16th Annual VA Psychology Leadership Conference

Theme:
“Welcoming Veterans: Reintegration, Recovery, and VA Psychology”

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

May 21-24, 2013
The Westin Riverwalk
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Pre-Conference: Tuesday, May 21, 2013 – Camino Real
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Registration and Informal Social

Day 1: Wednesday, May 22, 2013 - Navarro Ballroom
7:00 am - 8:00 am Continental Breakfast- Navarro Ballroom Lobby
8:00 am - 8:30 am Welcome and Overview
8:30 am - 9:15 am Keynote Address

VA Psychology as an Integral Component of VA Health Care: Progress and Challenges

Antonette Zeiss, Ph.D.
Special Assistant for the Chief Consultant, Mental Health Services
9:15 am - 10:30 am  
Invited Panel: VA Mental Health Personnel with Lived Experience of Mental Illness

Transforming VA Mental Health Through Peer Support

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

Psychologists with Lived Experience of Mental Illness

Jennifer E. Boyd, Ph.D., CPRP  
Director, Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Center (PRRC)
Chief, Peer Support
San Francisco VAMC
Associate Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry
University of California, San Francisco

Consumer, Professional, and Peer: The Impact of Personal Mental Health Experience on Your Work as a Psychologist in the VA

Jennifer W. Adkins, Ph.D.  
Assistant Chief, Psychology Service & Family-Therapy Program Coordinator
North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System

10:30 am - 11:00 am  Break (30 minutes)

11:00 am - 12:00 pm  Breakout Sessions: Recovery Breakouts

Breakout 1 – Navarro Ballroom

Implicit and Internalized Stigma of Mental Illness among Providers and Veterans: Measurement and Impact

Jennifer E. Boyd, Ph.D., CPRP  
Director, Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Center (PRRC)
San Francisco VAMC
Associate Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry
UCSF Department of Psychiatry

Susan Mirch-Kretschmann, Ph.D., CPRP  
Psychologist, MASTRY (Motivation and Skills to Recover Yourself) Program
VA Palo Alto Health Care System
Breakout 2 – Madero
Peer Programs and the Recovery Model of Care

Laurie Harkness, Ph.D., CPRP
Director, Errera Community Care Center & Recovery Services
VAMC West Haven, CT
Clinical Professor in Psychiatry, Yale School of Medicine

Breakout 3 – Carranza
Veterans Integration To Academic Leadership (VITAL): Charting a New Frontier to Veterans Care

Jessica H. Thiede, Psy.D.
VITAL Initiative, Program Coordinator
Consultant/University Liaison
OEF/OIF/OND Clinic
Cincinnati VAMC

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm
Lunch - Common Interest Networking Opportunities
- Early Career Psychologist - Carranza – Ballroom Level
- Lived Experience of Mental Illness - Madero – Ballroom Level
- Mid/Late career - Navarro Ballroom
- General Lunch Area - Navarro Ballroom

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Breakouts Session: Recovery Breakouts (Repeated)
(See previous descriptions and room locations)

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Break (30 minute)

3:00 pm – 3:45 pm
Invited Panel: Update on Psychology Education in VA

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

R. Keith Shaw, Ph.D.
Chair, VA Psychology Training Council
VA Boston Healthcare System

3:45 pm – 4:45 pm
Invited Panel: EBP Implementation Update

Technical Aspects of the Evidence-Based Psychotherapy Note Templates Project

Kathleen Lysell, Psy.D.
National Mental Health Director for Informatics
VHA Mental Health Services, VA Central Office

Implementation of Note Templates for Evidence-Based Psychotherapy

Tracey Leone Smith, Ph.D.
Psychotherapy Coordinator
VHA Mental Health Services, VA Central Office
4:45 pm – 5:15 pm  Invited Address and Presentation of the Patrick DeLeon Advocacy Award

**Kathleen McNamara, Ph.D., ABPP**
Lead Professional, Psychology
Pacific Islands Health Care System

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm  Social Hour/Poster Sessions - Navarro Ballroom Lobby

Day 2: Thursday, May 23, 2013 - Navarro Ballroom

7:00 am - 8:00 am  Continental Breakfast - Navarro Ballroom Lobby

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

8:15 am – 9:00 am  Keynote Address

**Advocating for Effective Services for Military Personnel, Veterans and Their Families**

**Donald Bersoff, Ph.D.**
President, American Psychological Association

9:00 am – 9:45 am  Invited Address: **Critical Periods in the History of VA Psychology: People, Events, and Stories**

**Rodney R. Baker, Ph.D.**
Department of Veterans Affairs (Retired)
San Antonio, TX

9:45 am– 10:30 am  Invited Address: **APA’s Advocacy on Behalf of Veterans and VA Psychology**

**Heather O’Beirne Kelly, Ph.D.**
Senior Legislative & Federal Affairs Officer
APA Science Government Relations Office
Washington, DC

10:30 am – 11:00 am  Break (30 minute)
11:00 am – 12:00 Noon  Breakout Sessions – General Topics

**Breakout 1 – Navarro**

**Diversity Training in VA Psychology: Applications and Approaches**

**Angelic Chaison, Ph.D.**
VA Psychology Training Council-Multicultural & Diversity Committee
Psychologist, Primary Care-Mental Health Integration
Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX

**Helene Cook, Ph.D.**
Postdoctoral Fellow, Rural Mental Health
VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System

**Jamylah Jackson, Ph.D., ABPP**
VA Psychology Training Council-Multicultural & Diversity Committee
Psychologist, Mental Health Trauma Team - OEF/OIF/OND Program
VA North Texas Health Care System

**Sarah Spain, Ph.D., ABPP**
Clinical Director, Mental Health Platinum Team
VA North Texas Health Care System

**Sam Wan, Ph.D.**
VA Psychology Training Council-Multicultural & Diversity Committee
Psychologist, SUPT (Substance Use/PTSD) Program
San Francisco VA Medical Center

**Breakout 2 – Carranza**

**Assessment & Treatment Options for Intimate Partner Violence among Veterans: Mini Skills Training for VA Psychologists**

**Heidi L. Kar, Ph.D., M.H.S.**
Clinical Psychologist: Acute Psychiatry
Northport VA Medical Center

**Breakout 3 – Madero**

**Many Paths to Leadership in VA: A Primer for New and Early Career Psychologists**

**Stephen L. Holliday, Ph.D., ABPP-CN**
VISN 17 Chief Mental Health Officer
San Antonio, TX

**Lisa K. Kearney, Ph.D.**
Senior Consultant for National Mental Health Technical Assistance
Office of Mental Health Operations, VA Central Office

**George Shorter, Ph.D.**
Chief, Psychology Service
North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health Care System
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm  **Lunch - Common Interest Networking Opportunities**

- Multicultural  
  Carranza - Ballroom Level
- Advocacy  
  Madero - Ballroom Level
- VA Training  
  Encino - Lobby Level
- General Lunch Area  
  Navarro Ballroom

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm  **Breakout Sessions – General Topics (Repeated)**  
(See previous descriptions and room locations)

2:30 pm - 3:00 pm  **Break (30 minute)**

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm  **VA Central Office Update:**

*Pre-Taped Video Presentation: Joint Mental Health Services and Mental Health Operations Initiatives*

*David Carroll, Ph.D.*  
Acting Chief Consultant  
VHA Mental Health Services, VA Central Office

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

**Moderated by:**

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National Mental Health Director for Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Services  
VHA Mental Health Services, VA Central Office

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4:00 pm - 5:15 pm  **Open Discussion**

5:15 pm - 7:00 pm  **Social Hour - Navarro Ballroom Lobby**

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**CE Day: Friday, May 24, 2013 – Hidalgo Ballroom**

7:30 am - 8:00 am  **Continental Breakfast – Hidalgo Pre-Function Area**

8:00 am - 12:00 pm  **Ethics Workshop:**

*Boundaries, Borders, and Multiplicities in Therapy: Ethics and Professionalism for Psychologists*

*Stephen Behnke, JD, Ph.D.*  
Director  
APA Ethics Office

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