14th Annual VA Psychology Leadership Conference

Theme: Advancing VA's T-21 Initiatives: Innovation through Leadership, Research, Service, and Advocacy

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May 18-21, 2011

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Wednesday, May 18, 2011

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

Thursday, May 19, 2011

7:00 am - 8:00 am Continental Breakfast Contessa Ballroom
8:00 am - 8:30 am Welcome and Overview
8:30 am - 9:15 am Past, Present, and Future for VHA: The Realignment in Central Office

George W. Arana, M.D., Acting Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Clinical Operations

9:15 am - 9:30 am Discussion
9:30 am - 10:00 am Break
10:00 am - 11:00 am The State of Healthcare: Implications for Professional Practice
Katherine C. Nordal, Ph.D., Executive Director for Professional Practice, American Psychological Association, APA Practice Organization

11:00 am – 11:45 am  
**Update on Psychology Education in VA**

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

Stephen McCutcheon, Ph.D., Director, Psychology Training Programs, VA Puget Sound Health Care System, Seattle

11:45 am– 12:00 pm  
Break (to pick up boxed lunch)

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  
**Leadership Breakout Groups/Lunch**  
Contessa Ballroom, Magnolia, Cedar, and Cypress

**Breakout 1: Growing and Establishing a Leadership Vision**

Mary Schohn, Ph.D., Acting Director, Mental Health Operations, VA Central Office

Kendra Weaver, Psy.D., Mental Health Services Manager, VISN 9

**Breakout 2: Developing a VA Career: Remaining Whole and On Track**

David Carroll, Ph.D., Acting Initiative Lead, Improve Veterans’ Mental Health, VA Central Office

**Breakout 3: Maximizing Your Staff’s Potential: Managing Your Flock of Angry Birds**

Jeffrey Burk, Ph.D., National Mental Health Director, Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Services, Office of Mental Health Services, VA Central Office

George Shorter, Ph.D., Chief – Psychology Service, North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health Care System

**Breakout 4: Advocacy on Behalf of Veterans**

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

Diane Elmore, Ph.D., MPH, Associate Executive Director, APA Public Interest Government Relations Office
1:00 pm - 1:15 pm  
**Break**

1:15 pm - 3:15 pm  
**Evidence-Based Practices in VA: What Do We Know, and What Do We Not Yet Know?**

**Daniel Kivlahan, Ph.D.**, Associate National Mental Health Director for Addictive Disorders, Office of Mental Health Services, VA Central Office

**Lisa M. Najavits, Ph.D., ABPP**, VA Boston Health Care System, Professor of Psychiatry, Boston University School of Medicine

3:15 pm - 3:45 pm  
**Break**

3:45 pm - 5:15 pm  
**EBP Breakout Groups**  
Contessa Ballroom, Magnolia, Cedar, and Cypress

**Breakout 1: Behavioral Therapies for PTSD/SUD: An Exploration of Innovations and Challenges**

**Lisa M. Najavits, Ph.D., ABPP**, VA Boston Health Care System, Professor of Psychiatry, Boston University School of Medicine

**Breakout 2: Measurement Based Care and Program Evaluation**

**Daniel Kivlahan, Ph.D.**, Associate National Mental Health Director for Addictive Disorders, Office of Mental Health Services, VA Central Office

**Breakout 3: EBP Family and Couples Treatment**

**Susan McCutcheon, R.N., Ed.D.**, Director, Family Services, Women's Mental Health and Military Sexual Trauma, Office of Mental Health Services, VA Central Office

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

**Breakout 4: Overcoming Challenges and Embracing Opportunities for Implementing EBP at the Local Facility Level**

**Stephen Cavicchia, Psy.D.**, Chief, Psychology Services, Coatesville VAMC
5:15pm - 6:15pm  Social Hour/Poster Sessions 1 & 2  Anaqua

Friday, May 20, 2011

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

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

8:15 am – 9:00 am  **APA's Role in Meeting the Needs of Military Service Members, Veterans, and their Families**

**Melba Vasquez, Ph.D., ABPP, President, American Psychological Association; Independent Practice, Austin, TX**

9:00 am – 9:30 am  Break

9:30 am – 11:30 am  VA Central Office Invited Panel

**Sonja Batten, Ph.D.,** Assistant Deputy Chief Patient Care Services Officer for Mental Health, VA Central Office

**David Carroll, Ph.D.,** Acting Initiative Lead, *Improve Veterans' Mental Health*, VA Central Office

**Mary Schohn, Ph.D.,** Acting Director, Mental Health Operations, VA Central Office

**Antonette Zeiss, Ph.D.,** Acting Deputy Chief Patient Care Services Officer for Mental Health, VA Central Office

11:30 am - 1:00 pm  Lunch  Contessa Ballroom and Magnolia

**Training Director Breakout**

Cedar

1:00pm -1:30 pm  **Invited Address and Presentation of the Patrick DeLeon Advocacy Award**  Contessa Ballroom

**Pat DeLeon, Ph.D., M.P.H., J.D.,** Past President, American Psychological Association

1:30pm -2:30 pm  **Leadership Breakouts (repeated)**  Contessa Ballroom Magnolia, Cedar, and Cypress

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2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Break

3:00 pm – 4:15 pm

The Patient Aligned Care Team: What is it, Who are the Players and Where Do We Fit In? Contessa Ballroom

Margaret Dundon, Ph.D., National Program Manager for Health Behavior, Office of Patient Care Services, VHA National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

Michael G. Goldstein, M.D., Associate Chief Consultant for Preventive Medicine, Office of Patient Care Services, VHA National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

Andrew Pomerantz, M.D., National Mental Health Director for Integrated Care, Office of Mental Health Services, VA Central Office

Edward Post, M.D., Ph.D., National Medical Director, Primary Care-Mental Health Integration Program, Office of Primary Care Services, VA Central Office
4:15 pm - 5:00 pm  Open Discussion

5:00 pm - 5:15 pm  **Remembering James Besyner, Ph.D., ABPP, Chief, Psychology Service, VA North Texas Health Care System**

5:15 pm - 6:15 pm  Social Hour  Anaqua

**Saturday, May 21, 2011**

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

8:00 am - 12:00 pm  **Workshops**

**Workshop 1:**  Cedar

**Motivational Interviewing: A Simple Idea, But Not Easy to Practice or Implement**

**Carl Isenhart, Psy.D., ABPP, Minneapolis VA Health Care System**

**Workshop 2:**  Contessa Ballroom

**Practical Issues in Psychology Leadership: Workload Measurement, Productivity, and Data Management**

**Robert Gresen, Ph.D.,** Consultant to the VACO Office of Mental Health Services; Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Medical College of Wisconsin

**Mark Ward, Ph.D.,** Clinical Psychologist & Patient Care Line Manager, Portland VA Medical Center

*Hotel Room Guide:*
River Level: Cypress
Ground Level: Anaqua
2nd Level: Contessa Ballroom, Cedar, Magnolia, and the River Terrace

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