

SAH Diversity Committee
January 16, 2002

Present: Katherine Froehlich
Sheila Hammonds
Sandy Johnston

Absent: Dawn O'Brien
Marcie Swift

Call to Order: Katherine Froehlich called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

Old Business

HPPI Initiative

“Our involvement with the HPPI Initiative is going well,” reported Katherine. The diversity committee has been able to sponsor speakers at numerous events.

Career Day at the Medical Center, 1/30/2002 is being organized and planned. Moffett Ferguson, Dean's Office, will be supplying pencils/paper, and the KUMC bookstore will be giving our young Banneker Elementary School visitors bags.

A number of SAH program representatives will be speaking for ten minutes each, including OT, PT, Hearing & Speech, and HIM. Forty-five students are expected.

February 8, 2002, JS Chick Elementary School is sponsoring a Science Fair. Marcie Swift and Dawn O'Brien will also be contacted to see if they would be willing to participate. Sandy Johnston has volunteered to be a judge.

Katherine Froehlich received word from Nedra Bonds and Lou Loescher (who forwarded the info on to Dean Miller) that HPPI is very happy with our involvement with them and that the speakers from Dietetics and Nutrition who spoke at JS Chick in January on Nutrition were great and very well liked.

**Scholarship
Information**

The SAH Diversity Committee is compiling and organizing a resource pamphlet of available scholarship monies for minority Allied Health students. Dawn O'Brien has informed Katherine that she is offering her staff's time to format and type the collected information. Katherine believes that we may tentatively have this project completed by March.

Meeting times

Due to conflicts in schedules, the Diversity Committee members discussed a common convenient time to hold the

meetings. Katherine is in need of all of the members' input as to whether the 1st, 3rd, or 4th Wednesday of each month would be the better day to convene.

New Business

Available Federal Monies

Katherine informed the members that there are monies available to bring minority students onto existing research projects with researchers who have NIH grants. This money can be used to help a minority student find extra financial support. Discussion was held as to how the SAH Diversity Committee might be able to play a role in identifying and receiving some of these available monies.

Committee Activity Documentation

Katherine is creating an Excel spreadsheet to be used to document the activities of the SAH Diversity Committee. The spreadsheet will assist the reader by informing them of the activities and functions performed by the committee, plus identifying the activities of each individual member.

Maintenance of Diversity Information

Katherine has requested that members collect any information, pamphlets, news articles they see regarding events around town or at the Medical Center. Information about opportunities for grants or grant money should also be included. This information may help the Diversity Committee focus their energies on an important activity or event that could benefit a student/s in the future, or assist the committee in their tolerance and understanding of diversity issues.

Adjournment

Katherine Froehlich adjourned the meeting at 1:00 PM. Katherine will be e-mailing the committee members of February's meeting date.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Johnston, RHIA
Secretary