

AACP Winter Meeting  
February 8-9, 2008

### Scholarship and Training Committee Report

#### Members Present

Cheryl Bowers-Stevens  
Charlotte Hutton  
Allison Nitsche  
Chris Cline  
Wes Sowers  
Jules Ranz  
Stephanie LaMelle  
Richard Christensen  
Walter Rush

#### Agenda Items

1. Review and discuss the document, "Core Elements of a Public Psychiatry Fellowship," authored by Jules Ranz, MD.
2. Review and discuss the document, "AACP Guidelines for Developing and Evaluating Public and Community Psychiatry Fellowships," authored by Wes Sowers, MD, with input provided by the Scholarship and Training Committee.

Action	Person Responsible	Date of Completion
Reviewed the AACP draft that is based upon Columbia's Core Elements that undergird and guide the successful public psychiatry Fellowship there. This document was broadened to include core competencies and issues related to components of administrative infrastructure to support the Fellowship program. Additional suggestions have been made to revise and expand upon the concept of mentoring pertaining to who may serve as a mentor and longitudinal commitment. Further discussion focused upon the use of the Guidelines as a map to guide the professional development of early career psychiatrists.	Wes Sowers	April-May
Will circulate the revised Guidelines to the AACP Board for further review and comments as well as several key professional groups (MHA, BMS Fellows, existing Fellowships	Scholarship and Training Committee	May, 2008

#### Other Discussion Points:

1. If/when the AACP Guidelines are accepted as an AACP product to be disseminated, will discuss how this will be accomplished. Will also continue to look at the possibility of developing a cadre of AACP mentors who could participate in the Fellows' training. Issues related to the AACP becoming a body that offers certification in Public/Community Psychiatry will be addressed in the future.

2. Discussed the proposal that the Scholarship Committee would become the appropriate committee for the coordination of the variety of activities that are taking place around workforce development (i.e. Fellowships, CME opportunities, Mentoring programs, Leadership Development, etc.)

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