The 20th Anniversary of the VA Psychology Leadership Conference: Engaging Partners in Shaping the Future of VA Integrated Care

Sponsored by the Association of VA Psychologist Leaders (AVAPL), the American Psychological Association (APA), and APA Division 18: Psychologists in Public Service

May 17 – 20, 2017
The Westin Riverwalk
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Pre-Conference: Wednesday, May 17, 2017

8:00 am – 5:00 pm  APA Site Visitor Training (separate registration)
Olivares

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm  Registration and Reception
Hidalgo Ballroom & Hidalgo Pre-Function Area

6:30 pm – 9:30 pm  Dinner: 20th Anniversary Celebration Banquet
Camino Real
Conference Day 1: Thursday, May 18, 2017
Navarro Ballroom

7:00 am - 8:00 am     Continental Breakfast
                      Welcome Breakfast (for first-time attendees)
                      Room: Zapata
                      Introduction to the Conference

7:15 am – 8:00 am
8:00 am - 8:30 am     Welcome and Overview
8:30 am – 9:15 am     Keynote Address (no CE)
                      20 Years: A History of the VA Psychology Leadership Conference
                      Rodney R. Baker, Ph.D.
                      Former AVAPL Archivist/Historian
                      Chief of Psychology (Retired), San Antonio VAMC

9:15 am - 9:45 am     Invited Address (CE)
                      VA Mental Health: Current Directions and Future Initiatives
                      David Carroll, Ph.D.
                      Executive Director
                      Office of Mental Health Operations, VA Central Office

9:45 am – 10:00 am    Break
10:00 am – 10:45 am   Invited Presentation (CE)
                      Collaborating to Serve Veterans in the Justice System
                      Melissa Fitzgerald
                      Senior Director
                      Justice For Vets

Please note that only some sessions provide continuing education (CE) credit. Throughout the program, sessions that provide CE credit are denoted with (CE). Those that do not provide CE credit are marked as (no CE).
10:45 am – 11:15 am  Invited Address (CE)

**A View from Washington: Update on APA’s Veterans Advocacy**

Heather O’Beirne Kelly, Ph.D.
Director, Military and Veterans Health Policy
American Psychological Association

11:15 am – 12:15 pm  Breakouts – Session A

**Breakout 1: (Navarro) (CE)**

*Getting Involved with Advocacy Nationally and Locally*

**Ronald Gironda, Ph.D.**
Assistant Chief of Mental Health and Behavior Sciences and Chief of the Psychology Section, James A. Haley Veterans’ Hospital; President, AVAPL

**Thomas Kirchberg, Ph.D., ABPP**
Chief, Psychology Service, Memphis VAMC
Past-President, AVAPL

**Mary Beth Shea, Ph.D.**
Local Recovery Coordinator & Training Director, Orlando VAMC
President-Elect, AVAPL

**John McQuaid, Ph.D.**
Associate Chief of Mental Health for Clinical Administration, San Francisco VAMC
Secretary, AVAPL

**Samuel Wan, Ph.D.**
Training Director, Postdoctoral Fellowship Program
San Francisco VA Health Care System
Treasurer, AVAPL

**Russell B. Lemle, Ph.D.**
Psychology Director
San Francisco VA Health Care System

**Heather O’Beirne Kelly, Ph.D.**
Director, Military and Veterans Health Policy
American Psychological Association

**Kathleen M. McNamara, Ph.D., ABPP**
Lead Professional (Retired)
Pacific Islands Health Care System
Jay L. Cohen, Ph.D.
National MH Technical Assistance Specialist
Office of Mental Health Operations, VACO

Breakout 2: (Olivares) (no CE)

A Conversation Hour with the Past Presidents of AVACP/AVAPL

Rodney R. Baker, Ph.D. (Moderator)
Past President of AVACP, 1982-83
See separate handout for a list of Past Presidents and their bios.

Breakout 3: (Zapata) (CE)
Improving Morale and Increasing Psychological Safety

Steven Lovett, Ph.D.
Chief, Psychology
VA Palo Alto

Lisa K. Kearney, Ph.D., ABPP
Associate Director for Education
VA Center for Integrated Healthcare

George Shorter, Ph.D.
Chief, Psychology Service
Malcom Randall VAMC

Breakout 4: (Villa) (no CE)

Getting a Job in the VA: A Guide for Trainees and Early Career Psychologists

Stacy Pommer, LMSW
Health Systems Specialist, Associated Health Education, Office of Academic Affiliations, VACO

James Marfield, MBA
VHA National Healthcare Recruitment Consultant, National Healthcare Recruitment Service (NHRS), Human Resources Operations and Oversight (HROO), Workforce Management and Consulting (WMC)
2017 VA Psychology Leadership Conference

12:15pm – 1:45 pm

Networking Lunches (1.5 hours)

General Lunch Area, including:

- Meet the AVAPL and Division 18 Officers
- Navarro

Lunch topics:

- Women in Leadership SIG
- Advocacy
- Diversity/Psychologists of Color
- Olivares
- Zapata
- Villa

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm

Breakouts – Session A:
(Breakouts 1-3 repeated; Breakout 4 below)
(See previous descriptions and room locations)

Breakout 4: (Villa) (no CE)

Hiring in VA: A Guide for Chiefs, Hiring Managers, and Directors of Training

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2:45pm – 3:15 pm

Brief Break and Anniversary Celebration – Move to Plenary (Navarro)

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm

Invited Presentation (CE)

Measurement-Based Care

Rani A. Hoff, Ph.D., MPH
Director, Northeast Program Evaluation Center (NEPEC) Office of Mental Health Operations (10NC5) Professor of Psychiatry, Yale University School of Medicine

Sandra G. Resnick, Ph.D.
Deputy Director, Northeast Program Evaluation Center (NEPEC), Office of Mental Health Operations Associate Professor, Yale University School of Medicine Investigator, VISN 1 MIRECC
4:15pm - 5:00 pm  Invited Presentation (CE)

**VHA Mental Health Program Office Update**

**Wendy Tenhula, Ph.D.**
Deputy Chief Consultant
Office of Mental Health Services, VA Central Office

**David Carroll, Ph.D.**
Executive Director
Office of Mental Health Operations, VA Central Office

5:00pm – 5:15 pm  Brief Break and Poster Set-up

5:15 pm - 7:15 pm  Social Hour with Poster Sessions 1 & 2
(Navarro Ballroom Pre-Function Area)
Conference Day 2: Friday, May 19, 2017
Navarro Ballroom

7:00 am – 8:00 am
Continental Breakfast (Navarro)
    Job Exploration Breakfast (optional)
    Room: Zapata
    Overview of Upcoming VA Job Opportunities

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

8:15 am – 9:00 am
Keynote Address (CE)

Reframing PTSD as a Neuropsychological Construct: From Camp Lejeune to Bethlehem

Antonio E. Puente, Ph.D.
President, American Psychological Association
Professor of Psychology, University of North Carolina Wilmington

9:00 am – 10:00 am
Invited Presentation (CE)

Combating Threats to Veterans’ Mental Health Care Through Strategic Partnership
From Vietnam to Today: What Decades of Community-Based Service Have Shown Us

Michael Blecker, J.D.
Executive Director
Swords to Plowshares

10:00 am – 10:15 am
Brief Break

10:15 am - 11:15 am
Invited Presentation (CE)

Partnering to Meet the Mental Health Needs of Veterans and Their Families

Terri Tanielian, M.A.
Senior Behavioral Scientist
RAND Corporation
11:15 am – 12:15 pm

Breakouts – Session B:
Breakout 1: (Navarro) (CE)

Women in Leadership

Antonette Zeiss, Ph.D.
Retired
Former Chief Consultant, Office of Mental Health Services (2010 - 2012)

Nicole A. Shiber, Psy.D.
Supervisory Psychologist, Recovery Services and Outreach Program, James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital

Allison Aosved, Ph.D.
Internship and Postdoctoral Fellowship Training Director, VA Puget Sound

Stacey Pollack, Ph.D.
National Director of Program Policy Implementation Mental Health Services, VA Central Office

Mary Beth Shea, Ph.D.
Local Recovery Coordinator & Training Director, Orlando VAMC
President-Elect, AVAPL

Janna L. Fikkan, Ph.D. (in absentia)
Associate Director of Training
VA Puget Sound, American Lake Division

Breakout 2: (Olivares) (CE)

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Breakout 3: (Zapata) (CE)

*Mental Health Access Now, Soon, and Sustained: Principles and Strategies for Successful Implementation*

Lisa K. Kearney, Ph.D., ABPP
Associate Director for Education
VA Center for Integrated Healthcare

Clifford Smith, Ph.D., ABPP
Deputy Director
Office of Mental Health Operations

Matthew Miller, Ph.D., MPH
Deputy Chief of Staff
Saginaw VAMC

Breakout 4: (Villa) (no CE)

*Veteran’s Choice Utilization*

Russell B. Lemle, Ph.D.
Psychology Director
San Francisco VA Health Care System

Ronald Gironda, Ph.D.
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12:15 pm – 1:45 pm  Networking Lunches (1.5 hours)

General Lunch Area, including:
- Building Morale
  - Navarro

Lunch topics:
- Early Career Psychologists
  - Olivares
- Mid-Career Psychologists
  - Zapata
- Psychology Training
  - Villa

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm  Breakouts – Session B:
Topics (Repeated)

(See previous descriptions and room locations)

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm  Brief Break – Move to Plenary (Navarro)
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**Invited Panel (CE)**

*Best Practices from the Field: Improving Access to Quality Mental Health Services*

1. Adapting the Unified Protocol for the PCMHI Setting  
   *Kelly A. Caver, Ph.D.*¹  
   *Nicola F. De Paul, Ph.D.*¹  
   Candice L. Barnett, M.D.¹,²  
   David G. Zacharias, M.D., MPH¹,²  
   ¹Seattle VA Medical Center  
   ²University of Washington Medical Center

2. Assessment and Treatment of Race-Based Trauma among Ethnic and Minority Veterans  
   *Hannah Klempner, Psy.D.*  
   Stephanie Crockett, Psy.D.  
   Asale Hubbard, Ph.D.  
   Kristine Burkman, Ph.D.  
   San Francisco VA Medical Center

3. An Integrated Approach to Benzodiazepine Discontinuation: Shared Medical Appointments for Veterans Co-Prescribed Opioids and Benzodiazepines  
   *Elizabeth (Betsy) Crowe, Ph.D.*  
   Lucille J. Carriere, Ph.D.  
   VA Tennessee Valley Healthcare System

4. FLOW: Improving Access by Facilitating the Identification and Transfer of Stabilized or Recovered Mental Health Patients Back to Primary Care  
   *Tracey Leone Smith, Ph.D.*  
   Terri Barrera, Ph.D.  
   Zenab Yusuf, M.D., M.P.H.  
   South Central MIRECC

*Denotes presenter(s)
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm  Invited Presentation (CE)

**Office of Academic Affiliations Update: A 70-Year History of Training Psychologists**

Kenneth R. Jones, Ph.D.
Director, Associated Health Education
Office of Academic Affiliations

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm  Presentation of the Patrick DeLeon Advocacy Award

2017 Recipient: John R. McQuaid, Ph.D.

5:00 pm – 5:30 pm  Wrap-Up/Passing the Torch

5:30 pm – 6:00 pm  Open Discussion

6:00 pm – 8:00pm  Social Hour

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CE Workshop Day: Saturday, May 20, 2017
Navarro Ballroom

7:30 am - 8:00 am  Continental Breakfast
8:00 am -12:00 pm  Continuing Education Workshop (CE)

Compassion Cultivation

Jennifer Sippel, Ph.D.
Spinal Cord Injury Informatics Program Manager
VA North Texas Health Care System

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4 Contact hour(s) of continuing education credit have been approved for this 4 hour workshop.

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