

VA Psychology Training Council

Update

Spring 2011

VAPTC Executive Committee

- **Robert Goldberg, PhD, ABPP** - Chair
- **Jeanette Hsu, PhD**, - Past Chair
- **Steve McCutcheon, PhD**, - Chair-Elect
- **John Beauvais, PhD** - Secretary/Treasurer
- **Lisa Brenner, PhD, ABPP** – Member-at-Large, Clinical Advisory Committee Chair
- **Keith Shaw, PhD** – Member-at-Large, Administrative Committee Chair
- **Bernadette Lauber, PhD**, – Member-at-Large
- Antonette Zeiss, PhD **
- Robert Zeiss, PhD **
- Mary Schohn, PhD **

VAPTC Missions

Mission 1

- Facilitate sharing of information and resources among VA psychology training programs.

Mission #1 Accomplishments

- Ongoing enhancement of the national SharePoint file sharing system with self-studies and other training related documents
- VAPTC SharePoint Site www.mentalhealth.va.gov/vaptc.asp
- Facilitation of sharing of information and documents through the VA Training Director e-mail groups
- Regularly updating and seeking input at AVAPL/Division 18 meeting, APA Consolidated meetings and Convention, and the VAPTC Annual Business Meeting (August 22, 2011)

VAPTC SharePoint Site

- VAPTC documents
- Shared training resources
 - Self-studies
 - EBPs, Diversity – including sample curricula
 - Supervision
 - Evaluation, Recruitment/selection
 - Practicum Guide
 - Policies, procedures, and forms

Mission 2

- Solicit ideas for advancements in the evolution of psychology training programs.

Mission #2 Accomplishments

- Executive Committee has regularly encouraged the membership to share their ideas and concerns through email and national meetings
- Development of Spring Annual Survey of the VAPTC membership to garner feedback and assess VA training program needs, with recent emphasis on rural programs and integration of clinical research into training

Mission #2 Accomplishments

- Multicultural and Diversity Committee (MDC) – to develop and disseminate resources and curricula in multiculturalism
- Evidence Based Treatments Workgroup – training series for didactics on SharePoint site
- Rural/Small Program Workgroup - to formulate curriculum and increase applications
- Practicum Workgroup – developed policies/procedures and resource material
- Technologies Workgroup - to assist in the administration of psychology training programs

Mission 3

- Promote the development of procedures and programs that facilitate program accreditation at the internship and postdoctoral levels.

Mission #3 Accomplishments

- Mentorship program for new Training Directors includes help to facilitate accreditation
- Posting of self-study examples on the SharePoint site and facilitates sharing of self-study materials among TD's
- Ongoing communication with CoA regarding proposed Implementing Regulations (IRs) as well as issues in VA postdoctoral program accreditation
- The Multicultural and Diversity Committee (MDC) identified and disseminated best practices to help VA training programs meet CoA's diversity requirements

Mission 4

- Facilitate the professional development and mentoring of training directors.

Mission #4 Accomplishments

- The Clinical Advisory Committee Mentorship program has matched newer TDs with more experienced TD mentors
- Conducted introductory telephone conference calls for new Internship and new Postdoctoral TD's
- Conducted OAA-supported training for TD's of newly-funded programs (April 2011)
- Developing monthly Postdoctoral TD conference call to facilitate accreditation process
- Wrote manuscript on TD Succession Planning for journal submission (Drs. Lauber & Rubenstein)

- Disseminated guidance statement on Vertical Supervision
- Disseminated the July 2009 Competency-based Supervision Training (Carol Falender, PhD)
- Disseminated resources and references from the training in multicultural supervision from the July 2010 VAPTC membership meeting
- Disseminated resources and references from the EBP, Practicum Group Guide, 2010 Annual Survey, and other Evidence Based Practices Workgroup projects (Eve Davidson, PhD)

Mission 5

- Facilitate the awareness and promotion of VA psychology training programs among eligible, accredited doctoral academic psychology programs.

Mission 6

- Promote the views of VA psychology training to groups and organizations whose functions and objectives affect psychology training within the VA.

A National Voice

- Represent VA at twice-yearly meeting of Council of Chairs of Training Councils (CCTC) and APA Board of Educational Affairs (BEA)
- Assist in planning for upcoming APA-sponsored conference on the Future of Education and Training in Professional Psychology, and CCTC Workgroup on Accreditation
- Support VA candidates in elections of other psychology organizations (e.g., CCTC, APPIC)

- Provided public comment to CoA regarding proposed changes to the G&P Implementing Regulations (IR's)
- Continue to explore ways to promote VA psychology training to academic programs and VA psychology views to national organizations

Mission 7

- Provide guidance to the Office of Academic Affiliations and the Office of Mental Health Services regarding needs for training in Psychology.

Mission #7 Accomplishments

- Ongoing monthly conference calls of the VAPTC Executive Committee include Dr. Toni Zeiss (OMHS), Dr. Bob Zeiss (OAA), and Dr. Mary Schohn (Mental Health Operations)
- Provided input to revision of OAA's newly implemented trainee allocation process
- Provided input and assistance to OAA in the allocation of new training positions

Get Involved!!!

- Call or e-mail any Executive Committee members to provide feedback or ask for consultation on any training-related matters
- Get involved in new and established Committees and Workgroups
- Be sure to vote in the current VAPTC Executive Committee elections – May 27 deadline

We welcome your input and involvement!