**12th Annual VA Psychology Leadership Conference**

**Theme:** Expanding Partnerships to Enhance Veterans’ Health Care

Co-Sponsored by the APA Practice Directorate, the Association of VA Psychologist Leaders (AVAPL) and APA Division 18-Psychologists in Public Service

May 7-9, 2009

**Dallas Fort Worth Airport Marriott Hotel**
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Irving, Texas 75063, USA - Phone: 1-972-929-8800, Fax: 1-972-929-6501

**Wednesday, May 6, 2009**
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Registration and Informal Social

**Thursday, May 7, 2009**
7:00 am - 8:00 am Continental Breakfast
8:00 am - 8:30 am Welcome and Overview
8:45 am – 9:30 am **Opening Keynote Address:**
9:30 am - 10:00 am Break
10:00 am - 11:00 am Thriving During Times of Organizational Change
**Bob Gresen, Ph.D.**
**Kendra Weaver, Ph.D.**
11:00 am - 11:15 am Discussion
11:15 am - 11:45 am Invited Address: **Robert Zeiss, Ph.D.**, Associated Health Education, Office of Academic Affiliations, VACO
11:45 am - 12:00 pm Training and Education Discussion
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Lunch & Informal Networking,
Breakout Lunch Session for Training Directors
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Implementing the Uniform Mental Health Services
Package (Part I)

**Antonette Zeiss, Ph.D.,** Deputy Chief Consultant, VACO Office of Mental Health Services

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Break

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm Implementing the Uniform Mental Health Services Package (Part II)

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4:30 pm – 5:00 pm Discussion

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm Social Hour

**Friday, May 8, 2009**

7:00 am - 8:00 am Continental Breakfast

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

8:15 am – 8:45 am Opening Keynote Address

**James Bray, Ph.D.,** President – American Psychological Association

8:45 am -9:45 am Central Office Update (PART I)

**Antonette Zeiss, Ph.D.,** Deputy Chief Consultant, VACO Office of Mental Health Services

**Jeff Burk, Ph.D.,** Chair, Professional Standards Board (and additional staff)

9:45 am – 10:15 am Break

10:15 am -11:15 am Central Office Update (PART II)

11:15 am – 11:45am Central Office Update Discussion

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

**Breakout Groups:**

- Evidence Based Psychotherapy
- Mentoring/Leadership Development
- Psychosocial Rehabilitation
- Primary Care-Mental Health Integration

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  Leadership Development and the Career Ladder

Marci Mylan, Ph.D.
Dee Ramsel, Ph.D., Training Director, VHA National Center for Organization Development
Michael Jorge, Ph.D., Associate Director, James A Haley Tampa VA Hospital and Clinics

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
Saturday, May 9, 2009

7:30 am - 8:00 am    Continental Breakfast

8:00 am -12:00 pm  Workshop 1:  New Training Directors' Workshop
                    Workshop 2:  Traumatic Brain Injury

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