

Mission Statement: The Clinical Education Forum, a network of Clinical Coordinators of Clinical Education in the Southern California area, is an integral component of the clinical education process dedicated to providing quality clinical experiences to interns/students of physical therapy in our facilities.

CLINICAL EDUCATION FORUM MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2004

ATTENDANCE: Julie Westmoreland (Long Beach Veterans Administration) (Chairperson), Lisa Carroll Mena (LA County CCS), Patty Nakagawa (St. Jude Medical Center), Debi Craddock (LA County CCS) (Secretary), Holly Pollak (Long Beach Memorial Medical Center), Guy Fukushima (Saddleback Memorial Medical Center), Janis Ozaki (Centinela Hospital Medical Center), Sandy Rostirolla (White Memorial Hospital), Lorraine Kimura (Cedar Sinai)

IACCC Representatives Present: Helen Tsuda (Mount St. Mary's College), Jody Cormack (CSULB), Anne Steinbronner (Azusa Pacific University)

FUTURE MEETINGS for 2004 - Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital, Whittier, 1:30-4:00 pm

Thursday, September 9, 2004- Chairperson: Guy Fukushima Topics: Part of IACCC Advanced CI Training Course: How to Use Questions to Enhance Critical Thinking, and Service Learning.

Tuesday, November 9, 2004- IACCC/CEF annual meeting is scheduled at Mount Saint Mary's Doheny Campus. Topic: Facilitating Professionalism and Cultural Diversity in Clinical Education.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A proposal has been submitted to the California Board of PT that a PT must be an APTA Credentialed Clinical Instructor to supervise a foreign-trained therapist. An equivalency system (ELEERs) is being proposed. A newsletter has been sent out.
- CI Credential Courses: Mission Hills- tentative July 31-Aug. 1; Reno in September (Helen Tsuda); Anaheim at CPTA Conference in October and Las Vegas in November (Marijean Piorkowski).
- Georgeanne Vlad attended the CI Trainer Course.
- IACCC has a webpage. Go to 'iaccc.net'.

UPDATE ON SUBCOMMITTEES:

Secretary: Members present confirmed that they received their minutes by e-mail. Future minutes will be sent by e-mail, except to those who do not have e-mail. E-mail contact lists were discussed. Members agreed to distribute e-mail list of regularly attending members. IACCC members will be contacted for permission to distribute their e-mail addresses. A note will be added that the list is to be used for Clinical Education related communication only. This list may not be distributed for other purposes. See attached.

IACCC/CEF Subcommittee: no update.

IACCC Scholarship Committee: The selection committee met at APU. Trisha Wong and Kimberly Reef were awarded scholarships.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: FOSTERING EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE (EBP) IN STUDENTS

EBP was discussed as it applies to staff level PTs, CIs, and CCCEs. Resources were shared by Julie Westmoreland, Jody Cormack and Debi Craddock. The Center for Evidence-Based Medicine (www.cebm.net) has resources for learning, doing and teaching EBM. A handout on EBM Tools and how to ask a focused clinical question was distributed. The types of questions include Diagnosis, Prognosis, Therapy, and Harm. Jody is teaching students to perform a Critical Appraisal of a Topic (CAT). A CATmaker program is available on the CEBM website. PT schools are teaching EBM.

Suggestions from the group included to form a CAT club with staff. Or, have students answer a clinical question and present it, instead of performing an inservice. Per Jody, articles need to include patient data.

Issues discussed included administrative support that will be needed to create a change in culture as clinical education sites move to EBP. This includes internet access. Staff must continue to meet productivity expectations and find time to use evidence to answer clinical questions.

DISCUSSION OF STUDENT ISSUES:

The APTA is collecting feedback on the Clinical Performance Instrument.