

APA Designation Committee for Postdoctoral Education and Training Programs in  
Psychopharmacology for Prescriptive Authority

**Virtual Meeting Minutes  
Open Session  
Friday, September 11, 2020**

**Present:** Julie R. Price, PsyD, MSCP (Chair); Robert C. Rinaldi, PhD, MA (Vice-Chair); Thomas J. Brady, MD, MBA; Elizabeth A. Lonning, PsyD, MSCP; Gerardo Rodriguez-Menendez, PhD, ABPP, MSCP; Maxine L. Stitzer, PhD

**Absent:** None

**APA Staff Present:** Deborah C. Baker, JD; Catherine Grus, PhD; Allison Gillens, MPS; Philip Casey (guest)

**11:00AM (EDT):** Julie R. Price, PsyD, MSCP (Chair) convened the open session.

**Agenda Item 01: Approved Minutes from September 2019 Open Session**

The approved open session minutes from the 2019 committee meeting were provided as information. Open session minutes have been posted to the APA website and can be viewed at: <https://www.apa.org/education/grad/open-meeting-2019.pdf>.

**Agenda Item 02: Minutes from Spring 2020 BEA and BPA Meetings**

The approved minutes from the Spring 2020 BEA and BPA meetings were provided as information to the committee.

**Agenda Item 03: APA Convention 2021**

For next year's Convention, the committee discussed potentially collaborating with Division 55 to develop a program proposal. Possible programming topics included a presentation about the history of the RxP movement in psychology (past, present, and future) as well as information regarding the American Psychological Foundation (APF) grants for students enrolled in APA-designated psychopharmacology programs.

Action: Drs. Price, Lonning, and Rodriguez-Menendez have volunteered to work together on brainstorming a proposal.

**Agenda Item 04: Update on RxP Legislative Efforts**

Deborah Baker, JD, Director of Legal & Regulatory Policy at APA, provided committee members with an overview of current RxP legislative and regulatory efforts around the country.

### **Agenda Item 06: Status of Psychopharmacology as a Specialty**

The Committee was updated on the status of the application for recognition of psychopharmacology as a specialty. The petition was deferred in 2018 and again in 2019 pending submission of requested information. Additional information was provided in 2020 and the petition met the criteria for recognition. In August 2020, the APA Council of Representatives voted to approve recognition of clinical psychopharmacology as a specialty in professional psychology.

### **Agenda Item 07: Application Submission Deadline for 2021**

The Committee considered the submission deadline for applications and interim reports for 2021. It is expected that the application for renewal of designation is due from New Mexico State University as well as the interim reports are due from Fairleigh Dickinson University and Alliant International University in 2021.

Action: The Committee approved May 7, 2021 as the deadline for receipt of any applications and interim reports.

### **Agenda Item 08: Next Meeting Date**

The RxP Designation Committee was asked to set the date for its annual 2021 meeting.

Action: The Committee selected September 24-25, 2021 for its next annual meeting to be held virtually.

### **Agenda Item 16: Review Call for Nominations Statement for Terms Beginning in 2022**

The RxP Designation Committee reviewed the language for the call for nominations that will be distributed in 2021 for terms of service on the Committee starting in 2022. The Committee discussed including language regarding diversity and using the APA diversity matrix categories within the announcement. Moreover, the Committee recommended updating the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph within the Candidate Criteria section to include that they are also interested in nominees with expertise in health inequities, dependence, and addiction.

### **Agenda Item 05: Update on the APF Scholarship Programs and Research Grants**

Philip Casey, Program Officer of the American Psychological Foundation (APF), provided committee members with an overview of the APF Walter Katkovsky Scholarships which are offered annually for first-year students enrolled in APA-designated programs in psychopharmacology, the APF Beth Rom-Rymer Scholarships which support training in psychopharmacology programs, and the APF Walter Katkovsky Research Grants.

**End of open session minutes**