

Psychologists of Color Monthly Call

Christopher Watson
7/11/19, 1-2PM EST

Opening remarks and general announcements (Veronica Shead)

We will not have a call in August since this occurs during the APA convention. We will resume in September (9/12/19, 1-2PM EST)

Introduction of New POC call Co-Coordinator (Veronica Shead)

Charlotte McCloskey will be the new call Co-Coordinator. Chris Watson will co-chair the SIG with Gayle Iwamasa.

SIG leadership announcements/changes (Gayle Iwamasa)

Gayle shared that all SIG's have been asked to develop rotations for leadership, with changes occurring every three years. Gayle will be starting her third and last year as co-chair. Chris will be starting his first year.

VACO update (Claire Collie)

Dr. Keita Franklin has left the VA in her role as the Director for Suicide Prevention. Dr. Matt Miller is now Acting in that role. Dr. Lisa Kearney is serving as the Deputy Director. Mr. Bob Corrado is Acting for Matt Miller as the Veterans Crisis Line Director.

There is a Mission Act Electronic Wait List initiative. Please see the details in the attachment. More to come.

OMHSP Technical Assistance calls...3rd Fridays, 2-3PM EST, next call: 7/19/19.
Please attend if you can.

Mentoring Coordinator update (Christopher Watson on behalf of Josephine Ridley)

- Josephine has met with the Early Career Professionals SIG (ECP) and the Women In Leadership SIG (WIL) to form a Mentorship Workgroup.
 - There have been at least 3 meetings. They plan to release an updated Mentoring Survey soon. Attached is the most current version with some track changes
 - Please send Josephine Ridley josephine.ridley@va.gov any suggestions for modifications to the mentoring survey
- The Mentoring Subcommittee will be meeting on Monday July 15th at 1:30pm EST and monthly thereafter on a date TBD.
- Lisa Kearney is recruiting for Mentors for the FY20 Mental Health Leadership Mentoring Program – deadline is 7/12/19 for applying. This is to address the needs for seasoned leaders to mentor new or aspiring leaders

Follow-up on AVAPL Conference feedback and future planning (Veronica Shead and available leadership)

Conference participant comments were mostly positive. There was follow up about one (or some) conference participant characterizing the presentations as being divisive. We had great discussion about this, with most sharing their reactions and all being supportive of our efforts to have a greater role in the conference and to have more allies to work alongside us.

APA Conference- Presentations/Discussions and Meet-ups (Veronica Shead)

Due to time spent on the previous item, we did not talk about this item. However, we are hoping that SIG members who plan to attend APA will take time to connect at the conference.

Education Corner (Kristin Powell)

Leadership Journey series, which occurs quarterly, will continue in September. Kristin will interview Christopher Watson.

Concluding comments (Veronica Shead)

There were approximately 25 participants on this call. Great job! The next call will be on 9/12/19, 1-2PM EST.