13th Annual VA Psychology Leadership Conference

Theme: Advancing Psychology in the Evolving Veterans Health Care System

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

May 12-15, 2010

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Wednesday, May 12, 2010

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

Thursday, May 13, 2010

7:00 am - 8:00 am Continental Breakfast Contessa Ballroom
8:00 am - 8:30 am Welcome and Overview
8:30 am - 9:00 am **Opening Keynote Address**
   Antonette Zeiss, Ph.D., Deputy Chief Consultant, VACO Office of Mental Health Services
9:00 am - 9:15 am Discussion
9:15 am - 9:45 am Break
9:45 am - 10:45 am **Invited Panel**
   **VA Programs for Justice-Involved Veterans**
Sean Clark, J.D., National Coordinator, Veterans Justice Outreach, VA Central Office

Homeless in America: Responding to the Challenge of Homelessness among Veterans

Victor Carlson, Psy.D., Chief, Homeless Services, VA New Jersey Health Care System

10:45 am – 11:00 am Discussion

11:00 am -11:45 am Invited Address: Office of Academic Affiliations Update

Update on Psychology Education in VA

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

VA Psychology Training Council Update

Jeanette Hsu, Ph.D., Chair, VA Psychology Training Council

11:45 am – 12:00 pm Training and Education Discussion

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm Light Lunch

Informal Networking Contessa Ballroom
Training Directors Breakout Session Cedar
Research Breakout Session Magnolia

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Invited Panel Contessa Ballroom

An Overview of Family Services being supported by the VA Office of Mental Health Services

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

Behavioral Couples Therapy for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

Timothy O'Farrell, Ph.D., ABPP, VA Boston Healthcare System and Harvard Medical School

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Discussion

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Break
4:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
**Invited Address**

**The APA Practice Organization: Working on Behalf of Professional Psychology**

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

4:30 pm - 5:00 pm  
Discussion

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm  
Social Hour/Poster Sessions 1 & 2

Friday, May 14, 2010

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

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

8:15 am - 8:45 am  
**Invited Address**

**Evidence Based Practice and Outcomes: A View from APA**

Carol Goodheart, Ed.D., President, American Psychological Association; Independent Practice, Princeton, NJ

8:45 am - 9:45 am  
**VA Central Office Invited Panel**

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

Sonja V. Batten, Ph.D., Deputy Director, Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and TBI

Jeff Burk, Ph.D., Associate Chief Consultant for Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Services, VACO Office of Mental Health Services

Bradley Karlin, Ph.D., Associate Chief Consultant for Psychotherapy and Psychogeriatrics, VACO Office of Mental Health Services

Kathleen Lysell, Psy.D., Associate Chief Consultant, Informatics, VACO Office of Mental Health Services
9:45 am - 10:15 am  
**Break**

10:15 am - 11:15 am  
**VA Central Office Invited Panel** (continued)

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

11:45 am - 1:45 pm  
**Boxed Lunch and Breakout Sessions**

- Evidence Based Psychotherapy  
  Contessa Ballroom
- Boarding
- Mentoring/Leadership Development  
  Laurel
- Primary Care-Mental Health Integration  
  Magnolia
- Cedar

1:45-2:15 pm  
**Invited Address**  
Contessa Ballroom

- Pat DeLeon, Ph.D., MPH, JD, Past President, American Psychological Association

2:15-3:15 pm  
**Invited Panel**

- **Treating Tobacco Dependence and Providing Smoking Cessation Services: What Have We Learned?**
  
  **Mark Ackerman, Ph.D.,** Health Psychologist, Atlanta VA

- **Integrated Mental Health and Pain Care for Returning OEF/OIF Service Members**
  
  **Michael E. Clark, Ph.D.,** Clinical Director, Chronic Pain Rehabilitation Program, James A. Haley VA Hospital

- **Using Technology to Support Screening, Identification, and Early Intervention for Psychiatric and Substance Use Disorders**
  
  **Ken Weingardt, Ph.D.,** Director, Web Services, Office of Mental Health Services, Veterans Health Administration

3:15-3:45 pm  
Open Discussion

3:45-4:15 pm  
Break

4:15 pm - 5:15 pm  
Open Discussion

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
Social Hour  
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Saturday, May 15, 2010

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

8:00 am - 12:00 pm  Workshop

Ethics and Ethical Decision Making for Practicing Psychologists

Stephen Behnke, J.D., Ph.D., Director, APA Ethics Office