

**APA Designation Committee for Postdoctoral Education and Training Programs in  
Psychopharmacology for Prescriptive Authority ("RxP Designation Committee")  
2014 Annual Report**

**RxP Designation Committee Members:** Joseph E. Comaty, PhD, MP, (Chair); Marlin C. Hoover, PhD, MS, ABPP-CL; Neal R. Morris, EdD, MS; Linda O. Summers, PhD, MPH, MSN, MA; Steven R. Tulkin, PhD; Alice M. Young, PhD (Vice-Chair).

**Staff Liaisons:** Catherine Grus, PhD, Education Directorate; Ashima Kapur Lavelle, Education Directorate; Dan Abrahamson, PhD, Practice Directorate; Deborah Baker, JD, Practice Directorate; and Tammy Barnes, Practice Directorate.

The RxP Designation Committee was approved by the APA Council of Representatives in 2009. The purpose of this committee is to provide public recognition of postdoctoral psychopharmacology education and training programs that meet certain minimum standards and published criteria. Governance oversight of the RxP Designation Committee during 2014 was jointly provided by BEA and CAPP. During 2014, the Committee held its annual face to face meeting on October 17-18, 2014. This report provides information on some of the Committee's major activities for 2014.

**Applications for Program Designation**

The committee received and reviewed one application for program designation. This application was made by the University of Hawai'i Hilo, Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy – Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology Program.

Dr. Alice M. Young was elected to serve as chair of the committee for 2015 and Dr. Marlin C. Hoover was elected to serve as Vice-Chair.

The committee reviewed nominations from individuals seeking to be appointed to the committee to replace the vacancies of Drs. Comaty and Summers, whose terms end on December 31, 2014 and are not eligible for reappointment. The committee voted to approve the appointment of Dr. Maxine Stitzer and Dr. Thomas Brady.

Dr. Alice M. Young, committee Vice-Chair in 2014, provided a summary of her presentation to Division 55 at the APA annual convention. Attendees were given an overview of the RxP Designation Committee and its work, and the components of current psychopharmacology training curricula were discussed.

The Committee continued to develop advisory or technical assistance documents about critical curricula content for programs seeking designation as well as those already designated in order to insure that psychologists in training for prescriptive authority are being provided with the most current clinical and scientific information.

The committee approved May 4, 2015 as the deadline for receipt of applications to be considered in 2015. Interim reports, due from designated programs in 2015, will be due on the same date as applications, May 4, 2015.

The committee was provided information about changes to the scope of CAPP that will result in CAPP shifting its focus entirely to items related to the APA Practice Organization. The committee will continue to report to BEA and was briefed about the possibility that the committee's reporting structure may shift from CAPP to the Board of Professional Affairs when this change goes into effect in 2015.

The next meeting of the RxP Designation Committee will be October 23-24, 2015.