Council of Specialties in Professional Psychology

Virtual Quarterly Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2021

12 noon – 1:30 pm EST

Executive Session

1. Karen Farrell recognized the excellent work of Rick Seime, David Cox, Scott Sperling, Victor Molinari, Ron Rozensky, and Toni Minniti on the original and newly repopulated Interorganizational Summit 4.0 Outreach and Communication Task Force. Karen is also on this Task Force. The content of today’s meeting is the culmination of that work to this point.
2. Julia Phillips, Secretary, completed the roll call.
	1. Present: Karen Farrell, President/Clinical Psychology; Robin C. Hilsabeck, President-Elect/Clinical Neuropsychology; Richard J. Seime, Past President; Victor Molinari, Treasurer; Julia Phillips, Secretary/Counseling Psychology; Linda Carter Sobell, Behavioral and Cognitive Psychology; Michael Roberts, Clinical Child Psychology; Lloyd Berg, Clinical Health Psychology; Michelle Mlinac, Geropsychology; John M. Watkins, Psychoanalysis; Michele J. Rusin, Rehabilitation Psychology; Carlen Henington, School Psychology; Shirley M. Glynn, Serious Mental Illness Psychology; Don Townsend, Sleep Psychology. Sally Barlow, Group & Group Psychotherapy; Toni Minniti, APA Education Directorate. Derek Phillips, guest Clinical Psychopharmacology.
	2. Absent: Caroline S. Clauss-Ehlers, Couple and Family Psychology; Lori Hauser, Forensic Psychology; Jennifer C. Kelly, Police & Public Safety Psychology.
3. CoS voted by general consent to accept the Agenda.
4. CoS voted by general consent to approve the 11-4-21 minutes.
5. Discussed giving a one-time $2000 stipend to Ron Rozensky for the invaluable work that he has been doing on the Taxonomy for CoS. CoS voted unanimously to approve this one-time stipend.
6. Discussed holding 1.5 hour quarterly meetings for the full CoS to supplement the annual meeting. The annual meeting (in the fourth quarter) will be one of those quarterly meetings and remain a full day meeting. Dates will be determined after this meeting. CoS voted to approve the EC recommendation to hold quarterly meetings.

Open Session

1. Karen Farrell provided an overview of the proposed major initiative to review common issues in Specialty Taxonomies and provide recommendations to create consistency across the specialties. This work represents an ongoing collaboration between CoS, CRSSPP, and ABPP – a workgroup from Summit 4.0 has been working with CRSSPP on Infographics since Summit 4.0.
2. Toni Minniti provided overview of the *E&T Taxonomy Template Grid*. A review of the definitions of major area of study, emphasis, experience, and exposure was given with examples for how programs could describe themselves. She provided information about what the Taxonomy is and isn’t, as well as why it matters to programs, training directors, faculty, students, and the public. The communications department within APA is working with Toni to put the powerpoint slides on its website and CoS members can also disseminate to their Specialty Councils. She also showed a short video that was produced. The video included information on the need for the Taxonomy and a description of it. We will be able to use the video as we promote the use of the Taxonomy.
3. Discussed *CoS Guidance for Preparing Specialty Education and Training Taxonomies* and *CoS Policies and Procedures* *for E & T Specialty Taxonomy Submission, Approval, and Dissemination*. Discussed proposed *E & T Taxonomy Submission, Approval, and Dissemination Strategic Plan* strategic plan that Taxonomies will be updated by each Specialty Council this year. Scott indicated that all Taxonomies need at least minor changes. Having each Specialty Councils review their Taxonomy will also serve an educative role for Specialty Councils. The *CoS Policies and Procedures* *for E & T Specialty Taxonomy Submission, Approval, and Dissemination* proposes that the CoS EC will be consultants or they will approve others to be consultants to assist Specialty Councils, if needed, as they review their Taxonomies. Finally, it is proposed that CoS will then review the Taxonomies for consistency, rather than for content. CoS will then formally approve the Taxonomies. A timeline was laid out to get all of this work done by our full day meeting in November 2021. By the second quarter meeting each Specialty Council will have chosen a champion(s) to review and begin the process of revision of their Taxonomy. By the third quarter meeting, it is expected that each Specialty Council will have reviewed and submitted their Taxonomy for CoS EC review. In fourth quarter Specialty Councils will have received feedback from CoS EC and done any recommended revisions for the fourth quarter meeting, and full approval of each Specialty’s Taxonomy by CoS Board of Directors at the November meeting.
4. Questions were asked and answered. Another question involved what specialties do which don’t have postdoctoral training. Victor Molinari indicated that it is ok for specialty councils to not have postdoctoral Specialty Training. Rick Seime indicated that that should be noted on the individual Specialty Taxonomy Grid as an asterisk. It was noted that this CoS Taxonmy project is not to dictate content, but to identify that each specialty’s Taxonomy uses the language of the taxonomy to describe levels of education and training opportunity at each stage of training and that CoS uses a consistent process for approval of Taxonomies. David Cox also suggested that only minor changes may be needed in a Taxonomy Grid for many Specialty Councils. Rick Seime suggested that the content will be different, but the Taxonomy grids will be in the same format for each Specialty Council on COSPP website. It was suggested that each Specialty Council use their current Taxonomy template that is already on the COSPP website to start the work of reviewing/revising its Taxonomy. Another question was how will this relate to Subspecialties? Toni Minitti indicated that Subspecialties for the purpose of the CRSSPP petition would only review Taxonomies at postdoctoral level and beyond.
5. CoS voted unanimously to approve *E & T Taxonomy Template Grid*; *CoS Policies and Procedures* *for E & T Specialty Taxonomy Submission, Approval, and Dissemination;* *CoS Role in Specialty E & T Taxonomy Submission, Approval, and Dissemination Strategic Plan;* and *CoS Guidance for Preparing Specialty Education and Training Taxonomies* (see attached documents).
6. Rick Seime suggested that if there are questions or concerns, please send them to the EC and we will address them. Finally, Victor Molinari stated that it is most important to have Specialty Councils review and use their taxonomies.
7. Guests and liaisons in attendance:
	1. Present: Toni Minniti, APA Education Directorate; David Cox, ABPP; Scott Sperling, APA Committee on Early Career Professionals; Alex Siegel, ASPPB; Linda Berg Cross, CRSSPP liaison; Ron Rozensky, guest.
	2. Absent: Matt Zimmerman, APPIC liaison.
8. Many shared their pride, appreciation, and excitement that CoS in conjunction with its partners have gotten the *E&T Taxonomy* to this point.
9. EC will get CoS Board of Director’s next meeting date to CoS within the next week.
10. Meeting was adjourned at 1:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Julia C. Phillips, Secretary

*Approved by the Council of Specialties on May 22, 2021*