



APA Practice Directorate Ψ Association of VA Psychologist Leaders Ψ APA Division 18-Psychologists in Public Service

14th Annual VA Psychology Leadership Conference

**Theme: Advancing VA's T-21 Initiatives:
Innovation through Leadership, Research, Service, and Advocacy**

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Wednesday, May 18, 2011

5:30 pm -7:30 pm Registration and Informal Social River Terrace

Thursday, May 19, 2011

7:00 am - 8:00 am Continental Breakfast Contessa Ballroom

8:00 am - 8:30 am Welcome and Overview

8:30 am – 9:15 am **Past, Present, and Future for VHA: The Realignment in Central Office**

George W. Arana, M.D., Acting Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Clinical Operations

9:15 am – 9:30 am Discussion

9:30 am– 10:00 am Break

10:00 am – 11:00 am **The State of Healthcare: Implications for Professional Practice**

Katherine C. Nordal, Ph.D., Executive Director for Professional Practice, American Psychological Association, APA Practice Organization

11:00 am – 11:45 am

Update on Psychology Education in VA

Robert Zeiss, Ph.D., Director, Associated Health Education, Office of Academic Affiliations, VACO

Stephen McCutcheon, Ph.D., Director, Psychology Training Programs, VA Puget Sound Health Care System, Seattle

11:45 am– 12:00 pm

Break (to pick up boxed lunch)

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Leadership Breakout Groups/Lunch Contessa Ballroom,
Magnolia, Cedar, and Cypress

Breakout 1: Growing and Establishing a Leadership Vision

Mary Schohn, Ph.D., Acting Director, Mental Health Operations, VA Central Office

Kendra Weaver, Psy.D., Mental Health Services Manager,
VISN 9

Breakout 2: Developing a VA Career: Remaining Whole and On Track

David Carroll, Ph.D., Acting Initiative Lead, *Improve Veterans' Mental Health*, VA Central Office

Breakout 3: Maximizing Your Staff's Potential: Managing Your Flock of Angry Birds

Jeffrey Burk, Ph.D., National Mental Health Director, Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Services, Office of Mental Health Services, VA Central Office

George Shorter, Ph.D., Chief – Psychology Service, North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health Care System

Breakout 4: Advocacy on Behalf of Veterans

Randy Phelps, Ph.D., APA Deputy Executive Director for Professional Practice

Diane Elmore, Ph.D., MPH, Associate Executive Director, APA Public Interest Government Relations Office

1:00 pm – 1:15 pm

Break

1:15 pm – 3:15 pm

Evidence-Based Practices in VA: What Do We Know, and What Do We Not Yet Know?

Daniel Kivlahan, Ph.D., Associate National Mental Health Director for Addictive Disorders, Office of Mental Health Services, VA Central Office

Lisa M. Najavits, Ph.D., ABPP, VA Boston Health Care System, Professor of Psychiatry, Boston University School of Medicine

3:15 pm – 3:45 pm

Break

3:45 pm – 5:15 pm

EBP Breakout Groups

Contessa Ballroom,
Magnolia, Cedar, and Cypress

Breakout 1: Behavioral Therapies for PTSD/SUD: An Exploration of Innovations and Challenges

Lisa M. Najavits, Ph.D., ABPP, VA Boston Health Care System, Professor of Psychiatry, Boston University School of Medicine

Breakout 2: Measurement Based Care and Program Evaluation

Daniel Kivlahan, Ph.D., Associate National Mental Health Director for Addictive Disorders, Office of Mental Health Services, VA Central Office

Breakout 3: EBP Family and Couples Treatment

Susan McCutcheon, R.N., Ed.D., Director, Family Services, Women's Mental Health and Military Sexual Trauma, Office of Mental Health Services, VA Central Office

Shirley Glynn, Ph.D., VA GLAHS at West Los Angeles, Office of Mental Health Services, Office of Mental Health Services, VA Central Office

Breakout 4: Overcoming Challenges and Embracing Opportunities for Implementing EBP at the Local Facility Level

Stephen Cavicchia, Psy.D., Chief, Psychology Services, Coatesville VAMC

5:15pm - 6:15 pm Social Hour/Poster Sessions 1 & 2 Anaqua

Friday, May 20, 2011

7:00 am - 8:00 am Continental Breakfast Contessa Ballroom

8:00 am - 8:15 am Welcome and Housekeeping

8:15 am – 9:00 am **APA's Role in Meeting the Needs of Military Service Members, Veterans, and their Families**

Melba Vasquez, Ph.D., ABPP, President, American Psychological Association; Independent Practice, Austin, TX

9:00 am – 9:30 am Break

9:30 am – 11:30 am **VA Central Office Invited Panel**

Sonja Batten, Ph.D., Assistant Deputy Chief Patient Care Services Officer for Mental Health, VA Central Office

David Carroll, Ph.D., Acting Initiative Lead, *Improve Veterans' Mental Health*, VA Central Office

Mary Schohn, Ph.D., Acting Director, Mental Health Operations, VA Central Office

Antonette Zeiss, Ph.D., Acting Deputy Chief Patient Care Services Officer for Mental Health, VA Central Office

11:30 am - 1:00 pm **Lunch** Contessa Ballroom and Magnolia

Training Director Breakout Cedar

1:00pm -1:30 pm **Invited Address and Presentation of the Patrick DeLeon Advocacy Award** Contessa Ballroom

Pat DeLeon, Ph.D., M.P.H., J.D., Past President, American Psychological Association

1:30pm -2:30 pm **Leadership Breakouts (repeated)** Contessa Ballroom
Magnolia, Cedar, and Cypress

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2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Break

3:00 pm – 4:15 pm

The Patient Aligned Care Team: What is it, Who are the Players and Where Do We Fit In? Contessa Ballroom

Margaret Dundon, Ph.D., National Program Manager for Health Behavior, Office of Patient Care Services, VHA National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

Michael G. Goldstein, M.D., Associate Chief Consultant for Preventive Medicine, Office of Patient Care Services, VHA National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

Andrew Pomerantz, M.D., National Mental Health Director for Integrated Care, Office of Mental Health Services, VA Central Office

Edward Post, M.D., Ph.D., National Medical Director, Primary Care-Mental Health Integration Program, Office of Primary Care Services, VA Central Office

4:15 pm -5:00 pm Open Discussion

5:00 pm – 5:15 pm **Remembering James Besyner, Ph.D., ABPP, Chief,
Psychology Service, VA North Texas Health Care System**

5:15 pm - 6:15 pm Social Hour Anaqua

Saturday, May 21, 2011

7:30 am - 8:00 am Continental Breakfast Contessa Ballroom
Cedar

8:00 am -12:00 pm **Workshops**

Workshop 1: Cedar

Motivational Interviewing: A Simple Idea, But Not Easy to Practice or Implement

Carl Isenhardt, Psy.D., ABPP, Minneapolis VA Health Care System

Workshop 2: Contessa Ballroom

Practical Issues in Psychology Leadership: Workload Measurement, Productivity, and Data Management

Robert Gresen, Ph.D., Consultant to the VACO Office of Mental Health Services; Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Medical College of Wisconsin

Mark Ward, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist & Patient Care Line Manager, Portland VA Medical Center

**Hotel Room Guide:
River Level: Cypress
Ground Level: Anaqua*

2nd Level: Contessa Ballroom, Cedar, Magnolia, and the River Terrace

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