

Minutes from CDSPP EC Conference Call, 3/24/2009

Present: Ed Daly, Stacy Overstreet, Kathy Bradley-Klug, Cathy Fiorello, Tanya Eckert, Chieh Li

1. Bill Strein, CoA representative, participated as a guest for the first part of the call.
 - There are two proposed Implementing Regulations (IRs) out for public comment until March 23rd. The CoA will meet during the first week of April and review the public comments and decide whether to revise, drop, or adopt the IRs. So far, there seem to be mixed reviews. CDSPP may wish to inform Rick and Bill about CDSPP's take on these proposals so that we can take that into account during the discussion.
 - Diversity—If diversity is supposed to be defined in a broad, inclusive way, then why are all the data collected based on gender and race? Why doesn't APA ask for a broader array of demographic data? APA can't judge the composition of programs, as quotas are illegal, but they judge the process by which programs promote diversity.
 - Practicum competencies—How can we merge these with the G&P? At the very least, we suggest that wording be changed from empirically-supported treatments to science-based practice.
 - We discussed the potential impact of requiring practicum supervision to be provided by licensed psychologists, which may be considered. This would be difficult for school psychology programs—very few field supervisors are licensed, and even many faculty are not, especially in programs that don't emphasize preparation for independent practice. It is also difficult for new faculty to seek licensure while also working toward tenure. This may interact with the MLA: If certification doesn't count as an "appropriate credential" for practicum supervision, this may be a problem for school psychology. When this is officially posted for public comment, we will gather information from our constituents and formally respond.
2. Update on APA Summit: Steve DeMers, who is attending from ASPPB, will serve as the CDSPP representative.
3. Next steps in establishing 3 task forces.

Volunteers to date:

Competency Benchmark	Internship	Practicum
Pam Fenning	Gene D'Angelo	
Rick Short	Sue Swearer	
Sara Valley-Gray		

Ed will send a general call for volunteers out to the listserv, and also will individually invite the chairs of the groups from the Midwinter Meeting to participate.

4. Responding to NASP request for comment on revised standards. Each of us will send our comments to Ed, who will consolidate them and circulate them to the EC before officially submitting them to NASP. Ed asks that each group send their remarks to him by Friday noon.

5. Discuss ASPPB practicum document. The requirement for practicum supervision to be provided by a licensed psychologist is going to be a problem for school psychology. We need to be aware that this may be coming up at the state level as licensure laws are revised.

6. MLA comment from CDSPP will be discussed at our next conference call in May. We will review the comments that Jean Baker sent during the previous period of public comments, and Cathy will compile comments from the listserv for us to review.

7. Decide whether to send a representative to the APPIC membership conference in Oregon in April. It seems that the internship imbalance will be the big issue, and it's not much of one for school psychology, so maybe we can piggyback onto someone else who is going? Ed will talk to Sue Swearer about representing us. If needed, we will consult by email about this after Ed asks Sue.

8. 2010 meeting update. The situation is very complex. We are responsible for the hotel contract (80% of cost of rooms we contracted to fill, plus banquet costs of over \$20,000), plus the cost of the meeting that will be covered by the Memorandum of Understanding which we do not have yet. The MOU will cover our portion of the cost for the conference planner, speakers, AV equipment rental, etc. Also, the conference committee is asking each organization to provide a captain to raise funds for a Senator who will appear at a dinner at the event. Given that our total balance is only about \$25,000, we cannot participate at this cost.

We may be able to renegotiate the hotel contract. Kathy is meeting with a representative of the hotel and will try to negotiate a more reasonable estimate of attendance numbers for rooms and food. If we pull out of this contract, we are responsible for 75% of the total, and if we don't pay and the hotel sues, Board members may also be personally liable. We can't decide about the conference until we find out if we can renegotiate the contract.

- Kathy will meet with hotel and see what she can do. She will also talk to Chris Morgan, a conference planner working with CCTC, to see if we can hire her to negotiate with the hotel.
- Depending on the total costs from the hotel contract, and the cost of the MOU, we will decide whether to participate or not.
- If we decide to pull out, we will hire a lawyer with expertise in this area.
- If CDSPP pulls out, individuals will still be free to participate in the conference through other organizations.

In addition to the financial issues, the conference organizers are still looking for input on the program. We have already recommended a number of speakers, but if we think of anyone else to recommend, we will notify Ed. The conference organizers are approaching Donna Shalala to be the keynote speaker.

The EC formally thanked Kathy and Ed for all of the work they are doing to resolve the 2010 conference issues.

9. CCTC. APA is no longer paying for travel for representatives to attend, so we will need to cover that. As the fall meeting is the last before the 2010 conference, we would send Kathy to that meeting, and have Chieh, as chair, attend beginning in the spring.

The MLA came up at the CCTC meeting, and Ed did explain the issues relative to school psychology. Judy Hall, from the National Register, opined that states would not want that battle and would not drop the exemption. At our next conference call, we will consider our formal response to the MLA.

10. Review nominations for CDSPP EC. We had five individuals agree to allow themselves to be nominated for elections, but Tanya indicated that Dave Miller would be happy to defer running until next year. Cathy will put together the ballot with biographical statements from the following nominees:

- Pam Fenning, Loyola
- Susan Forman, Rutgers
- Chris Riley-Tillman, Eastern Carolina
- Mike Vanderwood, UC Riverside

11. CDSPP honoree at the APA conference. We nominated Sandy Christensen. Cathy will organize the dinner for the Friday evening of APA in consultation with Stacy.

12. Next conference call will be Thursday, May 21st, 9-11 a.m. Eastern Time. Agenda items:

- Review draft of comments on MLA
- Elections
- Funding
- 2010 Conference
- Task Forces