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Psychology Training Council

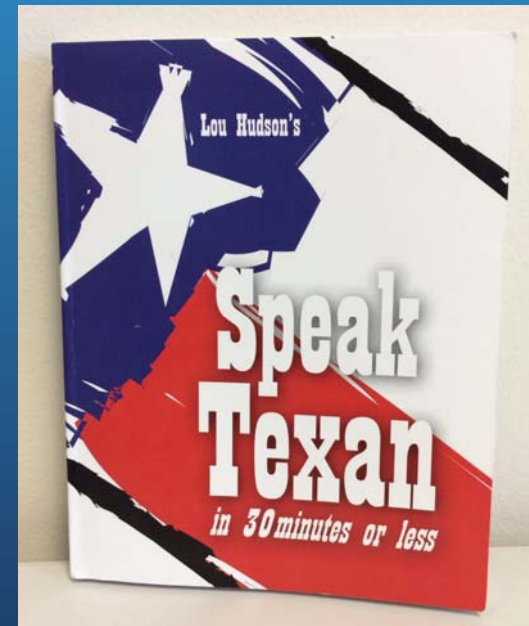
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Nor will I try to speak Texan.



VAPTC Executive Committee

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Chair & Member-at-Large
- Jody Rubenstein, Ph.D. - Administrative Committee
Chair & Member-at-Large

Significant Events & Issues for VAPTC in 2013 - 2014

- Wayne Siegel, Ph.D. led a guidance session for newly funded programs.
- APPIC Postdoctoral Development Workgroup (Co-chaired by Wayne Siegel and Marla Eby) is studying and developing recommendations re: APPIC's roles with postdoctoral training programs. The current VAPTC representative is Allison Aosved.
- Technology group continues to provide extraction software for the AAPI portal
- Dr. Wayne Siegel recipient of the 2013 Antonette and Robert Zeiss Award for Distinguished Contributions to VA Training!!

Upcoming Events & Issues for VAPTC in 2014

CoA's Standards of Accreditation

- VAPTC EC is preparing a response to the proposed revisions in the Standards of Accreditation (SoA) in Health Service Psychology. Due July 7, 2014
- Standards will outline the requirements for the accreditation of psychology training programs. They will articulate a common core of profession-wide competencies; programs may also specify their own program specific competencies that students/trainees must achieve.

VAPTC Missions

Mission 1

- Facilitate sharing of information and resources among VA psychology training programs.

Mission #1 Accomplishments

- Ongoing development of the VAPTC SharePoint with many training resources; new format being developed.
- <http://vaww.infoshare.va.gov/sites/PsychologyTrainingCouncil/default.aspx>



- Home
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- Membership Directory
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Resources for VA Psychology Training Program Administrator

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Training Forms & Documents

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Self Study Exemplars

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APPIC Match Resources

Do You Know?

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New Additions to Our Site!

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Mission #1 Accomplishments

- Continuing expansion of materials to identify and disseminate best practices by VAPTC's committees, selected highlights include modules on:

Model Curriculum Committee:

Mentoring, DSM-V, History of Psychology in the VA, Clinical Video Telehealth, Assessment, Professionalism, VA research careers, Suicide Risk Assessment and Documentation

Multicultural And Diversity Committee:

Best Practices Document

Mission #1 Accomplishments, cont'd.

- Facilitated sharing of information and documents through the VA Training Director e-mail groups
- Regularly updating and seeking input at AVAPL/Division 18 meeting; and, when feasible, at APA Convention (ACES?) 😊
- VAPTC Annual Business Meeting, which will be a *virtual* VANTS/LiveMeeting/Lync in **August, 2014**

Mission 2

- Solicit ideas for advancements in the evolution of psychology training programs.

Mission #2 Accomplishments

- Executive Committee has regularly encouraged the membership to share their ideas and concerns through email, through other organizations (e.g., APPIC, APA/CoA) involvement and national meetings.
- Clinical Advisory Committee completed an initial training need assessment project that was presented at APPIC
- 2013 - 2014 Annual Survey of the VAPTC membership in progress.

Preliminary results from VAPTC survey N=47

When asked, How many psychology trainees (on average) do you have - within each level -- annually?

Practicum (graduate students)	5
Internship	5
Postdoctoral Residency	4
Total Respondents: 42	

Preliminary results from VAPTC survey N=47

Supervisor Eligibility: Expectations for Supervisors: Please select all of the following, which are relevant to your training program(s) standards:

Duties / responsibilities	90.00%
Attendance / participation at Training Committee or supervisor meetings	82.50%
Continuing education related to supervision	22.50%
Feedback on performance (e.g., evals of trainees)	92.50%
Procedures for dealing with performance problems/concerns	80.00%

	1 Not at all important	2	3 Somewhat important	4	5 Extremely important
Supervision training	2.38% 1	2.38% 1	9.52% 4	54.76% 23	30.95% 13

Preliminary results from VAPTC survey N=47

Paper vs. Electronic records for your training program:

We keep our training records in paper files	57.14%
We keep our training records in electronic files	33.33%
We are working to transition from paper to electronic files	9.52%
We plan to use both paper and electronic files (no plan to discontinue use of both paper and electronic).	59.52%
We have found the following benefits or problems with electronic files (please comment).	7.14%

Preliminary results from VAPTC survey N=47

From your perspective, what are your program's strengths in terms of multicultural and diversity training?

Existence of a diversity trainer, task force, and/or committee	43.90%
Recruitment of diverse staff and trainees	60.98%
Multicultural/Diversity didactics	90.24%
Multicultural/Diversity journal clubs	34.15%
Multicultural/Diversity issues emphasized in supervision	51.22%
Planned initiatives for diversity training (please describe, below)	19.51%
Other (please describe, below)	12.20%

Mission 3

- Promote the development of procedures and programs that facilitate program accreditation at the internship and postdoctoral levels.

- Again, VAPTC EC is preparing a response to the proposed revisions in the Standards of Accreditation (SoA) in Health Service Psychology. Due July 7, 2014

Mission 4

- Facilitate the professional development and mentoring of training directors.

Mentorship program going strong under the leadership of Bernadette Lauber, Ph.D.

All newly funded program TDs have been paired with a seasoned mentor.

Mission 5

- Facilitate the awareness and promotion of VA psychology training programs among eligible, accredited doctoral academic psychology programs.

Mission 6

- Promote the views of VA psychology training to groups and organizations whose functions and objectives affect psychology training within the VA.

VAPTC's National Voice

- Represents VA at twice-yearly meetings of Council of Chairs of Training Councils (CCTC) and APA Board of Educational Affairs (BEA)
- Encouraged candidacies of VAPTC members and supported VA candidates in national elections of other psychology organizations, such as APPIC
- Sharing VAPTC training resource (SharePoint) materials with APPIC has been approved - and have been available for the past few months.

Mission 7

- Provide guidance to the Office of Academic Affiliations and the Office of Mental Health Services regarding needs for training in Psychology.

Mission #7 Accomplishments

- Ongoing monthly conference calls of the VAPTC Executive Committee include our VACO Liaisons Dr. Ken Jones (OAA); Dr. David Carroll (Mental Health Services), Dr. Stacy Pollack (Mental Health Services); and, Dr. Lisa Kearney (Mental Health Operations) and Dr. Robert Zeiss.
- Provided input and assistance to OAA in the allocation of new training positions

Upcoming Projects

- Sharepoint resource group for practicum training
- Electronic competency evaluation (APPIC or VINCI)
- Technology Workgroup: FAQ project
- MDC project: help programs to effectively address Domain D (Cultural Diversity) in the APA accreditation package
- MCC project with Dr. Antonette Zeiss; Modular training on Interprofessional Practice and training.
- And many more!

Invitation: Roles for TDs and other Psychologists

- Need for APA Site Visitors: This conference is a good example!
- Call or e-mail any Executive Committee members to provide feedback or ask for consultation on any training-related matters
- Both new and established VAPTC Committees and Workgroups; roles for TDs and other psychologists
- Raise new issues for the EC to consider