



VA PSYCHOLOGY  
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

## ***22<sup>nd</sup> Annual VA Psychology Leadership Conference***

### **“Promoting Quality, Integrated Healthcare for All 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 28-May 31, 2019**

**The Westin Riverwalk**

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### **Pre-Conference: Tuesday, May 28, 2019**

8:00 am – 5:00 pm	<b>APA Site Visitor Training (Separate Registration) Room TBA</b>
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	<b>Registration and Reception Navarro Ballroom Lobby</b>
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm	<b>Dinner: Celebration of Russell Lemle’s Retirement Room TBA</b>

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### **Conference Day 1: Wednesday, May 29, 2019** **Navarro Ballroom**

7:00 am – 8:00 am	<b>Continental Breakfast (Navarro)</b>
<b>7:15 am – 8:00 am</b>	<b><i>Welcome Breakfast Introduction to the Conference (OPTIONAL)</i></b>

- 8:00 am – 8:10 am      **Welcome and Overview**  
**Mike Martin, Ph.D.**  
Psychology Executive  
Atlanta VA HCS
- 8:10 am – 9:00 am      **Opening Invited Address**  
**Richard A. Stone, MD**  
Executive in Charge  
Veterans Health Administration
- 9:00 am – 10:00 am      **Veterans Service Organization Panel**  
**TBA**
- 10:00 am – 10:15 am      **Brief Break**
- 10:15 am – 11:15 am      **Care in the Community and Mission Act Implementation**  
**Kameron Matthews, MD, JD, FAAFP**  
Deputy Undersecretary for Health for Community Care  
VH
- 11:15 am – 12:15 pm      **Breakouts – Session A**  
**Breakout 1 (Navarro)**  
***Women in Leadership***  
**Breakout 2 (Villa)**  
***REACH VET***  
**Kaily A. Cannizzaro, Psy.D.**  
Rocky Mountain MIRECC for Suicide Prevention  
**Breakout 3 (Madero)**  
**TBA**  
**Breakout 4 (Zapata)**  
***Update from the Midwinter AVAPL Meeting***  
**Tracey Smith, Ph.D.**  
Associate Director for Improving Clinical Care  
South Central MIRECC  
President-Elect, AVAPL

**Mary Beth Shea, Ph.D.**

Director of Training, Orlando VAMC  
Past-President, AVAPL

**Genevieve Davis, Ph.D.**

Staff Psychologist  
Western Telemental Health Network (VISN 20)  
Secretary, AVAPL

**Samuel Wan, Ph.D.**

Training Director, Postdoctoral Fellowship Program  
San Francisco VA Health Care System  
President-Elect, AVAPL

12:15 pm – 1:45 pm

**Networking Lunches (1.5 hours) *TENTATIVE*****Women in Leadership (Navarro)****General Lunch Area (Villa)****Early Career Psychologists (Zapata)****Mid-Career Psychologists (Madero)**

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm

**Breakouts – Session A:  
(Repeated)**

(See previous descriptions and room locations)

2:45 pm – 3:45 pm

**Invited Panel – Diversity Issues****TBA**

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm

**Brief Break**

4:00 pm – 4:45 pm

**Invited Presentation*****Update on Psychology Training*****Ken Jones, Ph.D.**

Director, Associated Health Education  
Office of Academic Affiliation

4:45 pm – 5:30 pm

**Invited Presentation*****Update from the Office of Mental Health and  
Suicide Prevention*****Dave Carroll, Ph.D.**

Executive Director  
Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

**Social Hour/Poster Sessions 1 & 2  
(Navarro Ballroom Lobby)**

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## **Conference Day 2: Thursday, May 30, 2019 Navarro Ballroom**

7:00 am - 8:00 am

**Continental Breakfast (Navarro)**

***Job Networking Breakfast (Villa) (OPTIONAL)***

8:00 am – 8:15 am

**Welcome and Housekeeping**

8:15 am – 9:15 am

**Keynote Address**

***APA Presidential Address - Tentative***

9:15 am – 10:15 am

**Invited Presentation**

***A View from Washington: Update on APA's  
Veterans Advocacy (tentative)***

**Heather O'Beirne Kelly, PhD**

Director, Military and Veterans Health Policy  
American Psychological Association

10:15 am – 10:30 am

**Brief Break**

10:30 am – 11:15 am

**Invited Presentation – Whole Health  
Implementation in the VA**

**Jennifer Patterson, PhD**

Senior Whole Health Consultant – Deployment and Field  
Implementation  
VHA Office of Patient Centered Care and Cultural  
Transformation

11:15 am – 12:15 pm

**Breakouts – Session B:**

**Breakout 1 (Navarro)**

***Managing Up While Managing Improvement:  
Leading Change Through Integrated and  
Coordinated Care***

**Gayle Iwamasa, Ph.D.**

**Matt Moore, Ph.D.**

**Theresa Schmitz, Ph.D.**

**John W. Klocek, Ph.D.**

**Claire Collie, Ph.D.**

**Jay L. Cohen, Ph.D.**

**Marcia Hunt, Ph.D.**

VHA National Mental Health Technical Assistance Specialist  
Team

Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

**Breakout 2 (Villa)**

***Diversity Issues***

**Breakout 3 (Madero)**

**VHA Geriatric MH Field Advisory Committee Update**

**Kristen H. Sorocco, PhD**

Geropsychologist

Oklahoma City VA Health Care System

**Breakout 4 (Zapata)**

***Psychology Training Topic TBA***

12:15 pm – 1:45 pm

**Networking Lunches (1.5 hours) *Tentative***

**General Lunch Area**

**(Navarro)**

- Includes Residential and other  
special topic groups

**Psychology Training**

**(Madero)**

**Advocacy**

**(Villa)**

**Psychologists of Color and Allies**

**(Zapata)**

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm

**Breakouts – Session B:  
Topics (Repeated)**

- (See previous descriptions and room locations)
- 2:45 pm – 3:00 pm      **Brief Break – Return to Plenary  
(Navarro)**
- 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm      **Invited Panel (Open Plenary)  
*Best Practices from the Field***
- 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm      **Provider Safety Presentation and Discussion**
- Clifford Smith, Ph.D., ABPP**  
                                 Director, Field Support and Analytics  
                                 Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention
- Russell B. Lemle, Ph.D.**  
                                 Psychology Director  
                                 San Francisco VA Health Care System
- Lynn M. Van Male, Ph.D., CTM**  
                                 Director, VHA Workplace Violence Prevention Program  
                                 Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention
- 4:45 pm – 5:15 pm      **Presentation of the Russell B. Lemle and Patrick  
DeLeon Awards**
- 5:15 pm – 6:00 pm      **Closing Remarks and Open Discussion**

## **CE Workshop Day: Friday, May 31, 2019** **Navarro Ballroom**

7:00 am – 8:00 am

**Continental Breakfast**

8:00 am – 3:45 pm  
(45 minute break for  
lunch at noon and 2  
fifteen minute breaks)

**Continuing Education Workshop**  
***Suicide Prevention Techniques***

**Megan McCarthy, Ph.D.**  
Veterans Crisis Line  
National Care Coordinator

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