18th Annual VA Psychology Leadership Conference

"VA Psychology: Advancing High Quality Health Care and Timely Access for Veterans"

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

May 19-22, 2015
The Westin Riverwalk
420 W. Market Street
San Antonio, TX 78205
Phone: 210.224.6500
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Pre-Conference: Tuesday, May 19, 2015
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Registration and Reception
Navarro Ballroom Pre-Function Area

Conference Day 1: Wednesday, May 20, 2015
Navarro Ballroom

7:00 am - 8:00 am
Continental Breakfast (Navarro)

7:15 am - 8:00 am
Welcome Breakfast (Villa)
Introduction to the Conference

8:00 am - 8:30 am
Welcome and Overview
8:30 am – 9:15 am

Opening Invited Address

Blueprint for Excellence: Building a 21st Century Health Care System for Veterans

Carolyn Clancy, M.D.
Interim Under Secretary for Health

9:15 am – 10:45 am

Invited Panel

Fostering a Culture of Creativity and Innovation in VHA Mental Health

Bruce Nelson, Ph.D.
VISN2 Behavioral Healthcare Line
Stratton VA Medical Center

Todd Burnett, Psy.D.
Chief of Mental Health and Homeless Operations
Northwest Veterans Integrated Services Network (VISN 20)

10:45 am – 11:15 am

Break

11:15 am – 12:15 pm

Breakouts – Session A:

Breakout 1 (Navarro)

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Breakout 2 (Carranza)

Women In Leadership

Kathleen Lysell, Psy.D.
National Mental Health Director for Informatics
VHA Mental Health Services, VA Central Office
Sandra Morissette, Ph.D.
Treatment Core Chief, VISN 17 Center of Excellence for Research on Returning War Veterans
Central Texas Veterans Healthcare System

Jamylah Jackson, Ph.D., ABPP
Director of Psychology Training
VA North Texas Health Care System

Janna L. Fikkan, Ph.D.
Associate Director of Psychology Training
VA Puget Sound, American Lake Division

Breakout 3 (Villa)

Technology and Access to VA Mental Health Services

Joe Ruzek, Ph.D.
National Center PTSD Chief
VA Palo Alto Healthcare System

Ken Weingardt, Ph.D.
National Director for Web Services, OMHS
VA Palo Alto Healthcare System

Breakout 4 (Zapata)

Lethal Means Safety to Reduce Suicide Risk

Megan McCarthy, Ph.D.
Suicide Prevention & Lethal Means Reduction Coordinator
San Francisco VA Healthcare System

12:15pm – 1:45 pm

Networking Lunches (1.5 hours)

General Lunch Area including MH RRTP Managers (Navarro)

Title 38 (Carranza)

Veteran’s Choice & Community Partnerships (Villa)

LGBT Health Care (Zapata)
1:45 pm – 2:45 pm  Breakouts – Session A:  
(Repeated)  
(See previous descriptions and room locations)

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm  Brief Break – Move to Plenary (Navarro)

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm  Invited Presentation

**Mental Health Metrics on the SAIL Report for Performance Improvement**

Dan Kivlahan, Ph.D.  
National Program Director  
Addictive Disorders, Mental Health Services

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

Clifford Smith, Ph.D., ABPP  
Associate Director  
Iron Mountain VA Medical Center

Jodie Trafton, Ph.D.  
Director, VA Program Evaluation and Resource Center  
VA Palo Alto Healthcare System

4:00 pm - 4:30 pm  Invited Address

**A View from Washington: Update on APA’s Veterans Advocacy**

Heather O’Beirne Kelly, Ph.D.  
2014 Recipient of the Patrick DeLeon Advocacy Award

4:30 pm - 5:00 pm  Presentation of the Patrick DeLeon Advocacy Award  
2015 Recipient: David Carroll, Ph.D.

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  Social Hour with Poster Sessions 1 & 2  
(Navarro Ballroom Pre-Function Area)
Conference Day 2: Thursday, May 21, 2015
Navarro Ballroom

7:00 am - 8:00 am    Continental Breakfast (Navarro)

AVAPL and Division 18 Information Breakfast (Villa)

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

8:15 am - 9:15 am    Keynote Address

Challenges and Opportunities for VA Psychologists During an Era of Health Care Reform

*Including a Special Presentation in Memory of Dr. Timothy Fjordbak

Barry Anton, Ph.D., ABPP
President
American Psychological Association

9:15 am - 10:15 am   Invited Presentation

The Journey to Servant Leadership

Linda W. Belton, FACHE
Deputy Director for Organizational Health & Assessment
VHA National Center for Organization Development

10:15 am - 10:30 am  Brief Break

10:30 am - 11:15 am  Invited Presentation

Psychological Safety in the Workplace: The Canary in the Coal Mine

Maureen Cash, Ph.D.
Director of Organizational Health
VHA National Center for Organization Development

11:15 am - 11:30 am  Brief Break
11:30 am – 12:30 pm  Breakouts – Session B:

Breakout 1 (Navarro)

*Understanding Mental Health Management*
*Tools for Mental Health Performance Improvement*

**Dan Kivlahan, Ph.D.**
National Program Director
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Breakout 2 (Carranza)

*Mental Health and Veterans Benefits Administration Collaborations*

**Stacey Pollack, Ph.D.**
National Director of Program Policy Implementation
Mental Health Services, VA Central Office
Breakout 3 (Villa)

*Servant Leadership Development*

David Carroll, Ph.D.
Executive Director
Office of Mental Health Operations, VA Central Office

Steve Holliday, Ph.D., ABPP-CN
VISN 17 Chief Mental Health Officer
South Texas VA HCS

Linda W. Belton, FACHE
Deputy Director for Organizational Health & Assessment
VHA National Center for Organization Development

Breakout 4 (Zapata)

*Resilience in the Face of Rapid Change*

Jill Draime, Psy.D.
Acting VHA Chief of Staff
Department of Veterans Affairs

John McQuaid, Ph.D.
President, AVAPL
Associate Chief of Mental Health for Clinical Administration
San Francisco VA Healthcare System

Steve Lovett, Ph.D.
Past President, AVAPL
Chief Psychologist
VA Palo Alto Healthcare System

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

**Networking Lunches (1.5 hours)**

General Lunch Area including Compensation & Pension (Navarro)

Training (Carranza)

Advocacy (Villa)

VA Career Trajectories Panel (Zapata)
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
**Breakouts – Session B:**
**Topics (Repeated)**

(See previous descriptions and room locations)

3:00 pm - 3:15 pm  
**Brief Break**

3:15 pm - 4:00 pm  
**Invited Address**

*The Contribution of Psychology Training for Veterans and the Nation*

**Stacy Pommer, L.M.S.W.**
Health Systems Specialist  
Associated Health Education  
Office of Academic Affiliations, VA Central Office

4:00 pm - 4:45 pm  
**Invited Panel**

**VA Central Office Update**

**Wendy Tenhula; Ph.D.**
Acting Deputy Chief Consultant, MHS  
Mental Health Services, VA Central Office

**David Carroll, Ph.D.**
Executive Director  
Office of Mental Health Operations, VA Central Office

4:45 pm - 5:00 pm  
**Passing the Torch**

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
**Open Discussion**

6:00 pm - 6:15 pm  
**Brief Break**
Social Hour begins, CE Certificates available, return to Extended Open Discussion

6:15 pm - 8:00 pm  
**Extended Open Discussion and Social Hour**
Acknowledgement

The Board of Education Affairs (BEA) of the American Psychological Association (APA) has awarded The BEA Award in Support of Conferences and Workshops in Graduate and Postgraduate Education and Training in Psychology to our Conference. Receipt of the award was based on a competitive process, and the Planning Committee’s application was required to demonstrate that it would meet the intention that BEA set for awardees: “to enhance the quality of training for faculty, supervisors, and trainers at the graduate and postgraduate level.” The Planning Committee chose to use the award to cover registration fees or a stipend for randomly selected Training Directors, Residents and Interns without facility support. In addition, the award is being used to help offset the cost of the annual dinner for Residents and Interns with the APA President, an event which is considered an important part of the professional development of our psychologists of the future! Please join the Planning Committee in expressing our thanks and appreciation to the APA and to BEA for this recognition of the importance that VA Psychology places on excellence in training.

For more information about this award, please visit: http://www.apa.org/about/awards/block-gradpostdoc.aspx
CE Workshop Day: Friday, May 22, 2015
Navarro Ballroom

7:30 am - 8:00 am  Continental Breakfast
8:00 am -12:00 pm  Continuing Education Workshop

*Developing as a Servant Leader*

Linda W. Belton, FACHE
Deputy Director for Organizational Health & Assessment
VHA National Center for Organization Development

Maureen Cash, Ph.D.
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