

## **Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics**

### **SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

SDBP Special Interest Groups (SIGs) were instituted in 2007 to provide a forum for interested SDBP members from a variety of disciplines to collaborate and to facilitate communication in a particular area of Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics, convening yearly at the annual SDBP meeting. These SIGs were envisioned as a forum to facilitate more informal networking opportunities in a specialized topical area at the annual meeting, as well as to provide a platform from which collaborative research projects and national Quality Improvement initiatives, such as learning collaboratives and national patient registries in the field of DBP, might develop. These QI projects would be designed to improve the care of children with DBP conditions, while fulfilling ABP Maintenance of Certification Performance in Practice standards for DBPs. SDBP members were surveyed in 2007 and were overwhelmingly in support of this idea.

Other roles for SIGs within the SDBP are expected to develop in the coming years. For example, a SIG might convene with the purpose of developing a curriculum in a particular area in DBP. The SDBP Board of Directors is supportive of each of the individual SIGs, acknowledging that each SIG's continuing success is fueled by the contributions of its individual members. The SDBP Board of Directors has provided an operational template for these SIGs.

#### **Guidelines for SIGs**

- A. SIG membership is open to all SDBP members.
- B. Each SIG shall have a chair. SIG Chair terms will be limited to two consecutive three-year terms. The members of the individual SIG will determine the manner of selection.
- C. The SIG Chair is responsible for:
  - 1) developing the SIG agenda for the annual SDBP meeting;
  - 2) maintaining its membership roster;
  - 3) coordinating correspondence among its members;
  - 4) submitting an article at least yearly for the SDBP newsletter describing the current or planned activities of the SIG;
  - 5) maintaining communication with a liaison from the SDBP Board of Directors
  - 6) submitting an end of the year summary to the SDBP Board of Directors detailing membership, completed activities proposed activities, etc.
- D. The Society will provide support for reasonable SIG activities including appropriate email access to the membership and coordination of information regarding the SIG placed on the SDBP website. Unusual expenses may be submitted to the Board of Directors for special consideration. These require pre-approval by the Board of Directors or Executive Committee.
- E. SIG leadership and the Program Committee will work together to identify an appropriate venue for the SIG to meet at the SDBP Annual Meeting..

- F. Solicitation of outside funding to support SIG activities requires approval by the SDBP Board of Directors. All monies raised by the SIG will be submitted to the SDBP National Office for crediting to their appropriate account.
- G. SIG Chairs may be asked to participate in other Society activities, as needed, i.e., abstract review for the annual meeting.
- H. A member of the SDBP Board of Directors will be appointed to provide liaison to the SIG and its chair as well as oversight of all SIG activities.
- I. A request for the formation of a new SIG should be submitted in writing to the full SDBP Board of Directors for approval.

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