

EC meeting 3/18/2021

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

Mid-Career SIG Proposal – KJ discussed with leaders, they agreed to the modified name, “Mid-Career Psychologists SIG.” **Action: KJ will ask Jeff Burk to make an email group for them.**

C&P listserv is now closed down.

VHPI statement is now posted.

Website is still in progress. No interest yet in listserv coordinator role.

AVAPL and Division 18 VA Section – discussion of relationship, overlap, identity, similarities and differences.

Name change – discussion of potentially changing AVAPL’s name to remove the term “leaders”. Pros and cons. Would be convenient to do with change in website, but would need membership to discuss and vote, so too rushed. Importance of the focus on leadership. Need to market better that all VA psychologists are welcome if they want to strive for leadership roles of any kind. Currently 800+ members, out of ~5000 VA psychologists – 20% is high for a professional organization. Do we represent leadership or psychologists in general? **Action: KJ will discuss the name change issue in an upcoming article in our newsletter.**

Midwinter meeting planning – planning is going well. Discussion of potential priorities for talking points: Title 38, HR improvements, enforcement of minimum staffing guidelines and Uniform Mental Health Services Handbook, changes to qual standards, standards for non-VA providers, telework; diversity, equity, and inclusion. **Action: KJ will continue to schedule meetings, look for a potential pre-meeting VACO coach, and ask membership for suggestions of priorities. KJ will inform David Carroll about our meeting plans.**

Tabled until next meeting: what to do about NCOD wanting us to do MOU with one of the SIGs. Potential MOU with VACO.