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Summary

Certification Process

- a. Submission of examination questions by topic experts

Process of collecting examination questions from Topic Experts has begun. Hoping to obtain approximately 150 questions pertaining to the identified topic/knowledge domains in the certification process. Will be reviewed by the Work Group committee prior to a future scheduled meeting to identify the specific set (approximately 100) that will be used for the actual examination

- b. Pathways to Certification

Discussed three possible pathways to obtaining certification that can be described as the “three tiers.” All candidates would be expected to have completed an ACGME-approved residency program in psychiatry.

1. Completion of a postgraduate fellowship in public/community psychiatry and the successful passing of the examination;
2. Completion of a postgraduate training program (e.g., PDLP, MPH, MPA), 2 years of clinical/administrative experience in a public sector setting, and successful completion of the examination;
3. Completion of at least 4 years of clinical/administrative work in public sector/community psychiatry and successful completion of the examination.

c. Timeline for implementation

May consider starting first with a cohort of Fellows who have completed their programs by/in 2011. This will allow a smaller number of applicants initially in order to pilot the process. The intention is to then create opportunities for persons in Tiers #2, 3 to apply for the certification process in 2012 or 2013.

Next Steps

Clarification of the minimum amount, type, and verification of, public psychiatry experiences relevant to tiers #2, #3.

Educational resources to be made available for the certification preparation

Identification of a consumer, or consumer organization, to participate in the work group activities.

Consider the pursuit of a grant to develop an administrative body to oversee/administer the certification process (e.g., accepting applications, reviewing portfolios, notifying applicants, administering on-line examination, etc.)

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