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South Dakota Psychological Association



From The Desk of the President

Teri Hastings, Ph.D.

Spring. Spring back, fall forward, or is it spring forward fall back? I can do calculus, but twice a year I have to google how to change the clocks. Anyway, spring:

No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn.
-- Hal Borland

Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush.
-- Doug Larson

The beautiful spring came; and when Nature resumes her loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive also.
-- Harriet Ann Jacobs

The human soul is apt to revive also. Those are sweet words of hope. What makes spring the season of hope? Anthony Scioli, professor of psychology at Keene State College and author of Hope in the Age of Anxiety has a theory.

According to Dr. Scioli, spring and hope are intertwined in the mind, body, and soul. In spring, nature collaborates with biology and psychology to spark the basic needs that underlie hope: attachment, mastery, survival, and spirituality. It

is true that hope does not disappear in summer, fall, or winter. But none of these other seasons can match the abundance of hope that emerges in the spring.

Hope has been compared to light and heat. Karl Menninger called hope the "indispensable flame" of mental health.

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*"The sun just touched the morning;
The morning, happy thing,
Supposed that he had come to dwell,
And life would be all spring."
Emily Dickinson*

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Northern Hemisphere this amounts to an average increase of three hours of light since the winter solstice, roughly a 20 percent gain. With increased light come a host of direct and indirect effects that improve mood and engender hope. Most directly, increased serotonin is produced. Serotonin is a major excitatory neurotransmitter in the nervous system, and the target of many antidepressant drugs. Among the indirect effects of spring on mood are increased exercise, and the physically related but psychologically distinct activities of

Spring also brings added light and heat, sometimes so suddenly that we speak of a virtual "spring fever". The first day of spring marks the vernal equinox, a balance of daylight and darkness. In the

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Save the Date! SDPA Annual Conference September 18-19, 2015

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Preparations are well underway for the 2015 SDPA Annual Conference, and we are very excited about the developing program. This is the third year that we have decided to hold the conference in the fall vs. the spring. The dates of the conference this year will be all day Friday, September 18 and 1/2 day Saturday, September 19 in Rapid City, SD at the Hampton Inn.

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Carol Goodheart will be presenting on the interface of ICD-10 and the DSM-V in a full-day workshop on Friday. Dr. Goodheart is a distinguished national speaker who has presented and written extensively on this topic. This will be a timely and relevant topic, given the implementation date of October 1, 2015 for ICD-10. Additional speakers are being finalized so stay tuned for further updates in the coming months.

The annual conference is an opportunity for both continuing education and networking with colleagues across the state. Fall is such a beautiful time in the Black Hills; with the conference ending by noon on Saturday there will be additional time for sightseeing and relaxing in the surrounding Black Hills. We look forward to seeing you in September! ■

BEING AN ADVOCATE FOR YOUR PROFESSION

FAC Update

Hilary Kindsfater, Ph.D.

The American Psychological Association Practice Organization (APAPO) State Leadership Conference (SLC) in Washington DC just concluded Tuesday, March 17. I was fortunate to have been able to attend this energizing leadership and grassroots advocacy conference along with Rachel Day (SDPA Executive Director), Lynette Quast (President-Elect), and Kari Scovel (Public Education Campaign Coordinator). The APAPO outdid themselves again this year with providing presenters who offered insightful and best practice guidance to maximize our grassroots advocacy efforts through strategic story telling. The conference culminated with Capitol Hill visits on Tuesday March 17 where we were able to meet in-person with Senators Thune and Rounds along with their Legislative Staffers, and with Representative Noem's Legislative Assistant.

The four topics discussed were all related to Medicare. The first was related to repealing the Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR). The second was the Medicare Mental Health Access Act that includes psychologists within the physician

definition within Medicare definitions. The third topic was related to the HITECH Act where we were asking for psychologists to be included in the incentives to implement electronic health records (EHRs) into their practices. The final issue was related to having congress assist with finding a way to fix the Medicare reimbursement formula to stop the declining Medicare reimbursement rates for psychologists. All of these issues are very important and related to the sustainability of psychologists as small business owners and continue access to care for Medicare beneficiaries. For more information regarding these important issues please see: <http://www.apapracticecentral.org/update/2015/03-12/innovation-advocacy.aspx>.

Please stay tuned and be ready to take action in the coming weeks regarding these issues, as APAPO action alerts will be announced as legislative bills emerge. Remember, each letter/correspondence to your Senators and Representatives makes a difference! ■

From The Desk of the President

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gardening, farming, and, for the rest of us, spring cleaning.

True hope is never passive; it is always ready for "spring-time". The philosopher Gabriel Marcel referred to the "active waiting" that is sometimes required as part of the work of hope. Dr. Scioli found in his research that more hopeful individuals are more likely to be in the active stages of change with respect to incorporating a healthier diet and more exercise into their daily routines.

My new favorite book intersects the topics of hope, spring cleaning, losing clutter, improving mental health, AND losing weight. Yes I said losing weight.

A houseful of clutter may not be the only reason people pack on extra pounds, but research proves that it plays a big role. A recent study showed that people with supercluttered homes were 77 percent

more likely to be overweight or obese! Why? Author Peter Walsh thinks it's because people can't make their best choices—their healthiest choices—in a cluttered, messy, disorganized home. In *Lose the Clutter, Lose the Weight*, organizing guru Walsh comes to the rescue with a simple 6-week plan to help readers:

- Clear their homes of excess "stuff" as they discover their vision for their personal space
- Clear their bodies of excess pounds as they follow a healthy, supersimple eating and exercise plan
- Clear their minds and spirits of the excess weight of too many possessions

I bought the book and I'm all in. Just as soon as I can unclutter enough to find a place on my bookshelf to give this book its special place.

Happy Spring to all of you.

Council of Representatives Update

Laura Hughes Psy. D.

Recently I attended the COR meeting at APA in Washington, DC. This was a three-day meeting, where representatives from all states and APA divisions met to discuss and vote on proposed changes and additions to APA policies and procedures. It was a marathon series of meetings, fortunately with a lot of great company! Many thanks to Jodi Owen, PhD who served in this capacity, representing our state, for the past six years! I only now appreciate how much hard work that she put into this volunteer position; it requires a great deal of preparation, with a steep learning curve regarding APA politics. I am beginning to learn how change occurs in large organizations through this process. Jodi's name came up, with respect and fondness, in these meetings many times; she did a great job representing our state!

Please contact me if there are any issues that you would like to have addressed in these meetings, on behalf of South Dakota. There are two meetings per year, one in February and one in August. There were several concerns raised by South Dakota psychologists prior to this meeting regarding practice reimbursement issues. Note that these issues are vigorously advocated for by the APA Practice Organization (APAPO). APA itself is a non-profit entity, so practice (i.e. reimbursement-related) concerns must be handled by the APAPO, as our political advocacy organization. A little confusing, but think of it this way; APA (COR) advocates for the field of psychology as a whole, i.e. how it benefits the public good, whereas APAPO advocates for the well-being professionally of the individual psychologists (i.e. if it directly affects your ability to make a living, it is probably handled by APAPO). If reimbursement and billing issues are of interest to you, please support APAPO when you renew your APA membership each year. ■

STANDARDS FOR COMPETENCIES

APA Council Focuses on Advancing the Field

Rhea K. Farberman, Monitor Executive Editor

APA's Council of Representatives adopts standards for competencies for health-service providers and accreditation of health-service psychology programs.

At its February meeting, the APA Council of Representatives focused much of its action on the training and skills required for psychologists to work in health-delivery settings. In addition, council members discussed translating psychological science into public policy and received a report on the association's finances.

In one of its most far-reaching actions, the council adopted an inter-organizational document that outlines competencies for psychology practice in primary care. The document is the product of a nine-organization work group including APA and three APA divisions, the Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers, Council of Clinical Health Psychology Training Programs, and Society for Behavioral Medicine, Society of Teachers of Family Medicine and the VA Psychology Training Council.

The competencies document articulates the knowledge and skills health-service psychologists need to practice in primary-care settings. It will serve as a resource for graduate-level psychology education and training programs, students and current practitioners. (See www.apa.org/ed/resources/competencies-practice.pdf.)

In a related action, by a nearly unanimous vote, the council voted

to approve the Commission on Accreditation's new *Standards of Accreditation for Health Service Psychology*. The new standards will replace the current Guidelines and Principles for Accreditation and will go into effect for all accredited programs on January 1, 2017. The original Guidelines and Principles for Accreditation were adopted in 1995. The new standards reflect changes in the profession since that time. Look for a full report on the new guidelines in the May *Monitor*.

A third action concerning professional practice was the adoption of a new policy document, *Professional Practice Guidelines: Guidance for Developers and Users*. It replaces two earlier documents on practice guidelines from 2002 and 2005. The new policy document provides updated guidance for creating professional practice guidelines and gives current examples of such guidelines.

Translating science into public policy

Council devoted a full day of its two-and-a-half-day meeting to a strategic issue discussion focused on the goal of translating psychological science into public policy. The topic was opened by panel presentations by four council members and APA General Counsel Nathalie Gilfoyle. After the presentations, council members participated in one of three break-out discussions, each focused on a central goal: advocacy, educating the public and translational research.

Council also received a report from APA Treasurer Bonnie Markham, PhD, PsyD, and Chief Financial Officer Archie Turner. They reported to

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STANDARDS FOR COMPETENCIES

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the council that the association's finances are strong despite a small deficit budget this year. Overall, APA is in compliance with all of its debt covenants and continues to benefit from sizable long-term investments. Furthermore, the association's real estate holdings, its headquarters building and a second near by office building, are fully leased and continue to grow in value.

Other action

In other action, the council:

- **Approved a change in the association rules to require boards and committees to have at least one member who is an early career psychologist.** Early career psychologists are defined as psychologists within 10 years of earning their doctoral degree. A few boards and committees will be exempted from this rule due to their special requirements for service, such as the Fellows Committee, since members of this group must have attained fellows status, which requires candidates to have 10 years of postdoctorate experience. APA's boards and committees will have until 2017 to fully comply with the new rule.
- **Approved plans to implement changes in the association bylaws and rules as per votes taken at the council's August 2014 meeting.** The changes are related to the composition and election of the board of directors and are an outgrowth of the Good Governance Project, which was designed to open the board up to direct representation by the general membership. All bylaws changes require a vote of the membership. That vote is expected to take place this fall by mail ballot.
- Approved APA's endorsement of the 2012 San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment, which calls for improvements in the ways that

the impact of scientific research is measured. In particular, it recommends against reliance on journal-impact factors as measures of the quality of individual research articles or of an individual scientists' contributions.

- **Approved a change in the bylaws and association rules to allow one seat on APA's Board of Educational Affairs (BEA) to be held by an APA High School or Community College Teacher Affiliate member.** An amendment to the APA bylaws to implement the change to the BEA composition will be sent to the membership for a vote this fall.

Advice for translating science into policy

During the February APA Council of Representatives meeting, council members Kim Gorgens, PhD, Frank Worrell, PhD, Lori Thompson, PhD, and Beth Rom-Rymer, PhD, opened the discussion of how best to support the translation of psychological science into public policy by sharing their experience in working with legislators and other policymakers. APA General Counsel Nathalie Gilfoyle also described the association's highly successfully amicus briefs program.

The collective advice shared with the council included:

- Speak from the science; don't roam from the data.
- Personalize and humanize the issue. Tell the "story" of how a certain policy initiative can help people or solve a problem.
- Engage all stakeholders.
- Find allies including reaching beyond psychology.
- Disseminate your findings in accessible language and formats. ■

SDPA AWARDED CAPP GRANT

Thank You APAPO

The South Dakota Psychological Association (SDPA) would like to thank the APA Practice Organization (APAPO) for awarding the Association an \$11,000 Committee for the Advancement of Professional Practice (CAPP) Grant to support SDPA's central office operations. This grant is made possible from funds collected through the practice assessment of licensed psychologists and is awarded in the spirit of resource

sharing to support projects aimed at promoting the practice of psychology. The SDPA looks forward to continuing to work with leadership and staff of the Practice Directorate and CAPP as we confront the challenge of assuring the availability of psychological services in the changing health care delivery system. Please consider contributing to the APAPO through the practice assessment on an annual basis. ■

PEC Report

Kari Scovel, Ph.D.

Recently I returned from the State Leadership Conference (SLC) in Washington D. C. I was joined by President Elect, Lynette Quast, PhD, Federal Advocacy Coordinator, Hilary Kindsfater, PhD and Executive Director, Rachel Day. It was a great, energetic group to have involved in the SLC. This seminar encourages others to get involved in advocating in psychology and energizing the movement to gather our resources, connections and rise up to work for the betterment of the profession. There were seminars in working in integrated healthcare and developing a healthy workplace where employees feel valued and appreciated. The presenter was Mr. Andy Goodman, who wrote *Storytelling as Best Practice*. We all learned how to present a story which is motivational and emotional, which served us well on the Hill when we went to visit the offices of our Senators, Thune and Rounds as well as with Congresswoman Noem.

In the PEC seminars, there was promotion of social media to get others involved in discussing various topics in psychology on Twitter and Facebook. There was opportunity to get to know what reporters in the media and radio value and how to give a pitch and sound bite.

In the PEC position, I have been active writing newspapers articles about psychological topics such as the following: diabetes, Ebola, holiday blues, willpower and New Year's resolutions, couples difficulty with finances and childhood obesity. I also have been developing the Mental Health Minute where psychologists are discussing psychology issues for one minute on a local news station. This is an excellent way to get information about psychology out to the community. If you are interested in being involved in the Mental Health Minute, please email me at karis@scovelpsychr.com. ■

SOUTH DAKOTA PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Member-at-Large Update

Trisha Miller, Ph.D.

As your new Member-at-Large representative, I'd just like to extend a hello and welcome any opinions or feedback you might have about what you'd like to see happening for you within SDPA. I am excited to be in this position as a full member, having served as a graduate student member many years ago. I'd moved out of state for six years but moved back to South Dakota three years ago. I was born and raised in Waubay, SD (NE SD), completed my undergraduate and graduate degrees in Vermillion, SD, and now reside and have a private practice within Psychological Associates of the Black Hills in Rapid City, SD.

Given there are approximately 180 licensed psychologists within South Dakota, I'm disheartened when I compare this to the much, much lower number on the SDPA membership roster. Certainly, I intend to reach out to the masses and hope to boost our membership significantly. The greater our numbers, the more we can offer and the more all members will get out of their involvement in the organization. I hope you will join me in reaching out to your colleagues as well.

In recognition that membership dues may be an issue, no membership fees have been increased this year and SDPA's membership application will be amended to provide more types of membership to better accommodate those who are in other closely-related fields (\$100/year), those who have retired from practice in psychology (\$100/year), and those in academia to establish memberships (\$175/year).

With an incredible keynote speaker and timely topic lined up for this fall's annual conference, I hope all of you will not only attend, but also spread the word and encourage others to attend as well. If you cannot make this year's conference but have suggestions for topics for future conferences, please contact me and let me know.

The SDPA Member-at-Large position is a position I will hold for three years - I hope you will reach out and extend any suggestions or information you'd like me to have to represent you well throughout this time. You can reach me or leave a message for me at 605-348-6500 or email me at trishamiller7@yahoo.com. I'd be glad to exchange emails, phone calls, or even snail mail. ■



AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Stress in America Survey

Kari Scovel, Ph.D.

This year's Stress in America Survey by APA shows that Money Stress is negatively impacting American's Health Nationwide. Money is the top cause of stress for Americans, according to the new Stress in America Paying with Our Health survey. Stress about money is the highest with parents, younger generations and lower income household members. According to the survey conducted by the Harris Poll from the APA (3,068 adults), 72% of Americans reported feeling stressed about money at least some of the time in the past month. Twenty two percent said that they experience extreme stress about money during the past month.

Stress about money is impacting American's lives as some are actually putting their health care needs on hold. Nearly 1 in 5 Americans are saying they have either considered skipping or skipped going to the doctor when they have needed the health care because of financial concerns.

Stress about money is also negatively affecting relationships: almost 1/3 of adults with partners report that money is a major source of conflict in their relationship.

The good news is... that Americans also understand it is important to engage in healthy stress management. Americans who say they have someone they can ask for emotional support (significant other, family and friends) report lower stress levels and much better outcomes. However, some Americans reported they do not have the emotional support that they desire. The survey indicates 43% say they have no emotional support and their overall stress has increased this year, compared with 26 % of those who say they have solid emotional support.

The most commonly reported symptom of stress in the past month includes feeling irritable/angry (37%), being nervous/anxious (34%), feeling fatigued (32%), feeling overwhelmed (32%) and being depressed/sad (32%).

Overall, the American's stress levels are reportedly down: the average stress level is 4.9 on a 10 point scale, down from 6.2 in 2007. However, Americans are still living with stress levels they believe to be unhealthy at a 3.7 on a 10 point scale. Of the Americans, 22% are reporting that they are not doing enough to manage their stress.

The most commonly reported sources of stress include money (64%), work (60%), the economy (49%) and personal health concerns (46%).

In general, stress is a barrier that prevents people from living healthy and choosing positive wellness goals. The most commonly reported stress management techniques include listening to music (44%), exercising/walking (43%), watching television for more than two hours per day (40%) and surfing the internet/going online (38%).

So what can be done to reduce your stress? Willpower is linked to success in reducing stress. What reduces your stress is unique to the person (exercise, healthy diet, and balance between work/home life, yoga, visualization or mindfulness). It is important to note that caretakers specifically need to be more careful and vigilant about self-care. Reduce your own stress level though activating your willpower and making healthy choices today. ■

Student Update

Rachel Nelson, M.A., Student Representative

It has been a busy and eventful spring semester in the USD Clinical Psychology Program! Our students are preparing to attend APA and APS conferences as well as proposing and defending theses and dissertations.

In February, we welcomed applicants on two interview days for the incoming class of 2015-2016 and are excited to welcome a new class next fall! We also are proud to announce a 100% match rate for our current students going out on internship. We had eight current students interview for internships, and all of those students matched. The sites are located all over the United States including the Orlando Veterans Administration Medical Center, Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, GA, Southern Utah University, the Naval Center Psychology Internship in Portsmouth, VA, and here in South Dakota and the Sioux Falls VA Health Care System. Congratulations to all eight of the 2015-2016 interns!

Our in-house clinic, The Psychological Services Center, has also been busy! We have had an outstanding number of students and community members seek services in our clinic. In addition to individual therapy, our students have organized several different therapy groups. We currently have two adult ADHD groups, a Cognitive Processing Therapy group for sexual assault survivors, and a group for Kindergarten through 2nd grade students called Strong Start. This curriculum teaches social and emotional skills to young children and helps the children and their parents practice these skills to proactively address emotional and behavioral problems.

The 3rd year students and Disaster Mental Health students participated in Disaster Training Day in connection with the medical school. Clinical Psychology was involved in discussing the role of mental health in disaster response and recovery as well as providing training in Psychological First Aid. The inclusion of Clinical Psychology in this training day is a recent addition and indicates the importance of recognizing mental health in the overarching field of health care.

The 18th annual Building Bridges Conference is scheduled for March 27th. This year's theme is "Dream Warriors: Turning Your Dreams into Reality" featuring keynote speaker Mic Jordan. Mic Jordan is a Native American hip hop artist and self-described activist that speaks truth and passion about life and growing up on the Turtle Mountain Reservation. Building Bridges invites Native high school students from around the state as well as college students, faculty, staff, and community members to the conference. We believe that exposure to and discussion of diversity issues such as racism and the ethnic minority experience can facilitate positive institutional change. We value and desire the respect for diversity in all levels of education. Building Bridges provides opportunities for students and faculty to learn effective ways to make higher education a positive experience for all students, with particular attention on the issues encountered by Native American students.

As the semester winds down, we look forward to nice weather and the upcoming summer! We send our best regards to all of our South Dakota colleagues! Happy Spring! ■

SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 18, 2015 | RAPID CITY, SD

ICD Diagnosis and DSM Changes: The New Horizon Workshop

The SD Psychological Association (SDPA) would like to invite you to attend the ICD Diagnosis and DSM Changes: The New Horizon workshop on September 18th, 2015 in Rapid City, SD.



Carol Goodheart, Ed.D. is a psychologist in independent practice in Princeton, New Jersey, specializing in the treatment of individuals and families coping with physical diseases or disabilities. In addition to her practice, she has served at Rutgers University's Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology in a number of roles, including clinical supervisor and contributing faculty. She was the 2010 president of the American Psychological Association (APA). An author/editor of eight books and many articles and chapters, her latest book is *A Primer for ICD-10-CM Users: Psychological and Behavioral Conditions*, published by APA Books in January 2014.

Please stay tuned for further information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the SDPA office either by phone 605-224-8118 or email SDPA@MidwestSolutionsSD.com.

2015 Legislative Summary

Brittany Novotny, JD, MBA

During the 2015 Legislative Session, the SDPA monitored many bills of interest to the profession and your patients. Below you will find a 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.

We hope the weekly legislative updates provided to SDPA members were useful and informative. Thank you to the SDPA Executive Committee and Division 1 for the guidance and assistance provided during the legislative session. We appreciate the opportunity to work with the SDPA and look forward to 2016. ■

2015 Legislative Session – SDPA Final Bill List

Click on the bill number below for full text

BILL #	TITLE	EXPLANATION	STATUS	POSITION
SB 64	Revise certain provisions regarding the registration of business names	Requires non-profit entities to register a fictitious name statement if the name of the non-profit does not clearly indicate the purpose of the entity. The filing is subject to an annual renewal fee.	Passed Senate 32-1; Passed House 66-1; Awaiting Concurrence in Conference Committee Report	Monitor
SB 70	Require that a mandatory child abuse reporter be present and available to answer questions when the initial report regarding abuse or neglect is made to authorities	Requires a mandatory reporter of child abuse (health, school and hospital personnel) to be available for questioning after making a report of abuse	Passed Senate 33-0; Passed House 69-0; Awaiting Governor's Signature to become Law	Monitor
SB 168	Establish a legislative task force to study elder abuse in South Dakota	Creates a task force to study elder abuse issues; Amended to provide two appointments to the task force by the Chief Justice and one appointment to the task force by the Attorney General and provide \$15,000 in funding for the task force AMENDED: Increases the number of members to 17, including 2 representatives of the banking industry	Passed Senate 31-0; Passed House 68-0; Awaiting Governor's Signature to become Law	Monitor
SB 190	Clarify health coverage for applied behavior analysis	Provides insurance coverage for certain autism treatments; AMEDNED to increase the caps on services to \$50,000 and allow for services to be provided under supervision	Passed Senate 34-0; Passed House 65-2; Awaiting Concurrence in Conference Committee Report	Monitor
HB 1208	Appropriate money for the ordinary expenses of the legislative, judicial, and executive departments of the state, the expenses of state institutions, interest on the public debt, and for common schools.	The general appropriations bill for the State of South Dakota for FY 2016, including spending for all state programs	Referred to House Appropriations	Monitor
Signed Bills				
HB 1151	Improve public safety through confidential stress management services for emergency service providers	Creates a stress management program for emergency services personnel involved in critical incidents that may cause cumulative stress in the provider	Passed House 67-0; Passed Senate 34-0; Signed by Governor and becomes Law July 1st	Monitor

2015 Legislative Session – SDPA Final Bill List (cont.)

Click on the bill number below for full text

Defeated Bills				
BILL #	TITLE	EXPLANATION	STATUS	POSITION
SB 59	Establish the state debt collection office	Creates a state debt collection office to collect any debt owed to any state agency, the board of regents, the Unified Judicial System or by a constitutional office. Among the remedies available to secure the collection of the debt is the authority to nonrenew any professional license.	Tabled by Senate Commerce & Energy 5-0	Monitor
SB 123	Prohibit an employer from requiring an employee or applicant to provide passwords to personal accounts.	Prohibits an employee to provide passwords to personal accounts, require an employee to access personal account in the presence of the employer or retaliate against an employee who refuses to do so	Defeated by Senate Judiciary 4-2	Monitor
SB 141	Accommodate legislation on medical services	A placeholder bill for a healthcare topic	Passed Senate 32-2; Tabled by House 64-2	Monitor
SB 142	Enhance South Dakota.	A placeholder bill for any topic	Passed Senate 30-4; Tabled by House 62-4	Monitor
SB 156	Require a minimum amount of paid sick leave for employees.	Requires an employer to provide at least 1 hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours worked	Defeated by Senate Commerce & Energy 7-0	Monitor
SB 187	Establish certain rights of parents regarding the upbringing, education, health care, and mental health care of their children and to provide certain penalties for the violation of those rights.	Provides parents with the option to opt out of certain health care and mental health care services by establishing certain parental rights which when exercised may reduce immunization rates and other preventative health care services	Defeated by Senate Health & Human Services 5-1	Monitor
HB 1067	Establish maximum reproduction costs for medical records	Establishes a base fee for providing copies of medical records at \$10 for the first 10 pages and no more than 25 cents for any page after. Entities covered by HIPPA may not charge more than the limit provided in federal law AMEDED to be \$10 for the first 10 pages and 33 center for any page after.	Defeated by House 27-41	Monitor
HB 1077	Require parental approval to waive a school counselor privilege regarding a student under sixteen	Requires a counselor or school psychologist to have written permission from a parent or guardian to waive privilege for a student under the age of 16	Defeated by House Education 9-5	Monitor
HB 1078	Adopt the South Dakota Nonprofit Corporation Act	Revises various provisions to the Nonprofit Corporation Act to update the Act and provide various default provisions in statute	Tabled by House State Affairs 12-0	Monitor
HB 1169	Accommodate legislation on medical services	A placeholder bill for a healthcare topic	Passed House 58-11; Tabled by Senate 35-0	Monitor
HB 1171	Enhance South Dakota	A placeholder bill for any topic	Passed House 54-15; Tabled by Senate 34-1	Monitor

2015 SLC Hill Visits

Each year during the State Leadership Conference (SLC), attendees have the opportunity to meet with their members of Congress and lobby on behalf of patients, practices and profession. Hilary Kindsfater, PhD, Lynette Quast, PhD, Kari Scovel, PhD and Rachel Day, Executive Director

were able to meet with Senator Thune, newly-elected Senator Rounds, and Representative Noem's legislative assistant. Below you will find some highlights from their visits. ■



L to R: Quast, Day, Kindsfater and Scovel in front of the US Supreme Court building while on their way to a congressional appointment.



L to R: Quast, Kindsfater, Sen. Rounds, Scovel and Day after a visit with Sen. Rounds.



Kindsfater, Quast and Scovel visiting with Sen. Thune

L to R: Quast, Scovel, Sen. Thune, Kindsfater and Day