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STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

From The Desk of the President

Liz Spivey, Ph.D.

The Annual State Leadership Conference took place in Washington, D.C., March 10-13. Your representatives this year included Brittany Novotny as Executive Director, Laura Hughes as PEC Coordinator, Scott Pribyl as Federal Advocacy Coordinator and myself in the capacity of state president. It was a busy weekend. The main thrust was training leadership to advocate on federal and state levels in the interest of our profession.

psychologists and not just physicians (or as it turns out, a few other practitioners such as chiropractors and dentists). This is important not just for Medicare reimbursement but because other third-party payers may copy Medicare's policies on this. This is also to prevent having to have unneeded referrals, sign-offs and other actions that do not make sense in the mental health world.

This year, the focus was on Medicare in particular. There are three points that APA would like stressed to legislators. The first is postponement of scheduled cuts to Medicare reimbursement.

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The second focus was on the inclusion of psychologists for tax credits to update to electronic records. Electronic records

would be used for easy communication between medical/mental health facilities. Medical clinics, VA and other agencies have already been retooling for this eventuality. This bill would make it possible for practitioners to join this system and be reimbursed for a portion of this expense.

The third focus was on the need to extend the definition of those in independent practice to include

It was a thought-provoking few days, meeting fellow psychologists who are concerned about many of the same things that face us in the state of South Dakota. As we have mentioned before, the need to keep our existing members engaged and to invite in new members is constant. This is true on the national level as well.

If you wish more information on the specifics of this information or if you would like to consider a leadership position that would enable you to go to this type of training, please contact Brittany Novotny, Executive Director or myself (liz.spivey@usd.edu).

In closing, we on the Executive Committee hope all of you in the membership are well. We are looking forward to seeing you at the state conference! ■

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State Leadership Conference

The State Leadership Conference (SLC) is the annual advocacy training conference for leaders in professional psychology practice. The conference brings together psychologists from the states, U.S. territories and Canada, along with APA governance and divisions, to advocate for issues important to practicing psychologists. The conference also fosters leadership and effective governance strategies for participating associations.

The 2012 State Leadership Conference took place Saturday, March 10 - Tuesday, March 13, 2012.

STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:
BRINGING PSYCHOLOGY TO THE TABLE; STATE LEADERSHIP IN HEALTH CARE REFORM.

FAC Update

Scott Pribyl, Ed.D.

It is a continuing honor and privilege that I get to report on my 9th SLC, held most recently March 10-13, 2012 in Washington, D.C. and hosted by the American Psychological Association. I wish all SD psychologists could experience the energy, enthusiasm, information sharing and advocating that results from this gathering of psychologists from all states and territories. It is like being plugged into a battery charger and really helps one reassess where *we* as psychologists are doing well and where we might want to look to change things up. One of the key areas for *growth opportunity* would be to talk with our non-member peers and kindly and lovingly educate them as to the benefits of membership in APA and SDPA for starters. Our profession needs a strong voice represented by many more psychologists who understand how their support would benefit our profession overall, our patients/clients, and our communities as a whole, not to mention the individual psychologist.

As to the focus of our Hill Visits this year, there were three *asks*. The first ask is for Congress to replace the seriously flawed Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula which favors expensive technology based services over cost efficient mental health and primary care. With the current SGR schedule, psychologists face a 32% cut in Medicare payments January 1, 2013. This is of course on top of other cuts we have taken in recent years, most recently experiencing another 5% hit with Congress's failure to extend the *mental health add-on* in the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012. And remember, private health insurance looks at Medicare rates as a bench mark to set their payment levels as well, so the implications go far beyond just Medicare. The *good news* for psychologists is that many health care and allied health care professionals are united in asking that SGR be replaced. The challenge is that the *fix* is a \$300 billion plus proposition so our elected representatives need to hear from all of us on establishing priorities.

The second Hill Visit *ask* this year is once again, to include psychologists in Medicare's *Physician* definition. We remain the only doctorally trained allied health provider not included, with the following groups being included already: dentists; podiatrists; optometrists; chiropractors. Failure to achieve inclusion in the *Physician* definition results in unnecessary supervision requirements for psychologists by physicians and limits opportunities for patients to receive services, especially in medically under served areas like SD. Again, your voice is needed. Our SDPA Hill Visits followed on the heels of the several well known and established psychiatrists from SD that while supportive of

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the SGR fix, were putting forth the American Medical Association stance that psychologists need to remain supervised by physicians as currently required by Medicare regulations. Psychologists are trained to provide services independent of supervision and of course are licensed to practice within the scope of their training. However, more education of our legislators needs to occur because psychologists don't have the *war chest* to compete with the AMA just based on financial resources.

Our third *ask* this year is to make psychologists eligible for HITECH (Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act) funding, enabling psychologists and social workers to qualify for Medicare and Medicaid incentive payments for integrating electronic health records into their practices.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our annual conference here in Sioux Falls in May. My encouragement is that you talk with at least one psychologist colleague before that time that may not be a member of SDPA and/or APA, and that you talk with them about the give and take benefits of being involved in the organization(s) that best promote psychology as a profession. It will be better for us. It will be better for them. We all receive more when we give more. ■



Council of Representatives Update

Jodi Owen Psy. D.

Psychology education and the dissemination of the discipline's scholarship were at the forefront of many of the actions taken by the APA Council of Representatives at its February meeting.

Concerning education in psychology, the Council adopted two new guidelines and approved funding to update a third. The approved guidelines include a taxonomy for education and training in professional psychology (<http://www.apa.org/ed/graduate/specialize/crsppp.aspx>), and a framework for the preparation of teachers of high school psychology (<http://www.apa.org/ed/precollege/topss/index.aspx>). The approved funding will support a meeting of a Board of Educational Affairs task force charged with revising the APA Guidelines for the Undergraduate Major in Psychology.

"I was pleased to see the emphasis on education and training throughout the meeting," said Suzanne Bennett Johnson, PhD, who as APA president, served as presiding officer during the Council meeting. "Education – of future psychologists, allied professionals and the

public -- is the key to the discipline's future and the impact it can have on society."

In addition to her duties as presiding officer, Johnson updated the Council on her three presidential initiatives, which focus on the nation's obesity crisis, how to attract more early career psychologists to APA and interdisciplinary practice and science.

Johnson's initiative on obesity targets its alarming rates in the United States and the role that psychologists, as experts in behavior, should play in addressing the crisis. According to data Johnson shared with the Council, 33 percent of boys and 39 percent

of girls born in 2000 will develop diabetes at some time during their lives because of obesity. For more information about these presidential initiatives, including a link to Johnson's Presidential Report to Council, go to <http://www.apa.org/about/governance/president/index.aspx>.

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"The discussion centered on such ideas as using social media in public education, how to train psychology faculty in new technologies, delivering research findings through technology, the role of new technologies in data-sharing, and the creation of psychology apps."

The Council also devoted over a half-day of its 2.5 day meeting to a "mega issues" discussion as part of APA's Good Governance Project (GGP). The GGP recently concluded an assessment of the APA governance system and brought forward recommendations designed to more fully align the system with what is needed for a 21st century organization. The data indicated that Council wanted to be engaged in discussing strategic issues that have significant impact on the discipline. Toward that end, Council was provided with a background document for its discussion of how technology will impact psychology and APA over the next decade. The discussion centered on such ideas as using social media in public education, how to train psychology faculty in new technologies, delivering research findings through technology, the role of new technologies in data-sharing, and the creation of psychology apps. ■

Other Actions of the Council

- Approved funding for the continuing work on the APA/Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards/APA Insurance Trust Task Force for the Development of Telepsychology Guidelines.
- Adopted a revised Committee on Animal Research and Ethics Guidelines for Ethical Conduct in the Care and Use of Nonhuman Animals in Research.
- Rejected a proposal to eliminate the dues discount for APA members who are also members of the Canadian Psychological Association.
- Approved a proposal to eliminate the practice of invoicing APA members for unpaid back-year dues.
- Approved two journals – a Div. 54 journal: Practices and Services Delivery in Pediatric Psychology, and an American Psychological Association of Graduate Students journal: Translational Issues in Psychological Science.
- Approved a proposal to include an APA teacher affiliate member on the Board of Educational Affairs. The proposal requires a change in the Association's bylaws. It will therefore be put before a vote of the full membership this fall.
- Received the report of the 2011 Presidential Task Force on Immigration.
- Received the report of the 2011 Presidential Task Force on Diversity and Discrimination.
- Approved the 2012 APA budget of \$105.2 million in revenues and \$104.9 in expenses.



SDPA Annual State Conference & Meeting

“Issues in diagnosis, screening, and treatment of cognitive disorders across the age span”

CONFERENCE & MEETING SCHEDULE

Friday, May 18

- 08:00 AM ----- Registration & Posters displayed
- 09:00 AM ----- Speaker: Kerri Lamberty, PhD, ABPP-CN
- 10:15 AM ----- Speaker
- 11:30 AM - 01:30 PM ----- Lunch on your own
(SDPA Annual Meeting)
- 01:30 PM ----- Speaker: Kerri Lamberty, PhD, ABPP-CN
- 03:45 PM ----- Case discussion
- 04:30 PM ----- Poster session
- 05:00 PM ----- Close main session
- 06:00 PM ----- Division 1 Meeting

Saturday, May 19

- 08:30 AM ----- Speaker: Greg Lamberty, PhD, ABPP-CN
- 10:15 AM ----- Poster Awards
- 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM ----- Speaker

Conference Concludes at Noon

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM ----- Executive Committee Meeting

Continuing Education (CE) for Psychologists, Social Workers, and Counselor & Marriage & Family Therapists has been approved. ■

PRESENTERS

Greg J. Lamberty, PhD, ABPP is a clinical neuropsychologist with the Minneapolis VA Health Care System. He is the Rehabilitation/EC&R Psychology Supervisor, the site Project Director for Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems and the Director of the Neuropsychology Postdoctoral Fellowship. Dr. Lamberty co-edited “The Practice of Clinical Neuropsychology” (2003), and wrote “Understanding Somatization in the Practice of Clinical Neuropsychology” (2008) and “Specialty Competencies in Clinical Neuropsychology” (2012). ■



Kerri J. Lamberty, PhD, ABPP-CN is a clinical neuropsychologist with the Noran Neurological Clinic in Minneapolis, MN where she conducts neuropsychological evaluations for a variety of patient populations with CNS/Medical diagnoses. She was previously employed by the Minneapolis VA Health Care System and continues to do some lecturing for the pre- and postdoctoral training program at the VAMC. In addition, she is a volunteer speaker for the MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Society of Minnesota and lectures to professional and patient groups regarding neuropsychological and psychological effect of MS .

Summary of Conference: The purpose of this conference is to help participants identify common cognitive profiles for a variety of psychiatric client populations. We will also review useful screening tools to help differentiate between normal complaints and possible organic dysfunction. Finally, we will discuss a variety of neurological disorders and their behavioral sequelae as well as treatment techniques and strategies for patients with cognitive impairment. ■

SDPA 2012 ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Check Applicable Registration:	Before May 4	After May 4
<input type="checkbox"/> 2012 SDPA Member	\$180.00	\$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Professionals	\$200.00	\$225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Student	\$35.00	\$35.00

- I will be attending the SDPA Annual Meeting on Friday
- Meal Request - I will need a Special Meal during the conference
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* Cancellations received **by May 11:** 100% Refund, less a \$25.00 administrative fee.
 * Cancellations received **after May 11:** 50% Refund, less a \$25.00 administrative fee.

Any further questions? Contact SDPA Office at (605) 224-8118 / SDPA@midwestsolutionssd.com



The 87th Legislative Session Summary

- The Legislature sustained the Governor's line item veto of HB 1058 relating to the Unified Judicial System court automation fund.
- The Legislature sustained the Governor's veto of HB 1228 relating to tax refunds for some energy projects.
- The Legislature sustained the Governor's veto of HB 1248 which would have allowed individuals holding a South Dakota driver's license to carry a concealed weapon without any further permit.
- The Governor's veto of SB 157 which would prohibit local governments from regulating outdoor advertising signs was overturned by the Senate but sustained by the House.
- The Legislature also approved a "style and form" veto to SB 194 relating to funding tax refunds for elderly persons and persons with a disability.

THE 87TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Legislative Update

Brittany Novotny, JD, MBA

During the 2012 Legislative Session, the SDPA monitored many bills of interest to the profession and your patients. Click <http://bit.ly/H2LHAR> to find the list of bills that the SDPA monitored along with an explanation of each bill and its current status. Bills that were Tabled or sent to the 41st Legislative Day were killed.

The SDPA monitored bills on a variety of topics ranging from mandatory reporting of child abuse to parenteral rights to involuntary and voluntary commitment processes to the state budget and the impact on reimbursement to providers – just to name a few! Regarding the budget, this year had a more positive tone than last year, when providers experienced significant cuts to reimbursement levels. Although increases for FY 2013 may be considered modest by some, many providers are happy to see them headed in a positive direction and certainly hope to see that trend continue.

On March 19th, the 87th South Dakota State Legislature concluded its 33-day session with its traditional Veto Day. Governor Daugaard issued 5 vetoes since the Legislature left Pierre on March 2nd. Specific actions by the Legislature on Veto Day listed above.

Thank you to the SDPA Executive Committee and Division 1, including Division 1 President, Dr. Mark Perrenoud, for the guidance and assistance provided during the legislative session. ■

The CAPP Organization Grant - The Committee for the Advancement of Professional Practice (CAPP) awarded SDPA an Organizational Development Grant of \$10,500. This money helps with office operations as well as lobbyist services. These grants are made possible from funds collected through the practice assessment. So remember to pay the practice assessment when you pay your APA dues. These monies help SDPA to strengthen the voice of psychology in the state of South Dakota and, as a small state, to have a voice at the national level. ■