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**Important California Victory
Threatened by Lawsuit**

By Bill Safarjan, Ph.D.

In April of this year, the California Department of Health Services (DHS) modified Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations to recognize psychologists as independent providers in acute-care settings. The regulatory changes included the authority to admit, discharge, and transfer patients; provide the diagnosis of record; order restraint and seclusion; and direct the patient's overall treatment program. The change was an important victory for California psychologists, who have been fighting for more than 25 years to reconcile state regulations with state law. It was also an important victory for Psychology Shield, a

non-profit organization working collaboratively with the California Psychological Association and the APA Practice Organization to advance psychology in state-run, mental health facilities.

Since the Title 22 changes were put into effect, a lawsuit was filed by the Union of American Physicians and Dentists and the California Psychiatric Association to block their implementation. The lawsuit claims that the regulatory changes are illegal because the California Office of Administrative Law (OAL) bypassed public debate when it approved them. While the claim is

unfounded, the OAL will be forced to defend its action, and the attorneys retained by the Psychology Shield will have to provide legal assistance to ensure that the OAL is victorious. The lawsuit is but one of many hurdles that have collectively blocked implementation of state law and prevented public service psychologists from taking their rightful place as leaders of multidisciplinary teams. Psychology Shield will soon begin to mobilize its supporters raise the necessary funds to meet this challenge. If you are approached, please be generous.

**The World Health Organization
Announces First-Ever International Forum
on Community Mental Health Services**

In an effort to reduce the huge global burden of disease linked to mental disorders around the world, the World Health Organization (WHO) is launching the first ever global forum about community-based psychosocial rehabilitation services.

These rehabilitation services represent an alternative to psychiatric hospitals, and aim to provide local care to people with severe mental health disorders, including medication, psychological support, and rehabilitation activities. Services

can include protected apartments where patients can live, and opportunities for them to work. An estimated 450 million people worldwide are affected by mental disorders.

WHO is inviting people to write the Organization about community-based psychosocial rehabilitation projects that have worked well and about those which have not been successful. During the first phase of this forum, running from now through September 30, 2005, WHO encourages individuals, families,

members of professional, health-care and non-governmental organizations, and mental health representatives and providers around the world to tell us about their range of experiences.

“This is an innovative approach to finding out what works and what doesn't in community-based psychosocial rehabilitation”, said Benedetto Saraceno, director of Mental Health and Substance Abuse for WHO. “It is important that individuals, their families and



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those working in the mental health sector who have had first-hand experience give voice to the successes and how improvements could be made."

The shift to community-based rehabilitation is the most important advancement in services for people with serious mental disorders. Rehabilitation in the community is much more cost-effective and allows people to remain in the community with their families, friends and colleagues. The 2001 World Health Report titled "Mental Health: New Understanding, New Hope" recommends replacing large mental hospitals with community psychosocial rehabilitation facilities, which can provide better and earlier care, are more respectful of human rights and can help limit the stigma of mental health treatment.

However, as hospital beds are reduced, quality community services must improve. If not, there is a risk of increased burden on the family, increased medical problems and increased homelessness.

WHO will publish selected submissions in a report that will highlight issues, concerns and successful projects in developing community psychosocial rehabilitation services. This document will be of critical importance for WHO, and for countries to help providers, families and individuals develop plans to make a successful shift. An international conference will be planned in future as a part of this forum.

Notes to Editors

You are invited to include the details below, particularly in local newspapers and broadcast reports.

Individuals, families, mental health professionals, workers and providers, and government representatives are invited to send letters or reports on this topic to WHO's Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse by September 30, 2005. These letters or reports should be no more than 500 words and should include the following information:

- Description of services before the changes
- Description of what happened
- Description of the mental health system after the changes
- Lessons learned

The changes described can be from any time period between 1980 and 2005.

Letters or reports can be submitted by e-mail to: mnh@who.int or by regular mail to: Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, World Health Organization, 20, Avenue Appia, Ch-1211 Geneva, Switzerland.

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THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION DIVISION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS IN PUBLIC SERVICE



The Division of Psychologists in Public Service (18) was established in 1946 as a founding division of APA. It was created in response to the needs of the public in such areas as psychological practice, research, training, program development, and outcome evaluation. Among its goals, Division 18 works to protect and advance the profession, foster ethical practice, advocate for persons with mental illness, and promote quality care.

Public service psychologists are practitioners, researchers, university professors, legislators, program developers, clinical coordinators, managers, administrators, and more. Their clients include consumers of mental health services, managers, administrators, policy makers, elected officials, and the public. They work in a variety of settings, including state hospitals, community mental health systems, VA medical centers, criminal justice systems, police and public safety settings, state legislatures, and in academic institutions. In general, the services they provide are as varied as the persons they serve and the places they work.

Members of Division 18 help train more than half the clinical and counseling psychologists in the nation by providing the internship sites and administering the internship programs. Its members develop and implement mental health treatment programs for millions of persons in inpatient and outpatient settings, as well as community support systems. Through the work of its members, Division 18 has the potential to directly or indirectly touch the lives of most people living in the United States.

The Division Board includes the President, Past President, President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, Members-at-Large, Representatives to the APA Council, Student Representative, Newsletter Editor, Membership Chair, and five Section Chairs. To be a member of the Board of Directors, one must also be a Member of APA. The one exception is the Student Representative. The Board of Directors meets twice a year, and the sections typically meet annually at the APA Convention.

DIVISION SECTIONS

Members of Division 18 are encouraged to join the specialty section that most reflects their interests. A Chair, who is also a member of the Division 18 Board of Directors, heads each section.

COMMUNITY AND STATE HOSPITAL

Members of this section share common interests in such areas as psychological service delivery, research, program development, outcome evaluation, and systems management, within the context of public mental health settings. They frequently treat persons with serious mental illness and may have a particular interest and understanding of psycho-tropic medication. They also may work in rural areas and have interests in telemedicine. Some are advancing the practice of public service psychology by joining state psychological associations and building on the legislative successes of other states.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Members of this section work primarily with incarcerated people and with administrators who operate state or federal correctional facilities and detention centers. They provide professional support to one another through an exchange of information concerning the administration, assessment, treatment, ethical and training issues that are involved in this challenging line of work.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Members of this section work with law enforcement, fire departments, nuclear regulatory agencies, emergency medical services, and other public safety entities. They are involved in the selection of employees, fitness for duty evaluations, mental health programs, criminal investigative analysis (profiling), and hostage negotiations. They participate in the development of training, research, and implementation of effective mental health programs, including critical incident stress debriefing.

PSYCHOLOGISTS IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Members of this section share an interest in providing psychological services to native people in the United States and Canada. They typically work on reservations or reserves, employed by tribes, urban programs, or the Indian Health Service. This section provides them with an organized professional voice, advocacy for issues and concerns, and a communication network among their members who frequently work in isolated rural areas. As the newest section in Division 18, it welcomes all who have an interest in serving native people.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Psychologists working for the Department of Veterans Affairs serve our nations' veterans in a national network of health care facilities. Section members include psychologists and other stake-holders who promote the Department's mission through patient care, research, training, and consumer activities, and who form a national network to share ideas and concerns. The VA section is one of the more active sections in Division 18 and is the only VA-related group open to all VA psychologists.



Welcome New Division 18 Members!

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President's Column

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approved, 18 CE credits could be earned by attendees. Attaining approval will permit our Sections to mount continuing education programs which carry APA-sanctioned credits. Section Chairs contemplating or planning programs should consult Dr. Allen to ensure that APA criteria for advertising and conducting programs will be met.

New Fellows of the Division

During this year, the Board appointed a new Chair of the Fellows Committee who, however, is no stranger to public sector and state psychological affairs past Division president: Dr. Asher Pacht. Also appointed to the Fellows Committee were Dr. Ed Nightingale of the Minneapolis VAMC and Dr. Carol Mowbray of the University of Michigan. As a result of their efforts, I am pleased to announce that the Board has elected the following individuals as Division 18 Fellows:

Patrick H. Tolan, Ph.D.
Director, Institute for Juvenile Research & Professor of Psychology
University of Illinois, Chicago

Antonete M. Zeiss, Ph.D.
Assistant Chief & Director of Training
Psychology Service
VA Palo Alto Health Care System

Kathleen McNamara, Ph.D., ABPP
Lead Professional Psychologist
Department of Veterans Affairs
Honolulu, HI

Raymond F. Hanbury, Ph.D., ABPP
State Clinical Director, New Jersey
Crisis Intervention Response Network
Independent Practice, Manasquan, NJ

Patrick H. Flynn, Ph.D.
Deputy Director and Associate Director
for Health Services Research
Institute of Behavioral Research
Texas Christian University
Fort Worth, TX

Congratulations to these new Fellows of our Division!

Division Support for New APA Division of Trauma Psychology

In May, the Division Executive Committee voted to support the establishment of a Trauma Psychology Division in APA and informed

APA of this endorsement. Should the petition to establish this new division fail, the EC stands ready to establish a new Section of Trauma Psychology within the Division.

Division 18 at the APA Convention

(1) Program. Dr. Brian Pilgrim, Chair of the Program Committee, has put together a dynamite program for this year's convention. The program includes 18 presentations, symposia, and poster sessions on a variety of topics, including corrections, geropsychology, evidence-based practices, trauma, and psychosocial rehabilitation. Thanks once again to Dr. Pilgrim for coordinating this massive effort. Division 18 will again share a hospitality suite with the Association of VA Psychologist Leaders (AVAPL) which will be located at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. Section business meetings will be conducted in the suite, which left us with additional hours of content convention programming, well utilized by Dr. Pilgrim in assembling the Division's all-star program. As has become customary, the Division will host a breakfast for graduate students in psychology on Saturday, August 20, from 8:00 - 9:50 AM so stop in and have your eyes opened by a new generation of students, not just by the coffee. The Division 18 Business Meeting will take place on Saturday,

August 20, from 4:00 - 4:50 PM, followed by the Division 18 Social Hour from 5:00 - 6:50 PM. The theme of the Social Hour will be "Celebrating 60 Years of Public Service" and serve as a 'kick off' for the Division's 60th Anniversary year in 2006. In addition, winners of the Harold M. Hildreth Award and other Division awards will be announced and honored. So, please join us; we guarantee more than a few celery stalks and cheese cubes!

(2) APA Night at the NMAI

As you may already know, our Division and our Section of Psychologists in Indian Country are joining with the Society of Indian Psychologists to co-sponsor APA President Levant's special APA Night at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian. As part of Dr. Levant's diversity initiative, APA has arranged to have the museum opened exclusively on Friday, August 19, from 7:00 to 10:00 PM for up to 2,000 psychologist-members. There has been heavy advance interest in obtaining the free tickets for this sentinel event, so I urge you to make your arrangements now, if it is not already too late. Hope to see you there!

Mental Health In Corrections Consortium Grassroots Public Service Psychology at Its Best

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where students interested in correctional psychology met and discussed future directions. This growing student body and academic preparation, will help to insure that the quality of public service correctional psychology continues to grow.

MHCC 2006 is already well underway. The theme for 2006 is Offender Re-Entry: Best Practice Models for Reducing Recidivism. The conference will be held in Kansas City MO, May 1-3, 2006. MHCC is in the process of securing keynote speakers and making connections to other organizations. A call for papers should be available in the next few months. We are anticipating a great conference.

MHCC continues to work with other organizations dedicated to mental health

and corrections. MHCC is making excellent strides in developing connections to academic institutions and students, whom are the future of correctional mental health. MHCC is sponsored and supported by the Forest Institute of Professional Psychology, Springfield MO. More information on the Forest Institute and MHCC can be found on the Forest website, www.forest.edu, or by contacting Steven C. Norton Ph.D. LP Executive Director MHCC at nortonpsych@earthlink.net

MHCC would like to thank Dr. Mark Skrade, Dr. Don Denny, Dr. Bruce Leeson, Dr. Hodges Glenn, and Dr. Robert Reitz, plus many others, for the work and founding efforts toward the public good and Mental Health in Corrections Consortium.

PRESIDENTIAL PROGRAMMING: APA Night at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian



APA President Ronald F. Levant, EdD, ABPP, is sponsoring a special APA Night at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian on Friday, August 19 from 7:00pm-9:50pm during APA's 2005 Annual Convention in Washington, DC. The Society of Indian Psychologists, Division 18 (Public Service), and its subsection, Psychologists in Indian Country, are co-sponsoring the event. The Mitsitam Café, which

features Native foods found throughout the Western hemisphere, will remain open during the duration of the APA Night so visitors may purchase the indigenous cuisines of the Americas. Free tickets will be available to 2,000 APA members.

Update: All 1,000 advance tickets have been reserved. You may still acquire tickets on-site at the APA Special Events Desk in the APA Registration area during regular registration hours Wednesday, August 17 through Friday, August 19. On-site tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Advance tickets should also be picked up at the APA Special Events Desk. Please note that the museum is free and open to the public, so if you are not able to attend APA Night, we encourage you to visit the museum during their regular hours.



President's Column

Rounding Third, Heading for Home

Greetings and I hope you are having a productive and/or restful summer, whichever you are choosing to have. I want to take this opportunity to update you on Division activities during the past few months and provide you with a glimpse of the immediate future, as I round third base and head for home in my Division presidency.

Division Elections: The Kathys Have It!

By this point, you are undoubtedly aware that our intrepid Newsletter Editor, Dr. Kathy Harowski, has been elected as your new President-Elect. Dr. Harowski has served nobly as Editor and has always given lively and sage input to the Board over many years. She will take office at the conclusion of the Division business meeting at APA. I am also delighted to recognize the re-election of Dr. Kathy McNamara as one of our Representatives to the APA Council of Representatives. Her long experience in APA governance, unwavering tact, and generally savvy attitude make her a particularly effective advocate for our Division initiatives and goals and it is nice to see that she will be continuing in this role. Thanks also to the unsuccessful candidates who stepped forward as willing to serve the Division. As Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, Dr. Robert Kerns developed the slate of highly able candidates on which you voted and my thanks go to him for his efforts.

By-Laws and Section Officers

By now, along with the ballots for Section officers, you should have received a special ballot asking you to vote on proposed changes in the Division By-Laws. Reflecting the continuity and breadth of Division leadership, these changes were initially proposed by Dr. Steven Niesenbaum during his presidential term, developed by Dr. Robert Kerns during his term, and unanimously approved by the Division Executive

Committee in February. A major change is the election of three Members-at-Large, each to represent a cluster of related Committees and responsibilities. This will streamline Executive Committee functioning, ensure that only elected Board members are involved in the fiscal decisions of the Division, and incidentally also limit expenditures for the Midwinter Executive Committee Meeting. As President, I urge you to approve these much-needed and long-contemplated changes. With respect to the Section offices, I hope you will participate in voting and in the governance of your section. In the past, vote totals have often been disappointingly low so your vote really does count. From my days as a Section officer, I also recall what a chore it was to assemble candidate material and get mailings out to the membership. The Division has consolidated this task for the Sections under the aegis of our tireless Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Michael Neale. I want to thank him personally for this Herculean, sometimes thankless task and also express appreciation to his family, whose volunteer efforts in preparing the mailings saved the Division a considerable sum.

APA Practice Directorate / Association of VA Psychologist Leaders / Division 18 2005 VA Psychology Leadership Conference

For the first time this year, our Division was a full co-sponsor and partner in this important annual conference which brings VA psychologists and APA Practice Directorate leadership together with high officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purposes of advocating services for veterans and the military. In addition to content sessions stressing research and treatment for PTSD and psychosocial rehabilitation of the severely mentally ill, VA, APA, and Division 18 representatives had the opportunity to interact both formally through presentations and informally through conversations with Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs Gordon Mansfield and Under Secretary for Health Dr. Jonathon Perlin, to inform them of the service needs of veterans.

Robert W Goldberg PhD, ABPP, FAACP



Among those attending the conference were APA President Dr. Ron Levant; AVAPL President Dr. Terry Keane; Drs. Russ Newman and Randy Phelps of the APA Practice Directorate; Dr. Pat DeLeon; Dr. Fred Frese of NAMI; and VA Section Chair Dr. Richard Carothers, President-Elect Dr. Dolly Sadow, and myself from the Division. Drs. Carothers and Keane are members of a small group formulating specific recommendations to Deputy Secretary Mansfield at his explicit request. The Conference was thus a tremendous success in attendance (additional hotel rooms had to be secured), in content presented, and in the advocacy process.

Division 18/Alliant University Training for Prescriptive Authority

June 1st marked the deadline for applications to the Division 18/Alliant University training program for prescriptive authority for psychologists. The Division hewed to the standard that candidates needed to be public sector employees employed 'full-time' (at least 30 hours weekly) by a public agency or entity. I want to thank Drs. Bob Ax and Randy Taylor who represented the Division in this effort and spent many hours in program development, marketing, and application review, at times with what in retrospect were guidelines that may have been unhelpfully general. I also want to thank Drs. Steven Tulkin (Program Director) and Wendy Stock (Associate Director) of the Alliant University Postdoctoral Masters Degree Program in Clinical Psychopharmacology for joining the Division in what will be a historic initiative for American psychology.

Psychological Services Journal

As you are aware, we are delighted that Dr. Pat DeLeon has accepted the Editorship of the Division journal *Psychological Services*. I want to thank the Editor Search Committee

for their hard and efficient work in nominating Dr. DeLeon in such a timely fashion. The Committee consisted of Chair Dr. Kathleen McNamara and Members Drs. Robert Kerns and Dr. Robert Morgan, in consultation with Dr. Gary VandenBos of APA. Dr. DeLeon has appointed four new Associate Editors: Drs. Sheila Brandt, Leon Green, Jill Oliveira-Berry, and Morgan Sammons, with Dr. VandenBos serving as Managing Editor. This editorial team will assume full operation of the journal on July 1st. The first issue of 2005 will be off the presses in late June/early July with a second issue to appear in the fall. It is expected that a full, four-issue volume of the journal will be published in 2006.

Membership

Due to the efforts of our highly able and tireless Membership Committee Chair Dr. Bill Safarjan, the Division has recruited 141 new Members since last year's APA Convention, many of them younger psychologists who will infuse the Division with new ideas and energy. This nearly doubles the previous year's new membership and represents a substantial achievement in an era where countless organizations have difficulty generating interest and involvement.

Division 18 Attains APA Continuing Education Sponsor Approval

Thanks to the efforts of our Continuing Education Committee Chair Dr. Scott Allen, we are pleased to announce that the Division has been approved by APA as a sponsor of continuing education. We have applied to APA to approve 15 our of our 16 APA Convention symposia for continuing education credits; if all are

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Past President's

Although I technically have a couple of months left in my term as Past-President, it is clear that this will be my last Newsletter article from this perspective, and my last written opportunity to address our membership as a member of the Division 18 Executive Committee. Most important for me, at least, is to use this opportunity, as I have done in the past, to thank the entire membership and particular individuals who have contributed so much to the advancement of public service psychology and the Division, more specifically. I have also decided that, now that the primary responsibility for establishing and carrying out an agenda for the Division will be held by other leaders, it is a good time to express some wishes for future initiatives.

Reflecting on the past three years brings to mind any number of significant accomplishments. Here are just a few that I would like to particularly acknowledge. From an organizational perspective, the Division membership continues to at least hold its own at a time of diminishing membership of many of the APA Divisions. It is clear to me that we all owe a huge debt of gratitude to Bill Safarjan for all of his efforts as Membership Chair. Appreciation also goes out to Steve Nisenbaum who initiated efforts to bring our Division Bylaws up to date and to promote a reorganization of the Executive Committee to promote effectiveness and efficiency. Thanks to Kathy Harowski for her hard work and dedication to producing the most interesting and informative Division Newsletter among the several that I receive. Thanks to Joel

Dvoskin for his vision for our Division journal, *Psychological Services*, to our first Editor-in-Chief, Sandy Pederson, to our new Editor, Pat DeLeon, and to all of those who have put so much effort into getting this journal "off the ground". Thanks to Scott Allen and to others who have worked to maintain our APA accreditation for Continuing Education. And, finally, to all of my wonderful colleagues who serve on the Executive Committee, "thank you" for your commitment and service to our Division and to all of who work as psychologists in public service settings!

Over the past few years, I have been particularly gratified by our Division's efforts to foster linkages and partnerships both within and outside the APA. Bridges that have been established or reinforced with other components of the APA governance structure and functional organization (e.g., the Education Directorate, CAPP) and with outside partners (e.g., the Indian Health Service, the Association of VA Psychologist Leaders) are important accomplishments that have certainly strengthened our Division and deserve our continued attention. Of particular importance are organized (and yes, political) efforts to promote the nominations of our members for key positions on committees and boards within the APA. Ultimately, the success of our practice initiatives, our advocacy on behalf of our public service psychologists and those we serve, and our impact on policy will depend on the strength of these partnerships and our engagement within the APA governance.

THE DAWN OF A NEW CAREER

Pat DeLeon, Former APA President

The Peace Corps: We have come to appreciate that public service colleagues are a unique breed. Through these columns, we have been able to share the Peace Corps journey of Ernie Lenz - after 37 years on active duty in the U.S. Army. "Hello World. As of 9 April, there are now 29 more volunteers who bear the proud title 'Returned Peace Corps Volunteer.' This indicates that we successfully completed our tour of service. On Tuesday, 5 April, our school at Panabaj was certified by the Ministry of Education as a 'Healthy School.' We had quite a ceremony and were all very excited. I extended my service for a week because of certification. I flew out on Saturday, 16 April. Really glad I did the PC and would do it over. Aloha,

"Some reflections on two years of Peace Corps Service. Peace Corps Guatemala. What?!?. It is time for our Close of Service conference? It couldn't be. But, it is. Two years have passed as if they were two months. And just what have these two years meant? One of the ways I evaluate any situation is to ask myself: Given the option would I do it over again? In the case of the Peace Corps, as with most other experiences in my life, the answer is a definite 'yes.' Yes, to the opportunity to serve in a unique and beautiful county like Guatemala. Yes, to the opportunity to work with and for the T'z'utuhil Maya people, especially the children and teachers I have interacted with.

"The Peace Corps has three goals: First,

Column

I continue to be impressed with the capacity of our Division and its membership to foster and support state-of-the-art science and the highest quality educational programs. It seems to me that it is critical that our Division increases its visibility as a As the Division leadership continues its focus on advocacy for our profession and for the patients that we serve, I want to call for even greater attention to the need to advocate for funding for research that informs our practice and for funding for traineeships across our several public sector settings. It is critical that we remain "at the table" when psychological and interdisciplinary research and education are being discussed so that our specific goals and objectives can be addressed.

Perhaps the biggest challenge that the Division faces is to keep a focus on the persons that we serve as professionals. As many of you know, my personal commitment to Division 18 is a function of my view that our Division is among the strongest in terms of its historical focus on advancing key initiatives within APA. The recent history of Division highlights some of our particular successes, including the development of initiatives related to workplace and domestic violence, psychosocial rehabilitation of the seriously mentally ill, and most recently, the Division prescription privileges initiative. In this context, I want to call on the membership, most likely through our Sections,

to do grass roots development; second to share part of our culture and who we are with the people; and third to share with our fellow Americans what we have learned from our host nation. In other words, 'to bring the world back home.'

"Let us take a look at each of the three goals, in turn. As for development, one day stands out in my mind. When I arrived at the larger (407 students) of my two schools, as usual, there was a lot of activity going on. Two of these activities caught my immediate attention. One of the kindergarten classes, which has the detail this week, was cleaning up the bathrooms and the schoolyard. Thanks to a lot of hard work by a lot of good folks, we now have one of the cleanest schools in

Robert D Kerns, PhD



to work to identify key issues that deserve the attention of the organization. As we struggle with professional or "guild" issues, let's not forget that our primary objective must be to work on behalf of the people we serve in public settings.

As you all know, it takes a lot of effort to maintain, let alone grow, an organization of the scope and diversity of interests as Division 18. I thank you for electing me to work on your behalf and hope that you appreciate my efforts. More importantly, I hope that you will all offer your time and support to the current officers and leaders of our Division as they work to advance public service psychology!

See you in DC in August.

Guatemala. We even have toilet paper in our latrines, which most other schools do not. While this was going on, the teacher of one of the two first grade sections, was leading her entire class to the 16 new sinks an NGO (Non-government organization), Water for Health, just built for us. Everyone, including the teacher, had a toothbrush. This teacher led her students in brushing their teeth. Most of our students will never see a dentist in their lifetime, unless it is for extreme pain or if a church group comes down with a visiting dentist. It took a lot of work to get to this point, where the children are practicing healthy habits on a daily basis. Any psychologist, who has been involved in a mass behavior change effort, knows how difficult this can be. Thank you, B.F. Skinner and Albert Bandura. In many ways, for a psychologist serving in the Peace Corps, an entire country becomes a dynamic, in vivo laboratory.

"Perhaps sharing with the people and learning who they are and who we are, is one

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of the best parts of being in the Peace Corps. During our three months of training, we each lived with a family. I spent this past Christmas time visiting with my family. They really are family.

"Here in Santiago Atitlan, I have learned so much. Living in town you get to know a lot of people, merchants, teachers, the local police, and, of course, a lot of children. Learning about the rich Maya culture has been an exhilarating experience. I even got to know some of the cofradias, members of a traditional religious brotherhood that goes back to the time of the Conquest. They keep alive folk traditions and pass it down in time. I think Robert Carlsen is right. In his book, *The War for the Heart and Soul of a Highland Maya Town*, he sets forth the hypothesis that the Mayan people have never really been conquered. They have taken everything that was imposed on them, since the time of the Conquest, and shaped it to fit their own beliefs.

"I will be taking many wonderful memories and experiences back home with me. Some of the best memories will be of my fellow volunteers. Our young volunteers are absolutely superb. They are just what John F. Kennedy had in mind, when he founded the Peace Corps. Their modal age is 25. Some of them celebrated their 22nd birthday here. They are truly some of the best people America has produced. I have been very honored that many of them have come to me for consultation on future career plans. My fingers are tired from typing letters of recommendation for them for graduate work, but my heart rejoices in the effort. During my entire two years I have been grateful to the U.S. Army for my doctoral training in psychology. I have been able to use it everyday here. I know that we can truly bring the world back home. John F. Kennedy predicted it in 1961. He said: 'The logic of Peace Corps is that someday we are going to bring it home to America.'

"Based upon my Peace Corps experience, I intend to continue my life of public service. Even if this means simply writing to legislators and others with my opinion, especially about international relations. I believe it is possible to maintain national security and at the same time to reach out and facilitate the development of others. The Spanish expression 'vale la pena' means 'something is worthwhile.' The Peace Corps is truly 'vale la pena.' To reach out and assist others is 'vale la pena.' As psychologists we do it everyday."

The Conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan: On May 23rd, Senate Committee on Armed Services members Lindsey Graham and Hillary Clinton invited the Senate community to an APA luncheon briefing entitled: *Psychology in Service to America's Military Personnel, Veterans and Their Families.* "The briefing will provide an overview of cutting-edge models of training, research and clinical interventions designed to meet the changing needs of our military personnel, veterans and

their families.... Psychologists play an important role in training, research, and direct clinical care in the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs. We encourage you to join us in learning about the ways in which psychological research and practice help to meet the mental health needs of military personnel, veterans, and their families."

"I was privileged to attend a presentation by the APA for Congressional staffers on the impact of psychological care on our military personnel, veterans and their families. Three presenters, Terrence Keane, Associate Chief of Staff for Research and Development, VA Boston Healthcare System; Antonette Zeiss, Assistant Chief and Director of Training, Psychology Service, VA Palo Alto Healthcare System; and Harold Wain, Chief, Psychiatry Consultation Liaison Service, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, shared their successes, challenges and vision for the future of psychology in the recovery of our wounded heroes. Although there are multiple, weekly briefings offered for the Congressional health staffers, few are as well-attended as this one was, and even fewer speakers have the ability to maintain the audience for the entirety of the time allotted. The riveting stories offered by the speakers, as well as their obvious and genuine respect for the patients they serve, kept staffers in their seats until the end.

"As an active duty nurse, I found Dr. Zeiss' presentation on innovative training programs significant in the focus on educating providers in military culture. Certainly, if there is to be a rapport established between 'civilian' provider and 'military' patient, it is incumbent upon the provider to understand the lifestyle of the warfighter, the responsibility for subordinates he/she bears, and the chain of command within which he/she serves. Additionally, the degree to which interns grasp the military justice system, the veterans' benefits and compensation issues, and the individual and organizational desires (which may be in conflict) to return injured members to duty is critical to their ability to establish a relationship and rehabilitate these patients.

"Dr. Keane illuminated the VA as the national and international leader of research on the psychological outcomes of war. He compared and contrasted today's soldier with those of the Vietnam era, and pointed out staggering differences in the two, differences we may know intuitively, but may not have fully considered in how they affect treatment. Today's soldier is in his/her 30's, has a family, is very likely to be a Guard or Reserve forces member, and can communicate in real-time via cell phone and internet with family members. (On a personal note, my father heard these words on a cell phone call to my brother stationed in Baghdad: 'Dad, can I call you back? We're in the middle of a rocket attack.') These differences may contribute to both the soldier's emotional resilience in the face of polytrauma, or may hinder his recovery by adding additional stressors. Dr. Keane stressed the criticality of using evidence-based practices in treating these individuals.

The understanding the VA has gained has sparked therapist-assisted, internet-based psychological care, among other treatment modalities, such as exposure to trauma memories, cognitive therapy, anxiety management, and the appropriate use of psychopharmacology. The VA has truly set the benchmark for mental health care of our physically and emotionally wounded veterans.

"The icing on the cake was the presentation by Dr. Wain, whose Preventive Medical Psychiatry (PMP) program at Walter Reed Army Medical Center has revolutionized and de-stigmatized mental healthcare for returning soldiers. His approach uses Therapeutic Intervention and Prevention of Chronic Psychiatric Stress Disorders (TIPPS) as its centerpiece, and effectively combines a therapeutic alliance with humor, patient readiness, psychotherapy, recognition of patient strengths, and normalization to aid in recovery. One of the key aspects of their program is early intervention, or at a minimum, early availability to the patient, WITHOUT a medical referral. Removal of the artificial 'referral barrier' facilitates a multidisciplinary team approach for injured soldiers, expedites care and reduces the need for emergency psychiatric intervention.

"As men and women return from war, physically or psychologically injured, our military and VA systems are poised to respond in creative, effective ways. We will not leave another generation of warriors to battle their demons alone." [Lt. Col. Vicki Ball is an Active Duty U.S. Air Force nurse, currently serving as a Congressional Detailee in the office of Senator Daniel K. Inouye. Prior to this assignment, she was stationed at Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nevada, and many other "temperate" environments, like Tallil Air Base, Iraq. A South Carolina native, and future Floridian, she has never lived anywhere this far North, this cold or this wet. Views expressed are personal, and do not represent the USAF or DoD.] Our thanks to APA CEO Norm Anderson, a long time public servant, who moderated the panel.

The House Committee on Appropriations, in considering the FY' 2006 Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs appropriations bill, clearly recognized the importance of mental health care: "The Committee directs the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense to jointly study mental healthcare, the onset and nature of PTSD, panic disorder, and bipolar disorder. Also to improve mental health testing, tracking of returning combat duty servicemen, to include the Reserve Component for a period of not less than 10 years. In addition, the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs are encouraged to establish a classification for psychiatric nurses, and increase hires of individuals with those capabilities. The Committee notes that more than 20 years ago, the Congress established a Department of Veterans Affairs Special Committee on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder to determine the Department's capacity to provide assessment and treatment for PTSD and to guide the Department's educational, research, and benefits activities with regard to PTSD. The Special Committee has provided the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Congress with annual reports that contain recommendations for improving PTSD programs and

some progress has been made. But it is also clear from the most recent report, dated October, 2004, that much more needs to be done so that this issue is given its proper attention." And, "In the opinion of most experts in the field, mental health issues will be the most pressing problem for the Department of Veterans Affairs in the coming years...."

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Journal: I was extremely pleased to be offered the editorship of our Division's journal by President Bob Goldberg. Former community mental health center director Gary VandenBos will serve as Managing Editor, with Associate Editors Shelia Brandt, Leon Green, Jill Oliveira-Berry, and Morgan Sammons. Brief autobiographies: Shelia - My clinical training and employment have been within the public sector: predoctoral internship with BOP in Petersburg, VA. Employment: VA Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN; Virginia Department of Corrections; and Wisconsin Department of Family and Human Services (conducted treatment with incarcerated men and psychological assessment of offenders committed as mentally ill and dangerous) BOP. Professional Interests - assessment and treatment of mentally ill offenders; assessment and management of stress within law enforcement employees, public policy related to mental illness and the criminal justice system; clinical training and forensic assessment. Currently: Forensic Psychologist with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Leon - I completed my doctoral training in clinical psychology at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and Rutgers University in New Brunswick. I received my doctorate from Rutgers. I have been a psychologist at the VA New Jersey Health Care System since 1983 and have been Associate Chief, Mental Health & Behavioral Science since 1997. I have focused my clinical care of patients and research in the areas of behavioral medicine and posttraumatic stress disorder. Jill - Director of Behavioral Health Program at Na Pu'uwai Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems Clinic and Staff Supervisor in the NativeHawaiian Psychology Training Program at Tripler Army Medical Center. Interested in rural primary health care service delivery and training, reducing ethnic minority health disparities through increasing access to care in medically underserved areas in Hawaii, and prescriptive authority for psychologists. Member of the APA Committee on Rural Health. Jill received the Division's Early Career Achievement Award in 2004. Morgan - A prescribing psychologist and one of the first graduates of the DoD Psychopharmacology Demonstration Project. I have long been active in the federal sector as an active duty commander in the U.S. Navy, currently serving as Director for Clinical Support at the U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, where I oversee policy development and clinical service delivery for all shore-based Navy medical installations. A member of the APA Council of Representatives and the Policy and Planning Board. [Morgan was just selected for Captain.] We intend to publish the journal four times a year, up from its current biannual status. Visit us at www.apa.org/journals/ser/edboard.html.

Aloha.



Mental Health in Corrections: Transforming Care, Transforming Lives

July 17-18
Hyatt Regency Chicago

Meeting Times
Sunday, 8 am
(preconference roundtable discussion)
Sunday, 9 am to 5 pm
Monday, 9 am to 4 pm

Location

The Hyatt Regency is adjacent to Chicago's famed Magnificent Mile and just a few blocks from favorite visitor destinations downtown, in Grant Park and on Lake Michigan. Through June 24, conference participants will receive a special room rate of \$144. To reserve a room, call the hotel at (800) 233-1234 and mention that you are attending the NCCHC conference.

Continuing Education Credit

NCCHC is approved by the American Psychological Association to offer continuing education for psychologists, who may earn up to 13 CE hours at this conference. CE also is available for nurses, and NCCHC has applied for approval to provide CME for psychiatrists and other physicians.

Registration Fees

The full registration fee is \$195. For members of the Academy of Correctional Health Professionals, it is \$120. (If you wish to join the Academy, you may do so when you register for the conference. See www.correctional-health.org to learn about the organization.) Guest registration (meal functions only) is available for \$40. The roundtable discussion is free.

To Register

Register online at www.ncchc.org, or complete the registration form in the preliminary program, which you can obtain by calling (773) 880-1460, e-mailing info@ncchc.org, or downloading at www.ncchc.org.

Educational Conference Provides Solutions for Challenges of Correctional Mental Health Care

By Jaime Shimkus

Have America's jails and prisons become its new asylums? That question was probed in a recent episode of the PBS television series "Frontline," which visited the Ohio state prison system to provide a compelling look at the burgeoning problem of mental illness behind bars.

"It was surprising to see how much treatment was going on inside Ohio's prisons," the show's producers said. "And while the prison system is doing a commendable job, you are still left with the feeling that prison is not the answer to this very large social problem." (Titled "The New Asylums," the episode is available online at www.pbs.org/frontline.)

Frontline did a valuable public service by raising awareness about this largely hidden "social problem." But the issues are all too familiar to the American Psychological Association and other groups that have been working on solutions for years. They're also a daily reality for the thousands of correctional administrators and clinicians who are grappling with the challenges of providing adequate care to nearly half a million inmates with mental illness.

The program offered no answers for these "unexpected and ill-equipped gatekeepers," of course. For that, the correctional health community must look to the experts.

For the second year, the National Commission on Correctional Health Care is teaming up with the APA to offer much-needed help. An intensive, two-day conference in Chicago this summer will provide correctional health professionals with information, resources and solutions

to help them better manage the patients under their care.

More of a Good Thing

In 2004, NCCHC's first-ever conference on mental health care received extraordinary attendance and garnered tremendous reviews. This year will bring more of the same, and then some. Featuring an invited faculty possessing in-depth knowledge and expertise in correctional mental health care, the program incorporates the latest research findings, new approaches to care and treatment, and best practices. Among the sessions and presenters in the two-track lineup are the following:

- Behavioral aspects of pain management (Kelly Egan, PhD, MPH)
- Cost-effective psychotropic medication programs (Jane Haddad, PsyD)
- Designing and managing effective mental health care programs (Judith Robbins, JD, LCSW)
- Differentiating genuine needs from manipulative behaviors (Scott Savage, DO, FACEP)
- Evaluation and treatment of ADHD for juveniles and adults (Joseph Penn, MD)
- Implementing an effective opioid treatment program (Scott Chavez, PhD, MPA, PA-C)
- Interventions for the mentally ill sex offender (Dean Aufderheide, PhD, MTH)
- Legal and ethical issues of disciplinary proceedings (Jeffrey Metzner, MD)
- Mental health and substance

abuse: Principles of care for co-occurring disorders (Fred Osher, MD)

- National standards and guidelines for mental health care treatments (Judith Stanley, MS)
- Suicide prevention: Can the numbers be reduced? (Lindsay Hayes, MS)
- Treating trauma among victims of physical and sexual abuse (Lisa Najavits, PhD)
- Women's mental health care needs (Joan Gillece, PhD)

Broad Support

Underscoring its importance, this meeting has garnered broad support among major national organizations in the fields of mental health care. Along with NCCHC and the APA, the meeting is being cosponsored by the Academy of Correctional Health Professionals and the American Psychiatric Association, marking the first time that these four groups have cosponsored a conference. Signing on as conference supporters are the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, the American Academy of Psychiatry & the Law, the American Association for Correctional and Forensic Psychology, the American College of Neuropsychiatrists, the American Counseling Association and the American Society of Addiction Medicine.

For more information about the conference or to obtain a preliminary program, visit the Web at www.ncchc.org or call (773) 880-1460.

Jaime Shimkus is NCCHC's publications manager.

Division 18 Diversity Task Force

We would like to take this opportunity to let you know about the Division 18 Diversity Task Force! This newly formed Task Force strives to expand the diversity of Division 18 membership, to increase the membership and activity of division members with diverse backgrounds (i.e. people of color, women, graduate students, and early career psychologists), and to encourage these individuals to take advantage of leadership opportunities and influence our practices and professional lives.

One of the first initiatives of the Diversity Committee is the creation of a mentoring program for Division 18 Ethnic Minority Graduate Students and Early Career Psychologists. This program will pair graduate students and early career psychologists with seasoned psychologists within Division 18. Mentors will advise and support mentees on a range of social and professional issues such as career growth, leadership opportunities, and more. In order to start this mentoring program, we need your help in recruiting both seasoned Division 18 members and

graduate students and early career psychologists who would be willing to serve as mentors or mentees. A one-year commitment is required and applications are due August 15th. If you are interested in becoming a mentor or a mentee, please contact Monica Roy at monicaroy11@hotmail.com.

Another project we are working on is creating a training program for working with diverse clients including brochures, videos, resource lists, networking with people who have ideas and opportunities for employment, research and practice.

Current committee members and individuals who have helped start this initiative include Dolly Sadow, Jeanne Bennett, Kim Cornish, Jason Doll, Sherri Edwards, Katina Shine, Al Sirota, Pam Morris, Sandra Streitman, Bradley Karlin, Monica Roy, and Mary Lu Bushnell. We welcome new members! If you are interested in joining the committee and/or subscribing to the listserv, contact Mary Lu Bushnell at mlbushnell@yahoo.com.

Division 18 Newsletter Opportunity TIME FOR A NEW EDITOR

Thanks for the opportunity to communicate with and work with many of you over these past.... I won't say how many years! while putting the Division 18 newsletter together. It's a great learning opportunity for someone new to the Division who wants to become more involved and a good moment for a transition in editor. My initial commitment was to keep the newsletter front and center as a regular source of communication as the Division developed both Psychological Services and the web page and to begin the process of integrating information flow as these new resources came to life.

It's time for the Division and a new editor to consider possibilities and changes to the newsletter which remains our main communication link. I will put my last issue together this summer and it would be great to have a new editor on board to participate and observe the process. I would be remiss in not saying thank you to Tonia Miller of Paper Perfect in Owatonna, Minnesota who has done excellent work in desktop publishing this newsletter over the years and would encourage the new editor to consider working with her. She has a strong working relationship with many of our contributors and has been a well organized and timely virtual resource. As contributors to the newsletter know, information flow and set up is all done electronically which allows us to link easily in terms of our national group of contributors getting information from one place

to the other. I also have to thank Bill Safarjan for his amazing efforts in managing the membership data base for Division 18. And thanks to members who have made the extra effort to write for the rest of us.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information on the duties of the newsletter editor. The editor coordinates and organizes material for three or four editions each year, works with desktop publisher to set up and proof the newsletter, and arranges for mailing via bulk mail. This requires close communication with the Division 18 Executive committee, including the membership chair, and membership in terms of encouraging writing contributions. There is much room for creative initiative in the form of special focused editions and asking for contributions on areas of great interest to Division 18 members.

I want to close by saying that in all my volunteer efforts to organize and create opportunities for psychology, this role has been among the most gratifying because it does allow bringing people and information together in a positive way. These past years have been productive ones for 18 and it has been great to be part of that process as well. What a pleasure to highlight our efforts to make change for those we serve as public sector psychologists.

Kathy Harowski



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Criminal Justice SECTION REPORT

Steven C Norton, PhD, LP

The Criminal Justice Section (CJS) is in the process of conducting elections for Section Secretary-Treasurer. Most likely, by the time this article is published, CJS will have a newly elected Secretary-Treasurer. CJS was fortunate to have many good applicants for the position. As many of you know, having a slate of candidates for any CJS office has not occurred for many years. This slate is a very positive sign for growth of the section, reflecting not only increased participation but increased interest as well. The Secretary-Treasurer position is an important component of section business. This position keeps track of section funds, controls section membership information, and closely collaborates with the section chair on section activities and future direction. The Secretary-Treasurer position most importantly provides an opportunity to become familiar with both section and

division business, the two years of experience are vital to the continuation of important section and division goals. While section by-laws, are not designed for an automatic move from secretary-treasurer to section chair, this is often the sequence of change. Perhaps, a more formal designation of the position sequencing to the chair position is needed.

The Chair Position for the section will be capably filled by Dr. Robert Morgan from Texas Tech University. Dr. Morgan has held the Secretary-Treasurer position for two years and served as an interim Secretary-Treasurer for the Division. This background provides an excellent background and preparation the position of Section Chair; CJS is in capable hands. I look forward to working with Bob and the new Secretary-Treasurer.

CJS continues to finalize plans for the APA conference. The Section is particularly excited to present Dr. Stephen Wormith's CEU presentation on "Rehabilitating Correctional Treatment: What Works for Offenders" which will be held Sunday 8/21/05, from 8:00-11:50. Dr. Wormith is one of the preeminent researchers in the area of treatment for antisocial individuals and will be an excellent presentation. CJS hopes this is the beginning of an annual CEU offering for correctional psychologists. I strongly encourage all CJS members to attend this presentation.

A second CEU presentation of high relevance to CJS is by Dr. Thomas White on "A Suicide Assessment Protocol For Correctional Populations." Dr. White is an expert in this area (plus a former CJS Section Chair) and the presentation will provide important information.

Other CJS presentations include "Associates and Adult Criminal Behavior: Theory, Research, Treatment and Evaluation", J. Mills Ph.D.; "Psychopathology and Utilization of Mental Health Services among Federal Offenders," P. Magaletta, Ph.D.; "Applying DBT in Correctional Settings: State Federal and International Perspectives," A. McLearn, Ph.D.; and "The Brain Behind Bars: Perspectives on Injury and Aggres-

sion," P. Magaletta Ph.D. Please attend and introduce yourself to your Criminal Justice Colleagues.

CJS will be conducting a section Business meeting and a brief social hour on Friday 8/19/05 from 11:00-12:00, the meeting will be held in the Div 18 Suite. Section business and future directions will be the highlight of the meeting. Also note the Div 18 Business Meeting and Social Hour held Sat 8/20/05 from 4-4:50 (meeting) and 5-6:50 (social hour.)

Please look for a listing and handout of all relevant section activities at the APA Division Services table as well as available during the section business / social hour.

The Criminal Justice Section and myself personally would like to congratulate Dr. Kathy Harowski as the new Division 18 President-Elect. Dr. Harowski brings a wealth of experiences and solid perspectives to the position, the Division will continue to be in good hands.

CJS and the Division have a strong and positive future. I would like to thank you all for the last two years.

Mental Health In Corrections Consortium Grassroots Public Service Psychology at Its Best

Steven C. Norton Ph.D.

Public Service Psychology embraces the principles of providing psychological services to those clients in public programs and agencies which serve the public good. Often these clients are the underserved; often psychologists working in these programs experience limited resources and limited training. Correctional systems are one of these public service arenas.

15 years ago, a small group of psychologists from the United States Penitentiary Leavenworth KS and the U.S. Military Disciplinary Barracks at Leavenworth, began a conversation which continues to this date. These psychologists recognized, their role as treatment providers and correctional psychologists was a complex position, having a potentially pivotal impact on many different individuals in the public arena. These psychologists knew their work had a significant public service impact.

This group recognized in order to conduct their work in a professional and effective manner, more knowledge was

needed to improve skills and educate themselves and their colleagues. The group also quickly realized though this knowledge and potential training was very limited. Few conferences existed which addressed issues applicable to correctional work, textbooks were limited in scope, most "training" occurred on the job. In even a more negative view, there was some professional perspective which suggested correctional psychology was not overly effective, and therefore training was not really necessary. In true grassroots-public service fashion, this group decided to do something to improve the situation.

What came from this conversation was the first mental health in corrections conference, which would transform into the Mental Health in Corrections Consortium. Mental Health in Corrections Consortium presents the annual Mental Health in Corrections Conference (MHCC) which provides quality and timely training for all mental health professionals, working in correctional institutions.

As a true grass roots, public service organization, MHCC is dedicated to the correctional mental health professional and the clients served by correctional agencies. MHCC focuses on skill development from a real based perspective-what really works for the correctional professional. Presenters at the annual conference are often practicing correctional mental health professionals whom have conducted research and honed their skills in the correctional world.

Annual MHCC conferences have fluctuated in size and complexity, but have always stayed true to the public service good. Each year a conference theme is identified and presentations are geared toward that theme. Prominent keynote speakers are brought in to provide cutting edge opinions and discourse.

In 2003, MHCC took another step forward by creating an Executive Director position. The position was designed to provide continuity for the conference and program from one year to another. The Executive Director will be responsible

identifying speakers and presenters, soliciting exhibitors and sponsors, and helping to create a solid base for each conference year. The Executive Director is amply assisted by an Advisory Board of correctional mental professionals from across the country.

MHCC 2005 saw a focus on treatment interventions for the general correctional client. Treatment and programmatic approaches for antisocial inmates were the main focus of the conference presentations. The presentations were excellent and well received. The keynote speaker was Cheri Nolan, Assistant Director at the U.S. Attorney General office, in charge of offender programming. A lunch time speaker, Robin Casarjian from the Lionheart Foundation, completed the program. Both presentations were well done and provided valuable information for attendees.

MHCC '05 saw the first, and hopeful beginning of many, student meetings,

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VA Section Report

Richard A. Carothers, Ph.D.
Chair

I am taking this opportunity to write my last report as Section Chair of the VA Section. I have enjoyed holding this office for the past two years and seeing the progress that our profession has made in the VA system. I have also enjoyed the working relationships and friendships that I have established through this process. It has been my privilege to work with gifted and dedicated psychologists within the Division and Section as well as in AVAPL and the Practice Directorate. I will save some special thanks to the end of this article.

As always I want to point out the members of the Section Executive Committee. They are:

Chair: Rich Carothers, Ph.D.
Chair-Elect: Jim Breckenridge, Ph.D.
Past-Chair: Dolly Sadow, Ph.D.
Secretary: Jacqueline Jolly, Ph.D.

The Section Executive Committee has continued with the monthly "open conference calls" the first Wednesday of the month at 2:30 p.m. (C.S.T.) I appreciate the continued participation of members Bob Goldberg, Ph.D., Jim Besyner, Ph.D., Brian Pilgrim, Ph.D., Rose Bostick, Ph.D., Mike Neale, Ph.D., Jesse Burgard, Ph.D. and Mark Hinterhuer, Ph.D. We welcome all members to the call and appreciation the diversity and creativity they bring.

We have continued to appreciate the close collaboration with the leadership of AVAPL, MHSPG and the APA Practice Directorate. Thanks to Randy Phelps, Many Jansen, Bob Gresen and Terry Keane.

Here are some highlights of our activities and projects:

The VA Psychology Leadership Conference

I am pleased to share that we had a terrific VA Psychology Leadership Conference in Dallas April 29, 30 and May 1, 2005. This was the first year that the Section served as a co-sponsor and all agreed that the Conference went very well. The convention was well attended (approximately 110) and that the hotel rooms had been booked beyond the agreement that APA had with the Marriot. Therefore, financial obligations were met without the Division having to expend resources for hotel costs.

All agreed that the program was well planned and the speakers were outstanding. The group was particularly pleased to have Deputy Secretary Mansfield and Under Secretary for Health Perlin to provide keynote addresses to the conference. Mem-

bers that attended commented that Dr. Perlin received notification the morning of our meeting that his nomination for Under Secretary received Senate confirmation the night before. Dr. Perlin did note in his address that even though budget times are difficult that there will be additional funds ("\$100 million") for mental health initiatives coming in FY06. He continued that the focus of these funds would probably be on mental health in CBOCs, MHICM and other programs in line with the new VHA Mental Health Strategic Plan.

There was a strong focus on treating the returning OEF and OIF veterans. We appreciated the outstanding presentations made by Carl Castro, Ph.D. Chief, Department of Military Psychiatry, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. There was also an excellent workshop on Sunday morning devoted to "Treating OEF and OIF Service Men and Women" Presentations were made by Drs. Castro, Keane, Litz, Munroe and Ruzek. It is planned that materials from these presentations will be posted on the Division web page as well as the AVAPL web page as soon as possible.

Presentations were also made on the following areas:

- Mental Health Strategic Plan
- Challenges and Benefits of Prescriptive Authority for Psychologists
- Psychosocial Rehabilitation for Severely Mentally Ill Veterans
- Mental Health Research - Now and the Future

I want to thank all those that made presentations.

We enjoyed and appreciated presentations from Ron Levant, Russ Newman, Bob Gresen, Linda Johnson and Pat DeLeon.

The group offered their congratulations to Russell Lemle, Ph.D. (Psychology Director San Francisco VAMC) who received an APA Presidential Citation for his sustained contribution to VA Psychology.

Finally, I want to express the appreciation of the members of the Section to everyone on the planning committee and particularly to Terry Keane (President AVAPL), June Malone (Conference Co-coordinator), Randy Phelps (APA Practice Directorate) and Anthony Chuukwu (APA Practice Directorate).

We have already started to plan for another great conference in spring, 2006.

Report to Deputy Secretary Mansfield

I was very impressed with the informative and "heart felt" presentation made by Deputy Secretary Mansfield. At the conclusion of his address he asked the leadership to send him a report from the meeting. We accepted this request and are currently providing the finishing touches to this report. The following topics will be covered in the report:

1. The Role of Psychologists in the Treatment of Physical Injuries
2. Contributions to Returning OEF/OIF Veterans and Their Families
3. Psychology and the VHA Vision for an Integrated Health Care Organization
4. Advancing the Recovery and Rehabilitation Model of Treatment
5. Adopt Best Practice Guidelines for PTSD Compensation and Pension Examinations
6. Promote the Expansion of Telehealth into the Behavioral and Mental Health Field
7. Revising the Current Disability Compensation System

By the time this article goes to print the report should be completed and sent on to Deputy Secretary Mansfield. Copies will be available to the field soon. Stay tuned to your e-mail.

2005 Section Elections

Every two years the Section elects new officers. This is the year and we are looking for Section members who are willing to be nominated and run for office. We will be electing the following officers:

Chair-Elect ~ To serve as Chair-Elect for two years and then move into the position of Chair.

Secretary ~ To serve for a two year term.

The election ballots were sent via snail mail the week on June 20th. By the time you read this the elections should be completed and new officers announced.

2005 Awards

Each year the Section presents awards to members who have done outstanding work in public service psychology. The award categories and awardees are as follows:

- Outstanding Clinician - Pam Fischer, Ph.D. - Oklahoma City VAMC
- Outstanding Director of Training -

Mary Oehlert, Ph.D. Leavenworth VAMC and Larry Gaupp, Ph.D. VA Connecticut Healthcare System

- Outstanding Researcher - Gabriel Tan, Ph.D. VAMC Houston
- Outstanding Psychology Trainee - Bradley Karlin, M.S. VAMC Palo Alto
- Outstanding Administrator - Linda Bodie, Psy.D. VAMC Cincinnati
- Outstanding Contribution in Psychosocial Rehab. - Christine Woods VAMC Hampton
- Outstanding Contribution to the Section - Richard Carothers, Ph.D. VAMC Oklahoma City

Special thanks to Jim Besyner and Dolly Sadow who served on the Awards Committee. The awards will be made at the VA Section business meeting at the APA Convention in August, 2005.

APA Convention - Washington, D.C.

I am looking forward to a great convention this year in Washington, D.C. I hope that many of you will attend and that all of you attending will come to the VA Section meeting on August 19, 2005 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Division Hospitality Suite at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. The room number will be announced later. Please attend presentations on the Division 18 Program. Specific announcements will be sent to you as the convention time approaches. Thanks to Brian Pilgrim for doing an outstanding job as program chair.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Section Executive Committee and the loyal members who have joined us all year on the calls. (see above) I also want to thank Bob Goldberg for his leadership as Division President and Dolly Sadow as Division President - Elect and Past Section Chair. Thanks to Jacquie Jolly for doing the minutes each month.

I also want to thank Randy Phelps and Russ Newman of the Practice Directorate for their support, dedication and great sense of humor. I have appreciated his energy, savvy, and friendship over the past years. Thanks to all our colleagues in AVAPL for working together as great collaborative partners...special thanks to Terry Keane, Kathy McNamara, June Malone and Pam Fischer. I also want to thank Jim Breckenridge who has served as Chair-Elect and will take over the Section Chair at APA.

That is it for now. Please feel free to contact me by phone (405) 270-5168 or e-mail Richard.Carothers@med.va.gov. Have a great spring.