

**AAST Program Directors Subcommittee Phone Conference**

**Monday, November 21, 2022**

**Notes**

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1. Palliative Care Committee – Serious Illness Communication Course – Zara Cooper

The committee has developed a communication course that provides guides for having the tough conversations. Plans for the course have been delayed because of Covid but they would like to get things moving again. Target audience is the just graduated ACS Fellows. Details how to conduct the course are still being determined. If we want to make it available to all fellows, might need to be virtual. Committee asked for details on the on course. The committee considered including this in the Boot Camp. Dr. Cooper said they planned for smaller groups for a more in-depth experience. Dr. Cooper will share more details for the committee to review and discuss

1. Supervision Policy and Guidelines

Marc deMoya will be invited to the December meeting for further clarification.

Committee should review the policy and guidelines for questions and concerns.

1. Didactic Curriculum

The focus of the working group is to gather all educational material AAST offers and organize it by category to determine what we have and where there are gaps. The fellowship exam used a three-level category list to classify questions. The group will further develop that list and then categorize the educational resources by those categories. This will ensure that we have content that tracks to each question on the exam. It will also provide resources for programs who do not have a guest speaker on a particular topic; they can refer to the library of materials that focus on that topic. In addition, the working group met with Enforme – the company that runs AAST’s website, to determine the options available to make the resource library much easier to navigate.