

**Cincinnati Academy of Professional Psychology
Board Meeting
9/9/21**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, Drs. Bryant, Dahmann, Gutzwiller, Pittenger, Role-Warren, Sparn, Urmetz, and Winchester, and Ms. Nina Talavera (student representative) were present. Dr. Stevens and Mrs. Wilson were absent.

President Comments: Rachel Sparn

- Rachel welcomed our new Student Representative, Nina Talavera. All members introduced themselves to Nina. Nina was introduced to CAPP through Heather and like her is interested in working in the forensic sector. She is originally from Lexington, Kentucky and currently is in Dayton attending Wright State. Today is her 30th birthday!
- Inclusivity Chair --There was no activity during the summer. However, Victor Jones from the VA was identified as a potential speaker in the future.
- We discussed expanding our membership to Master's level providers. DAPA has always admitted Master's level providers as members. However, their entire model is different from ours and it does not seem to have helped them financially.

Treasurer's report: Joanne Gutzwiller

- Joanne had emailed the board the Treasurer's Report. We did not make money on the summer presentation. It is normal to experience a loss in the summer.
- Executive Coordinator rate: Laura has been at the same contracted rate (\$28/hour) for a number of years. She contacted Alexis to advise us she was raising her rate. However, we don't know what the rate is that she is asking. The Board agrees an increase is appropriate and that Laura does excellent work. We will propose a \$30/hour fee and see if that is acceptable to her. If not, we will review what she is planning to charge as we also must be aware of our membership numbers declining and our financial picture. Teri made a motion to offer Laura \$30 an hour, seconded by Bailey. The motion passed unanimously.

OPA: Bailey Bryant

- OPA Leadership Academy- mission to develop and nurture an active pipeline of future OPA leaders. There are a series of leadership webinars this month (October).
- <https://ohpsych.org/page/LDAWebinarSeries2021>
- Advocacy and Legislative Announcements- General Assembly will be back in next week through mid December.
- Conscience Clause- was passed into law (attached to the budget) that gives healthcare providers the right to refuse to offer or pay for medical services if it violates their moral or religious beliefs. https://www.americanbar.org/groups/health_law/section-news/2021/07/ohi-gov/

- 19 states have signed onto a lawsuit to reverse recent advancements in protections for LGBTQ rights.
- HB 122 Telehealth- Rep Fraser and Rep Homes introduced a telehealth bill in the Spring to allow for continued coverage of telemedicine. Passed through the house, is pending in the Senate.
- HB248- A bill being circulated that would allow individuals to decline mandatory vaccination for medical contraindications, natural immunity, or reasons of conscience and would prohibit public or private entities from discrimination against the person who declines vaccination by : denying service or access, segregating the individual, requiring the individual to wear a facial covering, or otherwise penalizing the individual financially or socially. <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/download?key=17329&format=pdf>
- SB 2 PSYPACT **We are a PsyPact state!!**
- Upcoming OPA Events: https://ohpsych.org/events/event_list.asp

Programs: Alexis Pittenger/Teri Role-Warren

We need to clarify with Laura that certificates are needed for workshops even though the information is sent to OPA. Everyone should get a certificate (emailed) but can have the participant name and license number blank to save labor. Teri will clarify with OPA whether we need to do post tests and evaluations after presentations.

We have nothing definite on future topics or speakers. When CAPP offered a presentation by Colleen Furey on Covid's effect with kids/adolescents nobody registered. Joseph Shannon, who did a well- received personality presentation for us years ago, might be good to have again. We will see what topics he has to offer. We could also get Victor Jones from the VA to talk on diversity since this topic (or ethics) is an Ohio continuing education requirement as well as something the Board wanted to do. Teri pointed out most people don't want to do diversity training so we might have a poor turnout. Doing this virtually would save us money in case the turnout is low, so we might want to do this while we are still doing virtual presentations. We will shoot for this for Nov 8 or 15th, 7:00 PM for 90 minutes, and Joe Shannon in January or February. Another possibility is David Reid on hypnosis; Bailey will give Teri his contact information.

Board Elections:

Board members should let Rachel know if they wish to be on the ballot next year. Also give her any recommendations for potential board members. The Board member should reach out to these people also and encourage them to apply.

Website: Amber Stevens

We are paying WebTech for several hours/month and need to utilize this more. Joanne suggested we add a "currently accepting new patients" to the web. The Board agreed this was a good idea.

Insurance/Managed Care: Susan Urmetz

The insurance committee is creating a new document explaining various company's reimbursement, supervision, etc. requirements.

There are a lot of emails coming up on the list serve on the CMS telehealth changes. Few psychologists have responded. This is critical to do as it impacts the future of telehealth, including fees being lowered and will lead other insurance companies in the same direction. Deadline is September 13th.

Membership/PR/Social Media Marketing: Nikki Winchester

We have two new member applications. Both have licenses in good standing. Nikki happens to know both of them and supports their membership. Nikki made a motion and Joanne seconded a motion to accept Rachel Blain as a member. Passed unanimously. Nikki made a motion and Joanne seconded a motion to accept Lindsay Kramer as a member. Passed unanimously.

Other business

Newsletter deadline: 9/17/21.

The next board meeting is October 14, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

James Dahmann, Ph.D.
CAPP Secretary