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**BEA Award in Support of Conferences and Workshop**

**2018**

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**Grant ID:** 71807

**Workshop or Conference name:** Council of Clinical Health Psychology Training Programs Annual Mid-Winter Meeting New Orleans, LA: January 20-21, 2019 Clinical Health Psychology: Competency Assessment: Best Practices

**Sponsoring Organization:** Council of Clinical Health Psychology Training Council, ,

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***Goals and objectives***

*The clarity and nature of the conference or workshop goals and objectives and how they will enhance the training of faculty and supervisors of graduate students, interns, and/or postdoctoral fellows in psychology.*

This year's CCHPTP Mid-Winter meeting will focus on identifying and implementing effective best practices in competency assessment. Over the years, the CCHPTP conference has focused on the development, operationalization, and assessment of competencies in clinical health psychology (Larkin & Klonoff, 2014). In 2009 the conference focused on competency assessment and included presentations and work groups on best practices at that time. In 2017, APA Commission on Accreditation implemented new competencies. Thus, it is important that CCHPTP members learn from national leaders on current best practices in competency assessment. The primary goal of the 2019 meeting is to educate attendees on updated, improved (i.e. best practices) procedures for competency assessment. National experts on competency assessment will be featured. Invited presenters will discuss (a) psychometric properties of self-report assessment instruments, (b) the use of simulation systems/patients (c) competency training and assessment in the VHA, and more. This meeting takes a "train the trainers" approach with national experts training doctoral, internship and postdoctoral training program directors, who in turn, convey this information to training faculty and trainees (graduate students, practicum students, interns, and postdoctoral fellows).

***Leadership***

*The qualifications of the person(s) identified to plan and lead the conference or workshop, relative to the topic of focus. Included in the qualifications should be evidence of national or regional leadership (e.g., publication of scholarly works related to education and training, participation in past workshops, etc.).*

The conference program chair is Dr. Don Nicholas. The conference program committee includes the CCHPTP Board of Directors. The chair and CCHPTP Board of Directors have all participated in multiple past CCHPTP Mid-Winter conferences. They include: • Sharon Berry, Ph.D., (Current Chair) Children's Minnesota, Internship • Leslie A. Robinson, Ph.D., University of Memphis, Doctoral Program • Donald R. Nicholas, PhD, (Secretary) Ball State University, Doctoral Program • Mark Vogel, PhD, ABPP, Genesys Medical Education Department, Michigan State Univ., Postdoctoral Program • Nancy Hamilton, PhD, (Treasurer) University of Kansas, Doctoral Program • Andrew Dunkle, PhD, Wilford Hall Postdoctoral Fellow, Early Career/Trainee Member The speakers identified to discuss these topics include national content experts. The current list of anticipated speakers includes: Robert Kaplan, PhD --- The future of doctoral training in health psychology

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Jennifer Callahan, PhD --- Psychometric properties of competency assessment instruments Jeff Goodie, PhD --- Use of simulation systems and simulated patients Lisa Kearney, PhD --- Competency training and assessment in the VHA Mark Vogel, PhD, ABPP --- Postdoctoral competencies

### ***Participants***

*The qualifications of conference or workshop participants relative to the topic of focus, including their potential for implementing outcomes of the conference or workshop toward enhancing graduate education.*

All training directors of doctoral, internship, and postdoctoral training programs in Clinical Health Psychology will be invited to attend and participate in the Mid-Winter Meeting via email announcements, newsletter advertisements, and posting via the CCHPTP and APA Society for Health Psychology (Division 38) list serves. All participants will be professional educators involved in doctoral, internship, and postdoctoral training. The train-the-trainers approach to this conference anticipates that all attendees will take new knowledge acquired for implementation in their respective training programs. The CCHPTP Mid-Winter meetings are effective forums for experts in clinical health training to disseminate the latest in clinical health training to the directors and faculty who develop and implement curricula at the doctoral, internship and postdoctoral levels.

### ***Impact***

*The estimated or potential impact of the conference or workshop in terms of the diffusion of new ideas resulting from its outcomes in the education community appropriate to the proposal's focus.*

CCHPTP is increasingly serving as a single voice of graduate programs, internships, and post-doctoral fellowships in Clinical Health Psychology training, influencing current directions in research, education, and practice. Previous CCHPTP conferences have produced landmark documents identifying and addressing competencies in Clinical Health Psychology (Nash & Larkin, 2012; Larkin, 2012; Nash, Khatri, Cubic, & Baird, 2013; McDaniels et al., 2014; Larkin & Klonoff, 2014). The 2019 conference will include invited experts on competency training and assessment with the goal of educating doctoral, internship and postdoctoral directors on the current, up to date, best practices for competency assessment. Conference attendees, who are national leaders themselves, are informed about the current issues in competency assessment in the training of Clinical Health Psychologists. The conference will serve as a forum where invited experts and attendees will address issues central to the assessment of competencies of Clinical Health Psychologists. Conference participants are in the unique position of not only contributing at the conference but also bringing back and disseminating and implementing what they learn to the faculty and trainees in their programs.

## **Budget**

*The clarity and completeness of the conference or workshop budget, how realistic it is, and how the grant funds are to be used to offset expenses incurred (e.g., travel, registration, speaker fees).*

The \$2,000 grant request will help in covering program costs. Travel expenses should be minimal since some presenters will already be in New Orleans attending the CUDCP meeting. Estimated expenses include: Travel and lodging reimbursement for speakers: \$3000 Travel and lodging for CCHPTP Board Members: \$2600 Meal and food expenditures for conference participants (n = 40) \$1200 Luncheon, Jan 20 (@ \$30/person) \$1200 Breakfasts, Jan 20, 21 (@ \$15/person) \$1200 Breaks, Jan 20, 21 (@ \$8/person) \$ 640 Audio-visual equipment usage \$ 450 Conference planning \$1700 Registration and financial reports \$ 800

	Total
Expenses	\$11590

Covering the entire cost of the conference through registration fees and assuming a total conference attendance of 40 Clinical Health Psychologists results in a \$290 per person registration fee. The Board of Directors of CCHPTP believes this cost is too high for a two day conference and would likely prohibit a number of individuals from attending. Our goal is to set the conference registration fee about \$225. At \$225 per person, assuming approximately 40 paid attendees, the registration fees only result in a deficit of about \$2500