

Psychologists of Color monthly call
4/11/19

Opening Comments (Veronica Shead)

VACO Update (Gayle Iwamasa)

Suicide at Austin CBOC

ICEP initiative

Suicide prevention (SBOR template, SPPRITE dashboard)

High reliability organization

Mission Act

Please see separate attachment sent out to listserv on 4/11/19

AVAPL Conference update (Marcos provided Arti Sarma's update from Outreach and Hospitality)

1. We invite VAPLC conference attendees interested in the AVAPL Psychologists of Color & Allies (POC) Special Interest Group (SIG) to join us for informal networking and conversations on Wednesday, May 29th at the restaurant/bar Zocca Cuisine D'Italia in the basement of the conference hotel (Westin Riverwalk, San Antonio) from 9-10:30pm.
2. The Outreach & Hospitality Committee of the VAPLC will be introducing the following initiatives to the conference this year:
 - a. All AVAPL SIG's will have a representative present during registration and the opening night social hour to welcome conference attendees and share more information about the SIG. This will include information for new and potential members to learn about more ways to get involved and spread informational updates with attendees about the purpose of the SIG's and the work we're doing.
 - b. Each SIG representative will be given colored-dot stickers to give out to members of their SIG during registration to put on their name badge. This can serve as an ice-breaker for attendees to learn more about each other and increase visibility of the various SIG's.
 - c. The committee will also be putting together a list of options for activities happening during the conference, such as the informal POC SIG networking hour. If you or others are planning any activities that can be added to the list or you have recommendations of local restaurants or places to visit, please email arti.sarma@va.gov to have it included in the list.

Education Corner (Kristin Powell)

Leadership journey roundtable will be done on a quarterly basis. We'll start with psychologists and then consider inviting other disciplines. Possible issues to discuss: current position, their journey, leadership programs attended, etc. Please continue to provide feedback to Kristin and to the group as a whole. We will start this at next month's call.

Miscellaneous

There was discussion about changing the day/time of the call.

Renewed discussion about facility/service line Diversity committees or even a national committee. A related issue is working on improving diversity in hiring psychologists and trainees. Several suggested sending job announcements to POC listservs (AAPA, NABP, NLPA, etc.).

We would like an update from the AVAPL Executive Committee on our ideas/requests about having more connections with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

There's interest in exploring incorporation of standards for cultural competence.

We had approximately 25 participants for today's call.

Happy Psychology Week (4/15-4/19/19)!!! Let's celebrate ourselves and our colleagues.