

Board of Directors Meeting

Virtual

June 8, 2021

5:30pm MST

Chair: Dr. Jennifer Brasch, President

Minutes

Present: J. Brasch M. Willows D. Martell C. Chase G. Budd S. Etches
 K. Lee B. Noftle S. Dubreucq M. Ghosh N. Ali W. Shublaq

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Regrets: P. Sobey

Absent: AS. Marsolais R. Tanguay R. Fraser

1. Call to Order: 5:35pm MST – J. Brasch
2. Approval and of Agenda
 - a. Let's Talk Overdose Conference – M. Willows

Motion by D. Martell to accept the agenda.

Seconded by: K. Lee

3. Review Minutes from May 11, 2021 (Appendix 1)
 - a. Minutes have been reviewed and approved
 - b. Action Items:
 - i. ASAM Membership – B. Hebert to connect J. Brasch and M. Willows

Motion by J. Brasch to accept the minutes from May 11, 2021.

Seconded by: B. Noftle

4. President's Report
 - a. In the last month, J. Brasch has met with two associate ministers of health (Ontario and Alberta), who are interested in her opinions on addiction care and treatment during the pandemic
 - i. Very receptive to her concerns about safe supply

- ii. Participated in a meeting with Minister Tibollo; a discussion was had on what is needed to improve addiction care in Ontario.
 - b. J. Brasch asked if anyone had heard about an addiction treatment involving a disulfiram implant with a microchip
 - i. <https://philaaddictioncenter.com/esperal-implant-for-alcoholism/>
 - ii. A few other BOD members have heard of this practice. It does not seem to be common or have research to support it as an evidence-based treatment.
5. Kadian Shortage Update – M. Willows
- a. A provincial committee met to look at the issues and determine if this is a tier-3 shortage
 - i. If it is deemed tier-3 this allows Ontario to access the drug from other countries
 - b. It has been voted on as a tier-3 shortage
 - c. There may be a shortage of Diluted 8's soon
 - i. Health Canada will need to pursue drug companies to supply these
6. Let's Talk Overdose Conference – M. Willows
- a. CSAM-SMCA was approached to present at this conference M. Ghosh and M. Willows volunteered to give a presentation
 - b. Registration is free, you can register here <https://psychiatry.ubc.ca/2021/05/14/you-are-invited-by-dr-michael-krausz-to-attend-the-lets-talk-overdose-conference/>
 - c. G. Budd will be facilitating a discussion at this conference (with the head of the drug squad: consequences of drugs on the street and what that looks like)
 - d. B. Hebert to circulate the link and conference in the CSAM-SMCA June newsletter
7. Pandemic Supply Review Update – M. Ghosh
- a. We have a core group of individuals working on the project:
 - i. P. Sobey
 - ii. M. Ghosh
 - iii. M. Kahan
 - iv. Lisa Bromley
 - v. Nick Mathew
 - vi. Mandeep Minhas
 - vii. Karen Shklanka
 - b. Still determining the overall scope of the project
 - c. This position will be unbiased, we will present the evidence we know
 - i. Want to encourage safe supply, but cannot make policy on blind assumptions
 - d. J. Brasch to contact P. Sobey about an overview of the project to circulate to the BOD
8. Conference Committee Update – D. Martell
- a. In the middle of abstract submissions – Deadline to submit is June 14th
 - b. Abstract Review

- i. Would like to have some involvement from BOD
 - ii. New submission platform will allow BOD members to review and rate the abstracts more efficiently
 - iii. J. Brasch would like to see a banner on the CSAM-SMCA website with the submission deadline
- c. Structure of Conference
 - i. Planning for clearer transitions between presentations
 - ii. Less overall streamed content per/day
 - iii. Themes of the tracks will come from the abstracts submitted
- d. Fundamentals
 - i. Will run separate from the conference
 - ii. Will occur October 3rd, 2021
- e. Speakers
 - i. Still searching for one more Plenary speaker
 - ii. Intentionally organizing conference with diversity and inclusion following a framework that allows us to integrate this in our planning
 - iii. Speaker Recommendations:
 - 1. Carol Hopkins from Thunderbird Foundation – C. Chase to connect D. Martell
 - iv. Dr. Esther Tailfeathers – M. Ghosh to connect D. Martell
- f. BOD members will receive a discounted rate on conference
 - i. B. Hebert to circulate the discount code

9. Special Interest Groups:

- a. We received an email from a medical student from Queens University wanting to get more involved in CSAM-SMCA
- b. We do not offer many activities for students, it would be great to start to offer more mentoring, educational, etc. opportunities.
- c. Would CSAM-SMCA like to start a trainee SIG with the support of a few BOD members?
 - i. The BOD members are to provide mentoring and direction
 - ii. This will give the trainees a platform to speak from
 - iii. We could offer an occasional speaker
 - iv. If this group is successful, we could think about offering an award to grow the interest
 - v. The goal would be to have this group meet 2-5 times a year to start
 - vi. N. Ali would be interested in mentoring this group
 - vii. If other BOD members are interested in this position email B. Hebert or J. Brasch
 - 1. Looking for 2-3 different members
 - 2. Will accept candidates until Friday
- d. Other SIGs

- i. CSAM-SMCA would like to support other SIG if individuals have topics they would like to pursue
- ii. If you are interested in starting a Special Interest Group with another focus (rural addiction care? Gambling addictions? etc
- iii. Contact J. Brasch and B. Hebert if you would like to start one

10. Membership Committee Update – S. Dubreucq/C. Chase

- a. Last BOD meeting, we discussed some ideas about how to increase the value and number of our memberships.
- b. We were to consider strategies to increase membership and what would increase the value of a membership for this meeting
- c. What other activities will encourage people to remain or want to be members?
 - i. SIG's
 - ii. Fundamentals 2x/ Year
 - iii. Membership needs assessment survey as part of the conference registration
 - iv. Reciprocal memberships
- d. Vast majority of members are 1-year only, would like to see more subscriptions for 3–5-year memberships
 - i. B. Hebert to do the initial calculations as to financial benefits/costs of longer memberships with discounts
- e. CSAM Social Club! -consider convening a committee tasked only with hosting social events for our addiction medicine community?
- f. Membership committee looking for a few more members.
 - i. If interested, contact B. Hebert or J. Brasch
 - ii. Look at retaining a medical student or resident on for this committee as they may help with strategies to recruit to their respective groups
- g. Why are people joining ASAM?
 - i. Identify how we are different and how we are similar
 - ii. B. Hebert to invite ASAM to next membership committee meeting

11. Next Meeting: July 13th, 2021 @ 5:30pm MST

12. Adjournment: 6:28pm MST – J. Brasch

Action Items:

J. Brasch

- Connect with P. Sobey about an overview of the Pandemic Supply Review to circulate to the BOD

C. Chase

- Connect Carol Hopkins with D. Martell for CSAM-SMCA 2021 Conference

M. Ghosh

- Connect Esther Tailfeathers with D. Martell for CSAM-SMCA Conference

B. Hebert

- Circulate Let's Talk Overdose Conference Link and put in CSAM-SMCA June newsletter
- Circulate CSAM-SMCA registration discount code to BOD members
- Invite ASAM to the next Membership committee meeting
- Look at the initial calculation for a larger discount with a 3-year membership subscription to CSAM-SMCA