VA Psychology Leadership Conference

Theme: Integrated Mental and Behavioral Health Care: Psychology's Role

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Dallas Fort Worth Airport Marriot Hotel
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Thursday, April 24, 2008
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Registration and Informal Social

Friday, April 25, 2008
7:00 am - 8:00 am Continental Breakfast
8:00 am - 8:45 am Welcome and Overview
8:45 am – 9:30 am Opening Keynote Address: James Bray, Ph.D., President-Elect, American Psychological Association
9:30 am-10:00 am Break
10:00 am -11:30 am Returning Troops Panel
Sonja Batten, Ph.D., Coordinator, Trauma and Recovery Center, VA Maryland Health Care System, Baltimore, Maryland
Suzy Gulliver, Ph.D., Director, VISN 17 Center of Excellence on Returning War Veterans, Waco, Texas.
Melissa Polusny, Ph.D., Post Traumatic Stress Recovery Team, Minneapolis VA Medical Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
11:30 am-12:00 pm Discussion
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm Lunch & Informal Networking
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm  Suicide Prevention
Heather Von Bergen, Ph.D., Research Health Science Specialist,
VA Center of Excellence, Canandaigua, New York

2:45 pm-3:00 pm  Discussion

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm  Break

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm  Traumatic Brain Injury Panel
Rose Collins, Ph.D., Lead Psychologist Polytrauma
Rehabilitation Center, Minneapolis VAMC, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Rodney Vanderploeg, Ph.D., Head of Neuropsychology,
Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center, Tampa VAMC, Tampa, Florida

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm  Discussion

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm  Social Hour

Saturday, April 26, 2008

7:00 am - 8:00 am  Continental Breakfast

8:00 am – 8:05 am  Welcome and Housekeeping

8:05 am – 8:30 am  Timothy Shea, FACHE, Director, Veterans Health Administration
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8:30 am -9:00 am  Invited Address:
Robert Zeiss, Ph.D., Associated Health Education, Office of
Academic Affiliations, VACO

9:00 am – 9:15 am  Training and Education Discussion

9:15 am – 9:45 am  Break

9:45 am -11:00 am  Central Office Update
Antonette Zeiss, Ph.D., Deputy Chief Consultant, VACO Office of
Mental Health Services
John Allen, Ph.D., Associate Chief Consultant for Addictive
Disorders, VACO Office of Mental Health Services
Kathleen M. Lysell, Ph.D., Associate Chief Consultant for
Informatics, VACO
Kendra Weaver, Psy.D., Acting Associate Chief Consultant for
Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Services, VACO
Office of Mental Health Services
Jeff Burk, Ph.D., Chair, Professional Standards Board, VACO
Office of Mental Health Services
Bradley Karlin, Ph.D., Director, Psychotherapy Programs, VACO
Office of Mental Health Services
11:00 am – 11:45 Central Office Update Discussion

11:45 pm -1:30 pm Lunch (Sandwich and Salad Buffet)

**Breakout Groups:**
1. Leadership Development
2. Recovery
3. Training Directors
4. Primary Care

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm Invited Address
**Pat DeLeon, Ph.D., MPH, JD**, Past President, American Psychological Association

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Primary Care Panel
**Julius Gyllys, Ph.D.**, Director of Primary Care Behavioral Health, Psychology Program, Psychologist, N. Florida/S. Georgia Veterans Health Care System, Gainesville, FL
**Ann Landes, Ph.D.**, Primary Care Psychologist, N. Florida/S. Georgia Veterans Health Care System, Gainesville, FL
**Anna Dematatis, Ph.D.**, Coordinator of the Primary Care-Mental Health Integration Program, John D. Dingell VA Medical Center, Detroit, MI

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm Discussion

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm Break

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm **Open Discussion**

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm Social Hour
Sunday, April 27, 2008

7:30 am - 8:00 am  Continental Breakfast

8:00 am -12:00 pm  Workshop 1: Acceptance and Commitment Therapy
Robyn Walser, Ph.D., Acting Associate Director for Education
National Center for PTSD, VA Palo Alto Health Care System, Menlo Park, CA

Workshop 2: Implementing the Recovery Model
Kendra Weaver, PsyD, Acting Associate Chief Consultant,
OMHS PS&R Services Section, Office of Mental Health Services, VACO
Anthony Campinell, PhD, Director, Therapeutic &
Supported Employment, Office of Mental Health Services, VACO
David Carroll, Ph.D., Director, Recovery Services, Office of Mental Health Services, VACO
Peggy Henderson, Ph.D., Director, Consumer Liaison
Services, Office of Mental Health Services, VACO
Tim Smith, Ph.D., Director, Outpatient PS&R Services,
Office of Mental Health Services, VACO
Veterans, Dallas VA Medical Center

12:00 – 1:00 pm  Separate Discussions for each Workshop