**Council of Specialties in Professional Psychology**

**Quarterly Committee Meeting Agenda**

March 11, 2023

12 pm EDT / 11 am CDT

**INVITED:**  Carlen Henington, Victor Molinari, Michele Rusin, Richard Seime; Alex Siegel; David Cox; Cathi Grus; Phil Fizur; Julia Phillips; Cindy Carlson; Michelle Mlinac; Noelle Lefforge; Shauna Laughna; Ted Ellenhorn; Sandy Resnick; Anna Egan; Linda Sobell; Danielle Rynczak; Beth Arredondo

**ABSENT**: Robin Hilsabeck; Lloyd Berg; Jeff Baker

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| **AGENDA ITEM** | **DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION** | **ACTION/ RECOMMENDATION**  **Responsible Party(ies)/ Due Date** | **STATUS**  **Open/Closed** |
| I. ROLL CALL |  |  |  |
| II. OLD BUSINESS |  |  |  |
| Taxonomy Update | Taxonomy Working Group  Scott Sperling –  Members:  Rick  Ron  Victor  Dave  Scott  Finish the Taxonomy Tool  - Rob and Davis –all currently approved taxonomies have been programmed into the online taxonomy tool.  Taxonomy Group – Complete test runs for each taxonomy, at each level of training, to identify any potential errors in the output.  Rob Davis- Correct any programming errors discovered in the test runs.  Taxonomy Workgroup – Complete test runs of the corrected errors to assure accuracy.  Prepare “Real-World” Program examples  - Taxonomy Workgroup – Members identify one doctoral, one internship, and one postdoc program and use the taxonomy to identify the levels of opportunity offered at each level of training. These can come from the same or different institutions.  -Taxonomy Workgroup – Members prepare an example document demonstrating how that program can change the language on their website/brochure to align with taxonomy.  - Share “Real-World” Program Examples  Taxonomy Workup, COS Specialty Chairs, COS Taxonomy Champions: Disseminate the real work programs examples prior to the next COS meeting for review. Open brief and focused discussion/Q & A during the Cos meeting   * Taxonomy Workgroup & COS Taxonomy Champions: Assign each Taxonomy Workgroup member to specific COS Taxonomy Champions. Establish a meeting 1) establish an understanding of the taxonomy and goals; 2) review the online taxonomy tool, 3) share the “Real World” program example; 4) identify 3 programs within the specialty to implement this * Taxonomy Workgroup- Create a list of programs on the COS website that utilize the taxonomy language * Taxonomy Workgroup, Training Councils, and APAGS : Disseminate a list via training council and APAGS outlets acknowledging programs that utilize the taxonomy, expressed gratitude, and encourage others to follow * **Collaborate with Training Councils** * - Taxonomy Workgroup & Training Councils Leaderships: Conduct a talk and/or workshop with training councils 1) educate training directors, and 2) assist training directors in adopting the language   Cathi Grus – expressed gratitude to Scott Sperling for his hard work  David Cox – will have an instructional video on how to use the taxonomy tool; will be completed by April 1, 2023  School Psychology Taxonomy – in revision  Couple & Family Psychology  Cindy Carlson updated everyone; will send draft of taxonomy in today | Victor Molinari  Cathy Grus  Scott Sperling  Carlen Henington  Cindy Carlson | Ongoing |
| Treasury Report | Are all specialties dues up to date?  How is our ‘bank’ working?  $16,878 current balance  Adjusted balance $14500  Some dues are outstanding  $350 will be due from all boards  3 specialty councils are holding accounts with Cos bank  Behavioral and Cognitive  Clinical Health Psychology  SMI  Michele will update those groups on a quarterly basis | Michele Rusin will send a written treasury report |  |
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| III. NEW BUSINESS |  |  |  |
| 2023 Presidential Initiative | Progress towards:Taxonomy initiative  1. Specialty Council sharing goals | Victor Molinari |  |
| Liaison Reports from affiliated groups | CRSSPP –  Cathi Grus reported:   * **2023 Chair:** Brenda McGrath, PhD (2021-23) * **2023 Vice chair:** Sharon Bowman, PhD, ABPP (2023-25)   They have a meeting coming up in about 2 weeks. CRSSP will be reviewing two petitions:  Forensic Psychology – seeking continuing recognition  Trauma Psychology – seeking status as a new specialty  ABPP – David reported:  Monitoring phase for Addiction and SMI  Need to do 30 in the next several years  24/29 VAs got a salary step increase  3 did not get any  1 got some renumeration ASPPB – Alex reported:Psych Pact was an initiative from ASPPB but now manages itself (36 states adopted Michigan and Rhode Island are coming aboard; Florida, New Mexico, New York among others have pending legislation)  4-5 consolidated board bills – psychologists will be combined with social work, counseling, LPCS, etc.  ASPPB has worked with APA and jurisdictions. 3/5 of the bills have been postponed.  Ex. New Hampshire was one of the two omnibus boards in 2012 that removed psychology from mental health board but now they want to put it back  South Carolina bill repealed psychology licensing board which would temporarily turn psychology into an unregulated profession (legally there would be no psychologists – lose rights to reimbursement, and Medicaid – the bill is postponed.)  Some states would be decreasing the supervised hours to make it easier to license psychologists (due to shortage).  One jurisdiction is trying to decrease courses to become a psychologist.    Psychopharmacology – New Mexico wants to move psychopharmacology folks to be under the medical board rather than regulated under a psychology board.  Questions/Comments:  Michele – what populations are they saying psychologists cannot assess/treat?  Gender affirming care – battling against providing gender affirming care.  For example, it appears that South Carolina wanted to prevent us from providing gender affirming care services.  Public sees Yelp reviews as better than psychology license board reviews!  Beth Arredondo – Should there be other group advocacy – such as APA, state boards?  Alex – Yes.  ASPPB is working with the Trust, the National Register, etc.  [asiegel@asppb.org](mailto:asiegel@asppb.org)  Michele Rusin – how about bringing in other groups?  Alex – other organized groups are advocating and bringing psychologists to legislative hearings. Psychologists and non-psychologists can follow up with APA council Debra Baker – dbaker@apa.org | Cathi Grus  David Cox  Jeff Baker  Alex Siegel |  |
| Specialty Presentation(s) | Child & Adolescent Psychology  Anna Egan presented. |  |  |
| New CoA rep from CoS | Danielle is the new CoA representative. |  |  |
| EC meeting dates for 2023 | First Mondays of the month |  |  |
| Quarterly meeting dates | Saturday 3/11/23 Remote 12-1:30EST  Saturday 6/10/23 Remote 12-1:30EST  Saturday 8/19/23 Remote 12-1:30EST  Saturday 11/4/23 (in DC) – all day |  |  |
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