

APA Designation Committee for Postdoctoral Education and Training Programs in

Psychopharmacology for Prescriptive Authority

**Virtual Meeting Minutes**

**Open Session**

**Day 1: Friday, September 21, 2018**

**Present:** Steven R. Tulkin, PhD (Chair); Thomas J. Brady, MD, MBA; Neal R. Morris, EdD, MS; Julie R. Price, PsyD, MSCP; Robert C. Rinaldi, PhD, MA; Maxine L. Stitzer, PhD

**Absent:** N/A

**APA Staff Present:** Dan Abrahamson, PhD; Deborah C. Baker, JD; Catherine Grus, PhD; Kristyn Dempsey; Ashawnda Fleming, PhD (guest)

**11:20 a.m. (EST)** – Steven R. Tulkin, PhD (Chair), convened in open session.

**Agenda Item 04: Update on the APF Scholarship Programs and Research Grants**

Ashawnda Fleming, PhD, Chief Executive Officer of the American Psychological Foundation (APF), provided committee members an overview of the APF Walter Katkovsky Scholarships, offered annually for first-year students enrolled in APA designated programs in psychopharmacology, the APF Beth Rom Rymer Scholarships to support training in psychopharmacology programs, and the APF Walter Katkovsky Research Grants.

Action: Committee would like to know what programs award winners are attending, topics being researched

**Agenda Item 01: Approved Minutes from September 2017 Open Session**

The approved open session minutes from the 2017 committee meeting were provided as information. Open session minutes have been posted to the APA website and can be viewed at:

<http://www.apa.org/education/grad/open-meeting-2017.pdf>

**Agenda Item 02: Minutes from the Spring 2018 BEA and CAPP Meetings**

Catherine Grus, PhD provided members of the committee an overview of the most recent Board of Educational Affairs (BEA) meeting as information. Of note was the recent Council of Representative's approval of APA taking steps to accredit master's level programs in health service psychology.

Dan Abrahamson, PhD provided the same for the Committee for the Advancement of Professional Practice (CAPP) meeting. Of note, was that given the recent council decision to form an expanded advocacy organization, CAPP is in the process of determining how to sunset the group and what functions would need to be assigned to other groups.

**Agenda Item 03: APA Convention 2019**

The committee was asked if/how it would like to participate in the 2019 APA Convention. The committee agreed that it would like to submit a program proposal regarding the updated RxP policy documents with members of the RxP Task Force.

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Action: Dr. Grus will reach out to members of the task force to solicit volunteers to organize a session. Cathi, Julie, and Steve were interested in helping organize the session for the RxP Designation Committee.

**Agenda Item 05: Update on RxP Legislative Efforts**

Deb Baker, JD, Director of Legal & Regulatory Policy at APA, provided committee members an overview of the RxP legislative efforts around the country.

**Agenda Item 06: Update on Revisions to the Model Curriculum for Prescriptive Authority**

The committee was provided with an update on the process for revising the APA Model Education and Training Program in Psychopharmacology for Prescriptive Authority (RxP Model Curriculum), the APA Designation Criteria for Education and Training Programs in Psychopharmacology for Prescriptive Authority (RxP Designation Criteria), and the APA Model Legislation for Prescriptive Authority (RxP Model Legislation) and the subsequent need, if the changes are approved, to revised committee documents including the application and interim report.

Action: If adopted as APA policy, APA Staff will edit current template documents to match the RxP Model Curriculum and RxP Designation Criteria documents. Drs. Tulkin, Morris, and Price will then review the edited documents and present them during the 2019 RxP Designation Committee meeting.

**Agenda Item 07: Update on Psychopharmacology Specialty Application**

The committee was provided with an update about the status of recognition by APA of psychopharmacology as a specialty in professional psychology. A petition for recognition of Clinical Psychopharmacology as a specialty was reviewed during the Spring 2018 Commission for the Recognition of Specialties and Proficiencies in Professional Psychology (CRSPPP) meeting. It was determined that the petition did not meet the criteria for recognition as a specialty, and the recognition of the Psychopharmacology proficiency expired on August 31, 2018. The petitioners were provided feedback by CRSPPP and can revise their petition and resubmit as soon as January 2019.

**Agenda Item 17: Application Submission Deadline for 2019**

The Committee was provided information about the renewal due from Alliant International University's designated program in 2019 and discussed deadline for receipt.

Action: The Committee approved Thursday, May 9, 2019 as the deadline for receipt of applications to be considered in 2019.

**Agenda Item 18: Next Meeting Date**

The RxP Designation Committee was asked to set the date for their 2019 meeting.

Action: The next meeting of the RxP Designation Committee will be held virtually on September 20-21, 2019.

**End of open session minutes**