

**The Board of Educational Affairs (BEA)/Board of Professional Affairs (BPA) Task Force to
Delineate Competencies for Students Completing Master's Level Programs in Health Service
Psychology**

Conference Call Minutes (FINAL)

October 25, 2019

Present on the call: Timothy A. Cavell, PhD (Chair); Olufunke O.R. Awosogba, PhD; Kristin L. Dempsey, MFT, LPCC, EdD; Arpana G. Inman, PhD; Ellen I. Koch, PhD; Celeste Malone, PhD.

APA Staff: Catherine Grus, PhD; Lynn Bufka, PhD; Jessica Andrade.

Members not present: Carlen Henington, PhD; Jim Lichtenberg, PhD, ABPP; Juan R. Pantoja-Patino, MS, NCC.

Guest: Stacey Pollack, PhD, National Mental Health Director of Program Policy Implementation Mental Health Services, Office of Patient Care Services Veterans Health Administration, U.S. Dept. of Veteran Affairs

Members provided updates on their competency areas. The group was informed that the Commission on Accreditation work group that will be developing the standards, will meet in November to begin their work. The group reviewed the proposed level of complexity matrix and agreed it would be a helpful way to approach their work.

Stacey Pollack, PhD, (guest) who is the National Mental Health Director of Program Policy Implementation Mental Health Services, at the Veterans Health Administration, provided the group with information about the roles of providers with master's degrees in the VA. The VA hires LPMHC's, MSW's, and LMFT's who are licensed in their states and graduated from an accredited program. Dr. Pollack discussed the qualification standards, which lay out the educational requirements for individuals to work in that discipline. She shared some of those standards with the Task Force.

Action Steps

Each group (except EDI and population health) will finalize their sections of the competencies using the new template by November 13th.

The EDI group will complete a draft of the competencies using the new template by November 13th.

All groups will review the competencies prior to the next meeting and share their feedback at that time.

Next Meeting

November 22, 2019 from 2:30PM – 4:00PM (eastern)