

Northeast Regional Meeting
Association of Clinical Pastoral Education
Portland, Maine
May 5, 2004

Attendees: Mary Martha Thiel, Dorothy Cotterell, Ramona Cass, Ute Schmidt, Dave Ransom, Peggy Kieras, Bert Brewster, John Pearson, Bill Kondath, Margie Tuttle, Joan Rossi, Patrick McCoy, Bob Morse, Priscilla Denham, Dick Sheesley, Mary Gerrior, Michelle De Coste, Ron Hindelang, Sharon Frank, Carl Towley, Jim Rough, Kathleen Gallivan, Mary Beth Hayes, Charles Kessler, Claudia Blanchette, Teresa Snorton, Martin Montonye

Reports

Regional Director: Patrick McCoy raised the topic of the development on Council of Collaboration (effort among cognate groups influencing public policy in the future). Funding is provided by a matching grant by the Pew Foundation. One of the ideas proposed is regional entities may make donations toward the matching grant. Something like this would need to be included in the discussion of the budget. Pat requested a decision be made if the Region would like to make a contribution.

General concern in Regional Directors' circle is how ACPE Regions relate to the national organization. Are the Regional Entities federated into a national organization or branches of the national? If separate, then each needs to be incorporated. From accreditation view, if this were to occur, each region would have to be recognized by the Dept. of Education. Question is how we are set up for clear governance and accountability. On a Regional basis, how we are related to the national organization may have a financial and operational impact how we audit our finances.

Need to change our organizational/program calendar with the change in the date of the National meeting. Budgets and Nominating schedules would need to be altered. Concern was raised to accommodate Clinical Members. CPE Fair, Mid-winter convocation, bi-regional meetings considered as options.

Motion made and passed to have the Annual Business Meeting at the CPE Fair Day on Wednesday, October 13th. Discussions of future meetings, budgets and nominations to be continued at this meeting.

Transition from Interim Regional Director to permanent Regional Director. What are our mission and strategic plan? Charles Kessler and Patrick have met to discuss hiring a possible consultant. Patrick will begin making plans to assist with transition. They plan to use the Mid-Winter Convocation program to peruse a planning process.

Budget: Carl Towley distributed a budget handout outlining the Northeast Region's Actual 2003, Actual 2004 and Budget 2004. He reported that the Region is in good-

shape. Carl made a request for Centers to submit their reports and checks for student units. He will bring a proposed budget to the fall meeting.

Board of Representatives: Bob Morse and Mary Beth Hayes reported the ACPE Board is addressing Centers offering other non-accredited ACPE programs. A letter will go out later this year to collect information on these programs. Also, the Board discussed how regions and national organizations are related for the purposes of audits, networks, etc.

Efforts are underway to make all ACPE manuals consistent. The Board has reviewed a draft and it is posted on ACPE website for membership to review and submit comments. The material is now consistent and it will help communicate what it is we do. Any changes will be available for review in advance. The plan is to do a complete review every five years.

Certification Pilot Project: A project is about to begin that will look at our processes on how we conduct our certification process. For example, an applicant for Candidacy will meet the same Certification Committee at each stage of the Certification process. One aim is to be more intentional involving issues of cultural and religious diversity. Evaluation will be done at the end of the project.

\$100,000 given to ACPE in the name of Maxine Glaze. A task force has been set up to determine how that money will be used.

Locations of future annual meetings: Portland, Hawaii, and Florida. A key to lower airfare to Hawaii is booking in advance.

Information shared by ACPE Executive Director Teresa Snorton: Six years ago after publication of White Paper on Chaplaincy, there was a proposal for merger. ACPE did not support but Board wanted to continue collaboration ACPE, APC, AAPC, NACC, NAJC, CAPE). The Council was established and has three representatives per organization. The Council meets monthly by conference call; once a year at COMISS. At a recent meeting, the Council met with Red Cross to form the Spiritual Response Team (SRT) for all disasters.

Medicare Pass through. The Council worked together and sent out letters why CPE should be retained. First four CPE units are eligible as long as not receiving academic credit. Pass through is allowed for people moving toward professional certification.

The Council is involved in developing Common Standards: All organizations are working together to articulate the standards we have in common around professional ethics, chaplaincy and CPE supervision. These will not usurp ACPE Standards but probably appear as a preamble to some of our written resources.

The Council is also involved in a Diversity Project. It is looking for funding to begin pilot programs (i.e., completely Spanish CPE program, North Carolina native tribal leaders,

etc.). Centers encouraged to create a proposal and seek funding. All forms of diversity will be considered.

Funding is needed for the Council to continue to meet and conduct its work. Publication, promotion, distribution of materials and meetings require additional funding.

Motion mad and passed for the Region to contribute \$3,000 for the work of the Council.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Martin Montonye
May 22, 2004