EC meeting 2/18/2021

Present: Jennifer Boyd, Ken Jones, Mary Beth Shea, Sam Wan, Kaki York Ward

Mid-Career SIG Proposal. Charter under development. – Should we support them? They have 10+ members, a purpose, objectives. Definition of “mid-career”? Work with the ECPs on that. Action: Ken will let them know we’re accepting them as a new SIG, suggest they add “Psychologists” to the name. Encourage chairs to talk with chairs of Early Career Psychologists SIG about defining terms “early” and “mid” career. Discuss that some members may be in both SIGs for overlap.

C&P listserv. Action: Ken will let them know we will close them down by certain date, ask Jeff Burk to implement.

Position paper from VHPI: Dave Carroll had no concerns. Kaki had a few comments about language regarding whether telehealth counted against milage eligibility for community care during pandemic. Is this accurate? Otherwise we are ready to post it. Action: Ken will reach out to Russell to review the accuracy of that statement.

Website: Kaki drafted email to Jeff, Sam gave feedback. Action: Kaki will send email to Jeff, letting him know the plan and see if he has any concerns. New webmaster does maintenance, hosting, etc. We won’t have to do updates. Monthly fee with unlimited changes. No disruption to email accounts. Who adds and removes people from Google email group? Need a listserv coordinator. Jeff could transition to that person. Should we create a coordinator role and designate someone? Action: Ken will ask ECP SIG member who posts things for them if she is interested.

Mid-Winter meetings planning: Several of us met with Sophie today to plan. Dates will be March 29-April 1st. Discussed plan for each day. We send requests directly to senators, they direct us to staff. Discussed potential people in VA to meet with. Actions: Ken will look at old schedule and work on setting up meetings with VA staff, using org chart that MBS sent to determine names. Sam to send Ken example of briefing sheet. Ken will make initial draft of our 5 priorities. Ken will reach out to Lisa Kearney and see if she can do Jeff’s former role of coaching us in advance. Ken will ask where LGBTQ office is on the org chart. Ken will line up meetings based on old schedule, starting with Dave Carroll, to see how he wants us to do it. All ECP members will think about priorities for midwinter meetings.

Top of agenda for next time or do by email: what to do about NCOD wanting us to do MOU with one of the SIGs.