

**Southern California Association of Psychology Training Programs**  
**Meeting Minutes for February 5, 2018**

*Fuller Theological Seminary*  
*135 N. Oakland Ave.*  
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- I. Introductions- Scott Blesdoe, Sandra Kinney, Julie Jackson, Julie Hewett, Kendra Bailey, Valeria Romero, Nancy Crawford, Tina Armstrong, Giselle Collins, Sean Love, Carlos Perez, Robert Pate, Elaine Eaton, David Zableckis, Marjorie Graham-Howard, Ken Boyd, Lilia Sheyman (via phone), Mimi Curtis (via phone), Juliet Rhode-Brown (via phone), Elizabeth Schewe (via phone), Wendy Copca (via phone)
  
- II. Approval of Minutes – Marjorie Graham-Howard motioned to approve the minutes. Julie Hewett seconded the approval. The minutes of the last meeting were approved without change.
  
- III. Old Business
  - a. Beginning of the fiscal year; \$25 annual dues through 5/31/18 – Review of annual dues mailed to LaTonya Wood. Invoices are available on the SCAPTP website.
  - b. SCAPTP website – Please submit updated information to Scott Bledsoe.
  - c. Communication Issue: Conversations about problem students between graduate schools and practicum training sites – No updates.
  - d. Videotaping: How are practicum sites evaluating practicum student videotapes of client sessions? – Many sites have created documents to evaluate video tapes of sessions. Forms that sites are using can be emailed to Scott Bledsoe. Julie Hewett asked members what equipment is used for recording. Valeria Romero stated that Pacific Clinics uses refurbished iPhones uploaded to Office 365 which is HIPPA compliant. They are double-encrypted. Giselle Collins stated that Didi Hirsch uses digital video recorders transported using a locked bag and uploaded to a shared drive.
  - e. Computerized MATCH System for Practicum Sites: Should SCAPTP pursue this? – Scott Bledsoe reported that a MATCH system is used in Northern California, but SCAPTP has not proceeded due to costs in the past. David Zableckis stated that he thinks a computerized MATCH system would reduce stress at all levels. He spoke with students who also said they would be willing to pay a small fee to use the system as well in order to reduce stress. Sandra Kinney suggested that SCAPTP could combine to use the CAPIC system or pursue a collaboration. Elaine Eaton brought up the issue of cost for county sites that do not have a budget for practicum. Nancy Crawford raised the issue of a computerized system requiring a uniform application. Tina Armstrong discussed how a computerized system may not benefit students and would require other sites to get on board. Scott Bledsoe asked if members are interested in

having a vendor come since the last time SCAPTP has spoken with a vendor was approximately four years ago. Nancy Crawford moved to explore a computerized MATCH system further. Scott Bledsoe will look into having a vendor come to the June meeting. Elaine Eaton asked if MFT students or other disciplines could be included. Marjorie Graham-Howard suggested taking the information back to student governments from each program to get student/trainee input.

#### IV. New Business

- a. DMH Waiver System & impact on students in training – At the last meeting, David Zableckis raised the issue of DMH waivers for practicum students. At a Quick meeting, DMH stated that every practicum student with the required number of units needed a DMH waiver. Diane Guillory from DMH maintained that practicum students needed a waiver even though the argument was made that practicum students are not gathering hours toward licensure. Sites are handling the requirement in many different ways. Diane Eaton discussed the notice and pointed out that the hours practicum students are gathering are not for licensure. David Zableckis brought up the same argument to DMH, but DMH still stated that the moment students reach the unit/credit requirement, they are required to get a waiver. Diane Eaton described the training agreements between sites and schools that clearly spell out that practicum students are not gaining hours toward licensure. In the letter sent by Scott Bledsoe from Gilbert Newman, he asked if students could get a second waiver. However, only one waiver can be issued. David Zableckis brought up how it may be helpful to have a SCAPTP member serve as a liaison to DMH. Julie Hewett will discuss with Karen Enydedy if LACPA or CPA can provide further assistance. Tina Armstrong asked if any SCAPTP members have a connection to a congress person or city council person to advocate for students. Valeria Romero asked David Zableckis how he was bringing up the issue to students. David Zableckis stated that his plan was to discuss the issue with students in the interview. Scott Bledsoe asked if someone could craft language to explain to students. Tina Armstrong suggested that the DMH waiver could be addressed in practicum materials, but that students likely would not understand the long-term impact. Robert Pate brought up that it may be helpful to have some data regarding how long it typically takes to accrue hours for licensure. Members further discussed the impact on students. Tina Armstrong asked if SCAPTP could draft a document summarizing the information important to SCAPTP. Valeria Romero suggested forming a subcommittee to draft language for students and for advocacy at the legislative level. Tina Armstrong, Valeria Romero, and David Zableckis agreed to form a subcommittee. Goal is to have drafts by June SCAPTP meeting.

- b. Ethics Discussion – Psychologist roles in assisted dying:  
<http://www.apa.org/monitor/2017/12/ce-corner.aspx> – Marjorie Graham-Howard teaches a gerontology course and brought up that many physicians are hesitant to prescribe the medication for assisted dying. Robert Pate brought up conflicts between worldview and the law. Marjorie Graham-Howard discussed how the law makes assisted dying a possibility rather than making it a mandate for physicians. Sandra Kinney stated that she is from Canada and there have been ongoing, nuanced discussions regarding these issues that are likely to continue in the future.
- c. Dissertation status and its importance to clinical training, practica, and internship application – Kendra Bailey stated that dissertation status is not a make or break issue when reviewing internship applications as long as students are on track to complete their dissertation by the end of internship. Julie Hewett reported that The Help Group looks at the expected completion date. Valeria Romero stated that she discusses in interviews how not having their dissertation complete will impact their quality of life on internship. Sean Love brought up the issue of early application for postdocs when students are not close to completing their dissertation. Ken Boyd reported that Loma Linda will be requiring students to complete their dissertation prior to beginning internship. Members discussed how it would benefit students to have their dissertations complete in order to manage the stress of internship and how it takes an emotional toll on interns if their dissertations are not complete by the end of internship. Sandra Kinney brought up how the EPPP being broken into two parts may impact students even more.
- d. Call for nominations for secretary and co-chair positions – Robert Pate volunteered to fill the Secretary position. Members are encouraged to submit nominations for the Co-Chair position representing practicum and internship sites. Elections will occur at the June meeting.

V. Breakout group for DOTs and DCTs occurred.

#### VI. Updates & Announcements

- a. Site Announcements – No announcements.
- b. Agency Reminder: Please update your site info for the SCAPTP web page: <https://www.scaptp.org/directory>

Next Meeting: June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 10-12pm at Mount Saint Mary's University