

CECA MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2014

Members present: Lisa Anderson-Shaw, Sally Bean, Ken Berkowitz, Courtney Bruce, Joe Carrese, Brian Childs, Stuart Finder, Ann Heesters, Martha Jurchak, Aviva Katz, Hannah Lipman, Kathy Powderly, Terry Rosell, Malcolm Shaner, Wayne Shelton, Jeffrey Spike, Stuart Sprague, Anita Tarzian, Lucia Wocial (chair)

Others present: Anne Cordes (Executive Director)

Members absent: Armand Antommara, Art Derse,

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 am ET.

MINUTES

February minutes, approved with minor corrections.

Update from the board

CECA CHARGE

Final version was approved and sent out by Joe

Subject: Clinical Ethics Consultation Affairs (CECA) Committee

Purpose: To support the goals of health care ethics consultation and the development of health care ethics consultants' capabilities for meeting the needs of patients, staff, and health care organizations by creating, reviewing, and promulgating resources and engaging in other related activities.

Responsibilities: The committee has the responsibility to fulfill charges as assigned annually, or as needed, by the Board.

Membership: The composition of the committee shall be inclusive and representative of the diversity of individuals involved in health care ethics consultation.

QATF Update

Stuart provided an update from Joe Finns (read on the call). The selection was random, controlled for length of time in the field (profession is not matched just by luck of the draw).

Updating the ASBH Education Guide

Stuart Finder provided an update on the group's efforts. There was consensus that simply printing the present education guide without making any changes would not be appropriate. Citations are old and the internet was not in its present form. The time (five years originally) energy and expense that went into creating the original resources was tremendous. The guide is currently sold and generates a few thousand dollars revenue for ASBH each year. To undertake a revision of the educational guide would be a huge effort, due in part to the ubiquitous presence the internet has achieved since

the original education guide was created. The original guide was not designed as an electronic resource however any new resource needs to be.

There was discussion about sending out a survey to the ASBH membership regarding the guide. Question to consider include:

Have you used it?

Do you know anyone who uses it?

Have you used it for educating others?

If so, have you used it as a tool (e.g. syllabus construction)?

With whom have you used it (list)?

What might make it more useful in the future (list of options)?

Other comments

As the discussion unfolded it became clear that what the group was asked to do regarding the educational guide was not clear. There are some more basic questions to address:

1. SHOULD ASBH revise the education guide? (reframed, should ASBH create a new education resource)
2. Who is the target audience for such a resource? The original target audience was people who do clinical ethics but who don't have the resources in a trained clinical ethics person. (non-university based environment).
3. Who and (how do we identify them) should we survey regarding the usefulness/need for an ASBH educational resource?
4. IF a resource is created, what are the essential components (some of the key elements of the current product are the learning objectives, the references and a list of clinical issues with which individuals doing ethics consultation need to be familiar.

There was some discussion about what to do with the remaining stock of education guides (unclear if it is within CECA's scope to make a decision about this, however there was a suggestion that once the supply runs out, an electronic version be made available via the ASBH website).

The discussion was tabled until the next CECA meeting. Lucia will connect with Stuart and other members of the group clarify the scope of their effort.

Code of Ethics Manuscript: Anita and Lucia are working on this and will circulate a draft when more progress has been made.

Code of Ethics Slides: Courtney has created an initial slide set. Anita and Kathy are working on edits and it too will be shared with the group when more progress has been made.

Pre-con workshops:

Lucia gave the history of how the request for CECA's involvement in conducting a pre-conference workshop at the ASBH meeting happened. The request came to Denise

Dudzinski and Anita Tarzian on behalf of the program planning committee. Anita asked Lucia (as CECA chair) to participate in lieu of her participation. The other faculty were identified by including current CECA members, individuals who were part of the original Core Competencies task force and an individual who was not part of either group. The upshot is, the planning committee is charged with selecting what content will be on the final program. The late request for a pre-con represents an opportunity for clarity and transparency (maybe) regarding the process.

1. There is a call for proposals
2. Once the proposals are submitted (maybe before) individuals are identified who will coordinate volunteer submission reviewers. Those “captains” coordinate and pass along the results to the planning committee, but they are not technically part of the planning committee so may not in fact have final say as to what ends up on the program.
3. (here is the sticking point) if after reviewing the proposals the planning committee decides they would still like to invite a presentation, they may do that (however that is not stated clearly anywhere).

It still needs to be ironed out what could be the formal process between the planning committee and CECA. Terry will be on the planning committee for 2015. CECA's feedback to the planning committee is; perceptions matter, and this seems like there were two different processes.

Regional ASBH Ethics Conference

There was no time to discuss this on the call, with plans to discuss it next call. CECA members are encouraged to think about what it would mean for ASBH to “compete” with other entities that offer ethics consultation training conferences.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 ET.

The next meeting will be held via teleconference on June 19, 2014 11 am – noon ET.