman, Sullivan, Lippincott, Ranz

The Committee is working on a fast track article addressing, how might residency training be modified to better prepare psychiatrists to work in organizational settings. This is a follow up to an article just submitted to Psych Services demonstrating that most psychiatrists now work in such settings. We propose to collaborate with the Medical Education Committee. This project will be the committee's work for the next 6-12 months targeted at psychiatrists and will be submitted to Psych Services.

PREVENTIVE PSYCHIATRY

Present: Pruitt, Compton, Powers, MaIntyre, Koplan, Wissow

The Committee is working on a special issue for Psychiatric Annals for prevention in psychiatry. This is for publication for May 2007 targeted at general practicing psychiatrists.

The Committee would be interested in a consultation from the Publications Board with the review.

The Committee presented the first poster session this meeting to a very positive response.

The Committee will be developing templates for Annals papers, identify/obtain responses from the author and work collaboratively on multi-authored paper. There is a plan in process to contact other committees for author suggestions and collaborators on particular articles.

PSYCHIATRY AND COMMUNITY

Present: Talbott, Cournos, Lamb, Minkoff

Fellow: Amir Garakani

The Committee is working on a manuscript "Shibboliths in Psychiatry" to be completed by the Fall 2007 targeted to psychiatrists, policy makers, consultants, and program directors. The article will be submitted to CMHJ and Psych Services. The Committee will be deciding what further writing needs to be done and how to be published.

PSYCHIATRY AND LAW

Present: Pinals, Glancy, Resnick, Mossman, Ash, Girogi-Guarnieri, Knoll, Phillips

Fellow: John Cooke

The Committee has completed their "Stalking: Clinical and Forensic Perspectives" for publication with Oxford University Press to be completed by June 1 targeted at the mental health community, general public and legal audience.

The Committee will be working on a new topic.

PSYCHIATRY AND RELIGION

Present: Lewis, Meador, Snyder

The Committee is working on a fast track article “Therapy With Evildoers,” issues involved in working with an anti-social population.

The Committee is working on the third draft to be completed by Summer, 2006. The publication will be submitted to family therapy or social work journals.

The Committee would like input from the Publications Board for suggested journals.

PSYCHOPATHOLOGY

Present: Adler, Berlant, Braun, Siris, Goldman

The Committee is reconstituting the member with no clear topic chosen at this time.

RESEARCH

Present: Sutton, Schwartz, Gardner, Kerbeshian, Kramer

Fellow: Daniel Mayman

Guests: Steve Shanfield, Jeff Berlant

The Committee is looking at evidence for diagnosis and evidence based medicine and is expected to work on this project over the next three years targeted at psychiatrists and mental health professionals. The Committee will be working on finalizing the decision about the scope of the book.

The Committee will prepare power point of Social Brain (Psychiatric Annals, October 2005), for GAP web site (teaching material) and prepare article for American Journal of Psychiatry on social brain.

The Committee will write a letter to the New England Journal of Medicine on pharma influence after publication of CATIE.

SOCIAL ISSUES

Present: J Rosenthal, Ottenberg, Lurie

The Committee is working on a manuscript “Surviving Atrocities in Different Settings” to be completed in two years targeted to mental health providers.

TERRORISM AND DISASTERS

Present: Stoddard, Aldrich

Guest: Tony Ng, Chair, APA Disaster Committee

The Committee is working on a fast track article, “Psychiatrist’s Role in Response to Terrorism” with the first draft to be completed November 2006, targeted at psychiatrists to be submitted to the American Journal of Psychiatry.

The Committee discussed at length how to improve/operationalize terrorism/disaster response.

THERAPEUTIC CARE

Present: Finkenbine, Fidler, Hammersley, Gruenberg

The Committee is working on “Sanctuary Model” as applied to inpatient care and resident training to be submitted to psychiatric nursing educators. Video history – changes in psychiatric care, collecting vignettes to targeted at psychiatric curriculum through AADPRT. The projects are slated to be completed 2008.

WORK AND ORGANIZATIONS

Present: David Morrison, Daven Morrison, Larsen, Long, Grant, Hagen, Gibson

The Committee is working on a manuscript:

Business is Personal - Consequences and recommendations for relationships at work of technology, globalization and litigation.

The Committee is working on draft to be submitted to the publisher and anticipate the project to be completed in two years, targeted to business executives published in a trade publication.



DATES OF FUTURE GAP MEETINGS

2006
NOVEMBER 9-11

2007
MARCH 29-31
NOVEMBER 8-10

2008
APRIL 10-12
NOVEMBER 13-15

2009
APRIL 16-18
NOVEMBER 12-14

2010
APRIL 15-17
NOVEMBER 11-13