19th Annual VA Psychology Leadership Conference

“VA Psychology: Strengthening Partnerships, Building the Future”

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May 31 – June 3, 2016
The Westin Riverwalk
420 W. Market Street
San Antonio, TX 78205
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Pre-Conference: Tuesday, May 31, 2016

4:30 pm – 6:30 pm  Registration and Reception
Navarro Ballroom Pre-Function Area

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm  Dinner: Tribute to Kathy McNamara, Ph.D.
Olivares Room

Conference Day 1: Wednesday, June 1, 2016
Navarro Ballroom

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

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

Time TBD  Welcome and Overview (Navarro)
Time TBD  Invited Address (Navarro)

VA Strategic Planning

Matthew S. Collier  
Chief Strategic Partnerships Officer and Senior Advisor to the Secretary  
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Time TBD  Break

Time TBD  Invited Panel (Navarro)

Collaborating with Veteran Service Organizations

Jacqueline Maffucci, Ph.D.  
Research Director  
Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA)

Thomas Berger, Ph.D.  
Executive Director of the Veterans Health Council  
Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA)

John McQuaid, Ph.D.  
Associate Chief of Mental Health for Clinical Administration  
San Francisco VA Medical Center

Time TBD  Breakouts – Session A:

Breakout 1 (Navarro)

Expanding Opportunities for Strategic Planning

Kacie Kelly, MHS  
National Program Manager, VA/DoD Integrated Mental Health; U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Robert Beck, Ph.D.  
Clinical Psychologist, Polytrauma Network Site  
Audie L. Murphy VA Medical Center

Shannon McCaslin, Ph.D.  
Clinical Psychologist, National Center for PTSD, Dissemination and Training Division

Sheila A.M. Rauch, Ph.D., ABPP  
Clinical Director, Emory Healthcare Veterans Program
Emory University School of Medicine  
Director of Research and Program Evaluation  
Atlanta VA Medical Center

Rebecca Tapia, MD  
Medical Director, Polytrauma Network Site  
South Texas Veterans Health Care System (117)

Breakout 2 (Zapata)

AVAPL Mid-Winter Meeting Update

Thomas Kirchberg, Ph.D.  
Chief, Psychology Service  
Memphis VA Medical Center  
President, AVAPL

John McQuaid, Ph.D.  
Associate Chief of Mental Health for Clinical Administration; San Francisco VA Medical Center  
Past-President, AVAPL

Ronald Gironda, Ph.D.  
Assistant Chief of Mental Health and Behavior Sciences and Chief of the Psychology Section  
President-Elect, AVAPL

Mary Beth Shea, Ph.D.  
Local Recovery Coordinator & VITAL Program Manager; Orlando VA Medical Center  
Treasurer, AVAPL

Stephen Cavicchia, Ph.D.  
Chief, Psychology Service  
Coatesville VA Medical Center

Breakout 3 (Camino Real, Lobby Level)

Developing and Implementing Alternative EBP Training

Tracey Leone Smith, Ph.D.  
Associate Director for Improving Clinical Care, South Central MIRECC; Center for Innovations in Quality, Effectiveness & Safety, Michael E. DeBakey VAMC

Kristin Lester Williams, Ph.D.  
Program Manager, Decentralized Training in
Evidence-Based Psychotherapies; VISN 6 MIRECC

**Kristine Day, Ph.D.**
National Evidence-Based Psychotherapy Program Manager and Acting National Psychotherapy Coordinator; Veterans Affairs Central Office

**Time TBD**

**Networking Lunches**

| General Lunch Area including MH RRTP Managers | (Navarro) |
| Training | (Villa) |
| Advocacy | (Camino Real) |
| Title 38 | (Zapata) |
Time TBD  Breakouts – Session A:
(Three repeated + One additional )
(See previous descriptions and room locations)

Breakout 4 (Villa)

*Best Practices for Access*

**Russell B. Lemle, Ph.D.**  
Chief of Psychology  
San Francisco VA Health Care System

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

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

Time TBD  Brief Break – Move to Plenary (Navarro)

Time TBD  Invited Presentation (Navarro)

*Quality Improvement Related to Access, SAIL, and the Mental Health Management System*

**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

Time TBD  Invited Presentation (Navarro)

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

**Heather O’Beirne Kelly, Ph.D.**  
Lead Psychologist, Military & Veterans Policy
Senior Legislative & Federal Affairs Officer  
APA Science Government Relations Office

Time TBD  
**Invited Panel (Navarro)**

**VA Central Office Update**

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

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

Time TBD  
**Social Hour with Poster Sessions 1 & 2**  
*(Navarro Ballroom Pre-Function Area)*

**Conference Day 2: Thursday, June 2, 2016**  
**Navarro Ballroom**

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

8:00 am - 8:15 am  
**Welcome and Housekeeping (Navarro)**

Time TBD  
**Keynote Address (Navarro)**

**Title TBD**

**Susan H. McDaniel, Ph.D., ABPP**  
President  
American Psychological Association

Time TBD  
**Invited Presentation (Navarro)**

**Beyond the Iron Triangle: Implications for the Veterans Health Administration in an Uncertain Policy Environment**

**Stephen K. Trynosky J.D., MPH, MMAS**  
Designated Federal Officer  
Office of Academic Affiliations

Time TBD  
**Break**
Invited Presentation (Navarro)

*Meeting the Mental Health Needs of Veterans and Their Families Through Partnerships*

Terri Tanielian, M.A.
Senior Social Research Analyst
RAND Corporation
Time TBD

Breakouts – Session B:

Breakout 1 (Navarro)

*Tools for Application of SAIL and the Mental Health Management System*

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

Breakout 2 (Camino Real, Lobby Level)

*Mental Health and Veterans Benefits Administration Collaborations*

Stacey Pollack, Ph.D.
National Director of Program Policy Implementation Mental Health Services (10P4M), VA Central Office

Alan Dinesman, M.D.
Medical Officer, Office of Disability and Medical Assessment (DMA)
Veterans Health Administration, VA Central Office
Breakout 3 (Zapata)

*Integrating Peer Support Specialists into Clinical Practice*

Matthew Chinman, Ph.D.
Health Science Specialist, VISN 4 MIRECC
Senior Behavioral Scientist, RAND Corporation

Kevin Henze, Ph.D., CPRP
Psychologist
Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital

Breakout 4 (Villa)

*Veterans’ Choice and Community Partnerships*

Russell B. Lemle, Ph.D.
Chief of Psychology
San Francisco VA Health Care System

Time TBD  Networking Lunches

**General Lunch Area**
including Compensation & Pension
(Navarro)

**Early Career Psychologists**
(Camino Real)

**Mid-Career Psychologists**
(Villa)

**Glass Ceiling**
(Zapata)

Time TBD  Invited Presentation (Navarro)

*Title TBD*

Carolyn Clancy, M.D.
Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Organizational Excellence
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Time TBD  Breakouts – Session B:
Topics (Repeated)

(See previous descriptions and room locations)
Time TBD

Brief Break

Time TBD

Invited Panel

The Contribution of Psychology Training for Veterans and the Nation

Stacy Pommer, LMSW
Health Systems Specialist
Associated Health Education
Office of Academic Affiliations, VA Central Office

Time TBD

Presentation of the Patrick DeLeon Advocacy Award

2016 Recipient: Russell Lemle, Ph.D.

Time TBD

Wrap-Up and Housekeeping

Time TBD

Open Discussion

Time TBD

Social Hour, CE Certificates available
CE Workshop Day: Friday, June 3, 2016
Navarro Ballroom

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

Behavioral Health Leadership Training Boot Camp

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

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

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