



**24<sup>th</sup> Annual VA Psychology Leadership Conference**

**“VA Psychology: Leading in Challenging Times  
with Resilience, Hope, and Courage.”**

Co-Sponsored by the Association of VA Psychologist Leaders (AVAPL), the American Psychological Association (APA), and APA Division 18-Psychologists in Public Service

**May 26-May 27, 2021**

Virtual event

*Please note: This is an early draft agenda and all items are subject to change.*

**Pre-Conference: Tuesday May 25, 2021**

There will be informal, optional pre-conference events the evening of May 25th, including networking opportunities and orientation to the conference virtual platform. Additional details to follow.

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**Virtual Conference Day 1: Wednesday May 26, 2021**

All times listed are Eastern.

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| 10:30 am – 11:00 am | <b><i>Introduction to the Conference Platform: Welcome to REMO (OPTIONAL)</i></b>   |
| 11:00 am – 11:15 am | <b>Welcome and Overview</b><br><b>Katherine M. Dollar, Ph.D.</b><br>Associate Director- Education and Implementation<br>VA Center for Integrated Healthcare |
| 11:15 am – 12:00 pm | <b>Opening Invited Address:</b><br><b>Carolyn Clancy, MD,</b><br>Acting Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs  |
| 12:00 pm – 12:45 pm | <b>Opening Invited Address: Leading with Hope, Resilience, and Courage</b>  |
| 12:45 pm – 1:15 pm  | <b>(30 Minute Break)</b>  |
| 1:15 pm – 2:00 pm   | <b>Invited Presentation</b><br><b>Update from the Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention</b>  |

**David Carroll, Ph.D,**  
Executive Director  
Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

**Stacey Pollack, PhD**  
National Director Program Policy Implementation  
Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

2:00 pm – 2:45 pm

**Panel Presentation: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strong and Innovative Practices**

- Maurice Endsley, PhD
- Danielle Lespinasse, PhD
- Nikki Panasci, PhD

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm

**15 minute Break**

3:00 pm – 3:45 pm

**Updates from Capitol Hill (A Panel Discussion)**

**Christine O. Hill**  
Republican Staff Director  
Subcommittee on Health  
House Committee on Veterans Affairs

**Heather O’Beirne Kelly, PhD**  
*Professional Staff Member*  
Subcommittee on Health/Chairwoman Brownley (CA-26)  
Chairman Mark Takano (CA-41)

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm

**Day 1 Wrap Up and Adjourn**

There will be informal, optional networking events the evening of May 26<sup>th</sup>. Additional details to follow.

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## **Conference Day 2: Thursday May 27, 2021**

10:30-am- 11:00 am

**Networking time (OPTIONAL)**

11:00 am – 11:15 am

**Housekeeping**  
**Katherine M. Dollar, PhD, ABPP**

11:15 am – 12:00 pm

**Keynote Address**

**APA Presidential Address –****Dr. Jennifer Kelly**

President, American Psychological Association

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm

**Invited Plenary****Terri Tanielian, MA**Special Assistant to the President for Veterans Affairs on the [Domestic Policy Council](#).

12:30 pm – 1:00 am

**Update from APA****Sophie Friedl, MPH**Director, Military and Veterans Health Policy  
American Psychological Association

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm

**30 Minute Break**

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm

**Invited Panel (Open Plenary)*****Best Practices from the Field***

2:15 pm – 2:45 pm

**Suicide Prevention Updates****Matt Miller, PhD**

Director Suicide Prevention Program

**Lisa Kearney, PhD, ABPP**

Deputy Director Suicide Prevention Program

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm

**Presentation of the Russell B. Lemle and Patrick DeLeon Awards**

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

**Closing Remarks and Open Discussion**