

Southern California Association of Psychology Training Programs (SCAFTP)
Agenda

June 3, 2019

10:00 – 12:00

Alliant International University
1000 S. Fremont Ave
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- I. Introductions- In person attendance: Scott Bledsoe (APU), Robert Pate (CBU), Giselle Collins (Didi Hirsch), Joe Dadourian (BHC Alhambra), Akilah Reynolds (LAC USC), Val Romero (Pacific Clinics), Elaine Eaton (LACUSC), Humberto Hernandez (Cerritos College), Julie Jackson (Mt. St. Mary's), Greg Travis (Mt. St. Mary's), Shuka Jahromifar (Hillview MHC), Aileen Garibyan (Hillview MHC), Oscar Magdaleno (Hillview MHC, David Zableckis (Center for Integrated Fam. & Health Svcs.), Molly Burrets (Alliant), Erin O'Callahan (Alliant), Lidia Michel (The Help Group), Priscilla Barajas (The Help Group), Rebecca Romberger (Whittier College), Alvaro Campos (LAC DMH), Mimi Curtis (Tarzana Treatment Centers), Olga Belik (St. Johns Hospital in Santa Monica), Phone/video attendance: Laura Prescott (CSPP LA), Kendra Bailey (The Guidance Center Long Beach)

- II. Approval of Minutes from 3-4-2019 meeting: Mimi motion to approve, Elaine 2nd, approved with no changes

- III. Old Business
 - a. \$25 annual dues- pay to Tonya Wood at Pepperdine, Check with chair or Tonya with questions as needed
 - b. Strengthening our Partnership with LAC DMH- Alvaro Campos (20 years with DMH- currently at North East Mental Health), supervising psychologist with LAC DMH representing Dr. Jorge Partida Del Toro (Dr. Partida), Chief of Discipline. Most recent change of directorship at DMH- Jonathan Sharin (sp?) from the VA system; new director brought in discipline chiefs. Dr. Partida is interested in enhancing a partnership with SCAFTP; requesting participation in survey to assist DMH meeting program training needs (survey has already been distributed to programs on the listserv); focusing on developing training tracks such as children/families; also focusing on enhancing access to services, street psychology (homeless outreach), realigning access to substance abuse SAMSHA funding, eating disorders, developmental disorders, and the TAY population; hoping to develop a specialty in community mental health in LA county that includes co-occurring disorders, street/homeless populations; working on securing stipends for post-docs; renewed focus on recruiting and retaining trainees; lots of turnover in DMH; Elaine- praise for DMH having a discipline chief; how does this apply to contract DMH clinics? How does DMH relate to DHS? Alvaro- regarding contract clinics- budgeting, ebb/flow of funding leads to changes in services offered; director's initiatives will start with directly operated sites; trying

to renew the focus on utilizing psychologists for all that they are trained to do; one example of this is reincorporating testing in all of the directly operated clinics; DMH-DHS integration- moving to Orchid electronic health record; delays in publishing reports makes client follow up difficult at times; full integration is not certain at this time; Val- question about the DMH waiver issue; reviewed past SCAPTP discussion regarding waiver length impacting practicum students; Alvaro- working with local/state gov't and trying to lengthen waiver length, requested copy of SCAPT letter (Val will send to Alvaro); looking for a reinterpretation of how they choose to reinforce the policy- trying to have a state assemblyman address the issue at the state government level; David- practicum students not gathering hours are held to the same waiver length- this sometimes leads to discouraging students from starting their waivers and then losing waived years when not gathering hours at a DMH site; Alvaro- personally had a good experience in his own training, but sees students in recent years needing more and more hours to be marketable- DMH focus is on recruiting and retaining students; Olga- encouraged CPA advocacy through Tonya Wood as incoming Div. II president; Alvaro stated DMH has been talking with Tonya already and will continue to; unknown at this time whether post-doc stipends will extend to contracted sites; Olga- what do you need/want from SCAPTP? Alvaro- want to work directly with the schools to align what is done in the classroom with what is done in DMH clinics in a more direct way; discipline chief is now advocating on behalf of psychologist trainees for getting training needs met (e.g. # of testing batteries completed during practicum); DMH survey distributed (only schools should complete the survey, not sites)

- c. SCAPTP-CAPIC Proposal - Potential MATCH System Rebecca- BAPIC collaboration discussed by subcommittee. BAPIC has participation from 9 doc programs, 154 sites; they place 500+ students each year; need match participation #s from SCAPTP (secretary to compile school responses for submission); \$50 paid per student each year for match, students may rank 10 sites max, \$1600 per year per doc program, BAPIC hosts an annual practicum fair; training sites pay no fees for Match process; \$2500 for startup for match system, subcommittee working on possible discount- this fee goes toward writing code for match and any required training for those interested; portal for hosting student credentials (APPIC style) would result in an add'l \$50 fee per student, per year; online director fee per site- a centralized administrator; need 10 weeks lead time to build the site; we would likely need to have more than quarterly meetings to organize this large of a shift; special meeting suggested just for discussing a match system and what that commitment would entail; anyone with an "in kind" individual willing to do the coordinator position asked to send Rebecca their info; how did BAPIC get buy in from programs? Who is a member of SCAPTP? How is this determined? Important to have clarity for this if we reach a time where we want to vote on a Match. Dedicate fall 2019 meeting to discussion of Match; schools should discuss budgeting prior to

October meeting; shooting for 2021 spring match to start if approved; Greg- need more stringent criteria for membership retention; Olga- numbers are important for SCAPTP to have power/standing; in-person numbers tend to stay consistent, regardless of how many sites/programs are part of SCAPTP for UND purposes; would we want to differentiate voting from non-voting members? Robert- 2-stage voting? Sites (no financial investment in voting outcome) would vote first, then schools (would have to pay for match system if approved); David- several options for how to conduct such a vote: in-person vote? Only those who have paid dues? These issues will be further explored to hopefully set up a vote at the December meeting. Schools encouraged to have serious preliminary discussions with program directors, provosts, budgeting/finance directors, etc. regarding ballpark figures for a match system and whether they would be able to make it work within a particular fee range

- d. Update on situation at Argosy- Mimi- many students have crossed over to Chicago School of PP at different sites; many headaches with lost or missing documentation, but most students seem to have been successfully transitioned

IV. New Business

- a. Focus on UND procedures for 2019
 - i. Progress Report- Mimi- placed 14 students, good experience of modified UND procedures; 15 minutes worked well (as opposed to 30 minutes) for UND phone calls, general group feedback all positive on 15 minute window; new procedures appear to have worked well; Molly- requesting more consistent and helpful feedback from sites/supervisors during interview process- one example would be students being told they were not selected because they did not have requisite experience, but initial site information states that first year students are welcome to apply- more direct/clear feedback would be helpful for students and DCTs; Laura- would like suggestions regarding how students might get testing experience so that they can match with a site that requires/prefers already having testing experience, particularly if many clerkships have this preference even at the practicum level
 - ii. SCAPTP Reference Letter – Lidia Michel- created SCAPTP reference form to streamline reference process; the form specifically requests 2 areas for growth to encourage writers to actually include them and help the potential site make a better informed decision; this form was made for those in favor of keeping professional references, but in a shortened and somewhat standardized format; some modifications will be made, and the form will then be distributed as a Google Doc for the membership to review/modify; a finalized form will ultimately be uploaded to the SCAPTP website for general use
- b. Internship Issue – Potential APPIC policy changes to be aware of

- i. Instituting a provisional membership category for internship programs
 - ii. In the future, requiring accreditation for internship programs to participate in the APPIC Match.
 - iii. Joe- difficulty getting APPIC approval due to stipend not being high enough, can't get a raise through administration; Scott noted an example of a site that bypasses APPIC and still maintain APA accreditation
 - c. SCAPTP Chair (and other positions) Election
 - i. Review of SCAPTP issues over past 2 years- make UND more palatable/workable; DMH, BAPIC potential partnerships; keeping national issues on SCAPTP radar
 - ii. SCAPTP goals for the future- continued modification of UND process/procedures; establish and maintain training partnerships that benefit schools, sites, and, ultimately, students; presenting a strong and cohesive voice representing the training institutions of SoCal to local and state governing bodies for the benefit of our institutions and the students we train
 - iii. Election of new SCAPTP Co-Chairs- Robert Pate (California Baptist University), Giselle Collins (Didi Hirsch) elected co-chairs
 - iv. New Position approved by the attending group- Webmaster- Scott Bledsoe (APU), will manage SCAPTP website traffic, update school/site information, upload documents, etc.
 - v. New Secretary elected- Aileen Garibyan (Hillview MHC)
 - vi. New position approved by the attending group: Membership Chair- David Zableckis (Center for Integrated Family and Health Services) elected Membership Chair, in charge of managing membership data- will coordinate with SCAPTP secretary and treasurer regarding new and current member information, maintaining an up-to-date directory, information regarding active membership activities such as participation in UND, paying dues, voting, etc.

V. Additional Items

- a. Treasury Report (+ discussion on current SCAPTP funds) Approximately \$2000 in the fund; one possible use may be for the initial payment toward a match day system (e.g. BAPIC system costs approximately \$2500 to build); continued discussion needed for both match system and purpose for funds
- b. Agency Reminder: Please send me your updated site info for the SCAPTP web page: <https://www.scaptp.org/directory>

Next Meeting: October 7th from 10:00am-12:00pm at Hillview Mental Health Center in Pacoima: Aileen Garibyan (Hillview)