

AACP Committee Report Form  
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Committee: Program

Members Present: Altman, Christiansen, Cutler, Everett, Pollack, Thompson,

Agenda Items:

1. 2007 APA Mtg Presentation

Symposium submitted on IOM, NAMI, Study to Action reports, entitled “**The IOM informs, NAMI storms, and AACP transforms:** How to make the grade in response to the US mental health system’s bad report card.” Overviews of the IOM report by Harold Pincus, NAMI Scorecard by Ken Duckworth, Study to Action report by Allen Daniels, with summary of AACP products and position papers that respond to the report recommendations by Wes Sowers. Discussants Pedro Ruiz and Wilma Townsend.

2. 2007 IPS Mtg, New Orleans. Scientific Program Committee has met and selected a broad range of symposia, workshops, and innovative programs, many of which were submitted by AACP members. Topic Consideration.

3. 2008 Winter Mtg. Brooklyn, organized by Steve Goldfinger. Need to find out what topics and presenters he is considering.

4. 2008 APA Mtg., Washington, DC. Preliminary discussion of topics, to be more fully developed at APA mtg in San Diego.

Take advantage of the DC location to tap into some of the advocacy leaders in DC (e.g., govt. relations reps from the major MH advocacy groups) to have a forum on advocacy re public MH policy issues.

Major policy issues: Impact of DRA (Medicaid deconstruction) and/or universal coverage schemes

Emphasize the need for psychiatrists to be more directly aware of and involved in policy issues at the state level.

Forum on behavioral health related evidence-based practices

Relevance/problems associated with understanding what and how psychiatrists in community settings do what they do. Is accepting some accountability (“time and motion”) requirements okay or have we sold ourselves “down the river”? How can accountability approaches actually and meaningfully capture/honor what we really do?

Need to collect the program ideas generated by the Underserved/Diversity Committee; may be useful to have a joint meeting in San Diego.