

BOARD MINUTES

October 8, 2020 – Conducted via Zoom

All members of the Board were present including Student Rep Heather Felerski.

President's Comments:

Dr. Gutzwiller confirmed those returning to the Board and those leaving. Drs. Schneider, and Heitkemper are leaving the Board. Draft ballot will be prepared for Drs. Gutzwiller and Sparn approval before sending to members. We will have two members to be added to the ballot (Drs. Urmetz and Winchester) along with returning members (Drs. Gutzwiller, Bryant, Dahmann, Sparn, Pittenger, Role-Warren, Stevens). We had a potential person running for the Board who was not a current CAPP member. As such, it was discussed that a member at large position will be introduced. Motion made by Dr. Schneider, seconded by Dr. Dahmann. Motion carried w/ one abstention (Dr. Pittenger who recommended said person). (Edited: potential new member and new board member decided not to run for the 2021 Board.)

Tech services to assist with future virtual events that had been reviewed were shared with the group. Dr. Gutzwiller connected with a recommendation from our web hosting service who would charge \$165/hour. They felt confident they could handle all of our needs. They are willing to rehearse, dry runs, etc. They've recommended hosting on Teams as we have Microsoft account and this would be at no extra charge. Teams is thought to be more professional and there are options to attach documents which will work well for the post test. Dr. Heitkemper will reach out to Dr. Wygant to see if he is agreeable to working with the service or has any thoughts regarding such.

CAPP's Diversity Committee has set a date to meet next week. More information will be shared regarding brainstorming and outcomes.

Treasurer's Report: Dr. Pittenger shared the Treasurer's report with the Board via email. Coffers are low as normal for this time of year and especially since we had no fall programming. Dues statements go out to members mid-November

Virtual Coffee w/ CAPP – Set for October 23 @ 9 am. We've had two people respond thus far. Discussion occurred around finding ways to connect with members since we aren't having in-person events. We are going host a happy hour in November as an additional way to connect. For those who sign up, a little goody/treat bag will be delivered. Many volunteered to help to keep costs down (no shipping) w/ Dr. Bryant leading this marketing charge. Dr. Gutzwiller made motion to allow \$5 per attendee for this project. Dr. Heitkemper seconded the motion and the motion carried with no objection.

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OPA: Dr. Bryant shared the following:

- Annual strategic committee planning day is ongoing.
- Legislative day postponed and is now set for mid-November and will involve educational overview: how to talk to your legislator. Dr. Bryant will keep us updated as plans firm up.

Website: Dr. Stevens reported she's been busy following the malware attack on the website. All members have been contacted about changing their passwords.

Temporary passwords were sent out and she is dealing with individual issues with members as they arise.

Programs: Dr. Heitkemper

- February 5 – MMPI w/ Dr. Wygant. Tech issues reviewed (see President's comments)

Insurance/Managed Care: Dr. Role-Warren reported:

- *The following potential projects* to support the strategic plan priorities 2.1 and 2.3 are being discussed: (1) Basic webinar on insurance reimbursement targeted at early career psychologists, grad students and psychologists working in settings without much experience w/ billing (hospital-based psychologists); (2) Webinar specifically on Insurance Contracts: how to read them, how to negotiate them; (3) Proposal for OPA Convention on panel discussion w/ Insurance Committee w/ focus on basic insurance billing; (4) Write a letter that Advocacy can use in their work on telehealth coverage bill; (5) Write a letter on behalf of Insurance Committee to comment on CMS proposed cut to reimbursement; (6) Urge more Ohio psychologists to send in comments on CMS proposed cuts.
- *Collaboration* with other OPA Committees particularly Communications, Advocacy and Ethics is on-going.
- *List serv Topics:* some psychologists appear to be uncomfortable discussing billing questions publicly. One psychologist directly emailed asking about using an additional time CPT code (99354) to charge for a 90 min exposure therapy session for PTSD. The question was can CPT be used in combo with CPT 90837 and CPT99354 and if insurance denies as non-covered service, can client be billed for the additional time? This is an example of ongoing questions that

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- many psychologists have a webinar on basic insurance building and reading contracts may be helpful.
- *Old Issue Updates:*

The Committee approved the final draft of the letter clarifying which insurance companies allow which types of supervision. It is being forwarded to the contacts at insurance companies.

Health Behavior Assessment Code Issues: More insurance companies now have the 96156 code active in their system but APA needs more data on what the codes are actually paying. Most insurance companies have not updated the value for the HB codes so they are likely not paying well. It seems 96156 is not paying well relative to 90791. Some insurance companies ARE paying 95156 in combo with 96130 and 96136 all w/ medical diagnosis but not when psych testing requires pre-authorization. They deny the 96130 and 96136 without the required pre-authorization (but then won't pre auth those codes with a medical diagnosis). If anyone has reimbursement information, please forward to Jim Broyles.

Membership/Membership Marketing: Dr. Sparn shared no activity occurred in the past month on membership but she has been busy working with the nominating committee for potential 2021 board members.

Public Relations/Social Media Marketing: Thanksgiving Happy Hour will be a PR event of sorts (for our own membership).

Other Business: No other business was discussed.

The next Board Meeting is **November 12, 2020**.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Wilson, Executive Coordinator