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# APA Town Hall

## *What's Next for APA in 2021?*

**Jennifer F. Kelly, PhD, ABPP, 2021 APA President**

**Arthur C. Evans, Jr., PhD, APA CEO**

*Featuring special guests:*

**Kathleen Brown, PhD** – Chair, Advocacy Coordinating Committee, APASI

**Katherine McGuire, MA** – Chief Advocacy Officer, APA/APASI

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# 2021 APA Presidential Initiative

- Centered around health equity
- Task force seated which will steer the work

# Health Disparities

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control defines health disparities as *preventable* differences in the burden of disease, injury, violence, or opportunities to achieve optimal health that are *experienced by socially disadvantaged populations*.

# Achieving Health Equity

## Psychology's Role

- Environmental, social and behavioral factors — all areas of psychology's expertise — contribute to health disparities in interacting ways.
- Psychology must position itself as a force for achieving health equity by finding ways to make *concrete improvements* in overall health of populations affected by disparities

# APA Presidential Task Force on Psychology and Health Equity

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# **APA Presidential Task Force on Psychology and Health Equity**

## **Members with broad expertise in relevant areas**

- Health disparities in different BIPOC populations
- Effects of built and social environment on health
- Psychological research on racism
- Public policy and advocacy



# APA Presidential Task Force on Psychology and Health Equity

## Charge of the task force:

- Based on a review of relevant research, community-based initiatives, and policy work, the Task Force will produce a comprehensive report articulating a vision for the role of psychology in advancing health equity.
- Specific recommendations to promote innovative approaches for psychological science, education and training, psychological practice, public policy, and legislative advocacy will be provided.
- This will include recommendations for the corresponding APA organizational units.

# **APA Presidential Task Force on Psychology and Health Equity**

- If the Task Force's review indicates a need for a formal APA policy on psychology and health equity, the Task Force's charge will also include developing a policy for consideration and approval by the APA Council of Representatives.
- It is expected that the Task Force will complete its work by the end of 2021.

# APA/APASI Advocacy Priorities

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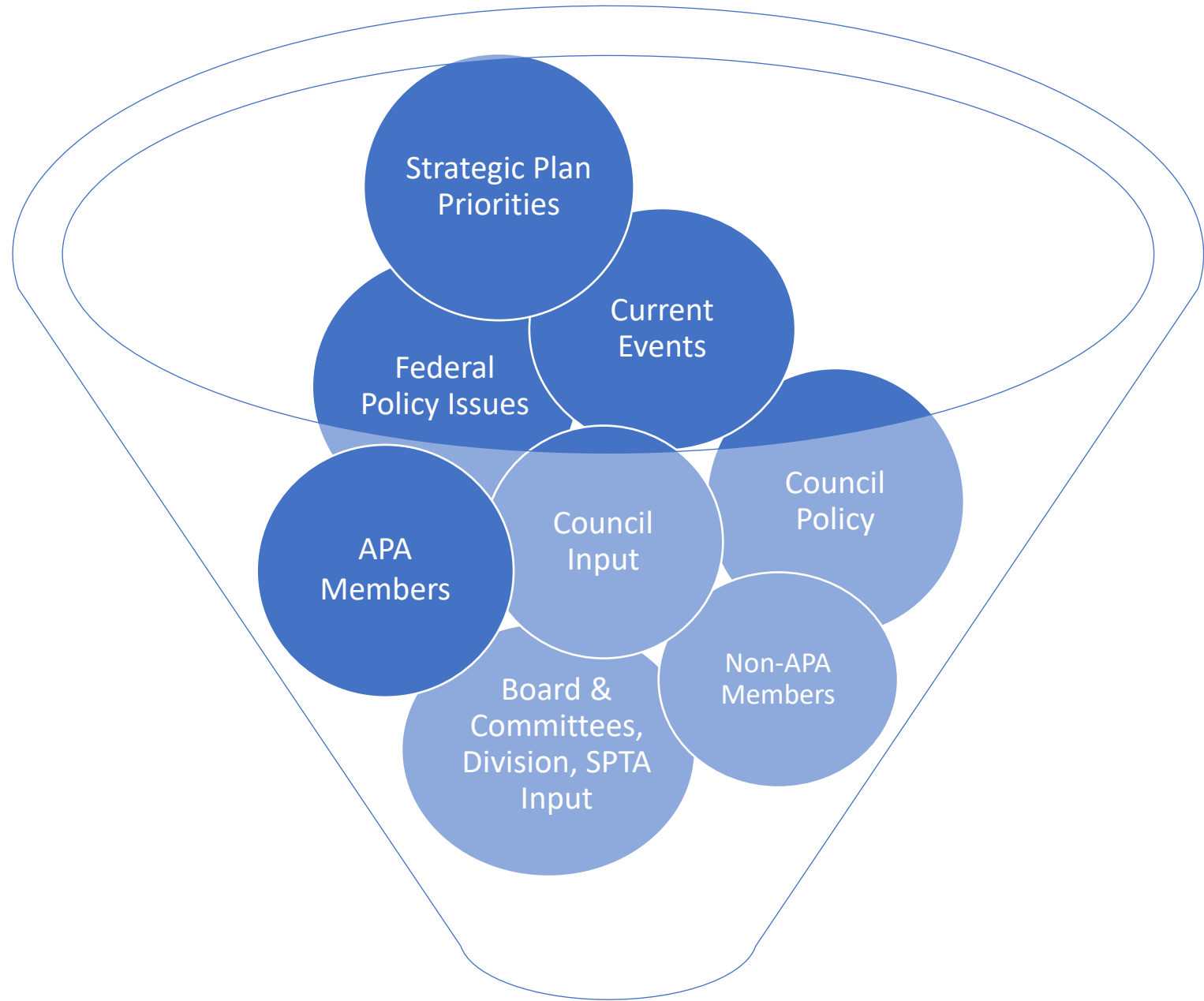


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**Inputs Considered by  
Advocacy Coordinating  
Committee  
for APA/APASI Advocacy  
Priority  
Development**





# Advocacy Prioritization Model

<b>Lead: Unique Leadership</b>	Unique to APA, core to strategic priorities, and where APA provides primary leadership.
<b>Partner: Significant Contribution</b>	Important to achieving strategic priorities and to the wider psychological community; APA shares a leadership role.
<b>Collaborate: Coalitions &amp; Partner Organizations</b>	Active engagement with coalitions and other organizations.

# Recommendation: APA/APASI's 2021 Advocacy Priorities with Preamble

## Lead: Priorities Unique to APA

- Access to health services, including mental and behavioral health services
- Funding for basic and applied psychological research
- General applied psychology promotion
- Psychology education and training financing
- Psychology workforce development
- Reimbursement and scope of practice

## Partner: APA Makes a Significant Contribution

- Application of psychological science to Pre-K, K-12, and higher education
- Criminal justice
- The future of work
- Health equity for underserved and vulnerable populations
- Health promotion and prevention throughout lifespan and settings
- Science infrastructure and regulatory environment
- Substance use disorders and opioid and other drug epidemics
- Violence and suicide prevention

## Collaborate: With Coalitions & Partners

- Climate change
- Discrimination
- Immigration
- Protect and strengthen safety net programs



# Member Engagement

- Join the Psychology Advocacy Network

<https://www.apaservices.org/advocacy/get-involved/>

- Engage with APA & Advocacy on Social Media

- Twitter - #APAAAdvocacy
- Facebook
- LinkedIn

- Support the Psychology PAC

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- Psychological Science Agenda

<https://www.apa.org/science/about/psa>

- Practice Update

<https://www.apaservices.org/practice/update>

- Governance Engagement:

- ACC Liaison/Monitor/Observer



# Aftermath of Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> Riot

- Tension and trauma still high; business is not back to usual



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by Brad Fitch and Katherine B. McGuire on January 15, 2021

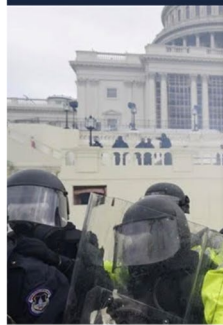


NEWS

U.S. NEWS

## Second officer from Capitol riot dies by suicide, police chief says

"Other harm from this traumatic event will be psychological, but possibly unacknowledged," says the Metropolitan Police Chief.



CONGRESS

## Insurrection aftermath: Staffers struggle with trauma, guilt and fear

'You all had it coming,' callers tell congressional aides still reliving the day in their minds

By Katherine Tully-McManus Posted January 28, 2021 at 5:00am



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# New Administration

- Biden Priorities:
  - COVID-19, Climate Change, Economic Recovery, Racial Equity + Immigration, Healthcare and Global Standing
- Biden First 100 Days:
  - \$1.9 trillion COVID relief proposal
    - › \$4.0 billion for mental and behavioral health
  - 42 Executive Actions (as of 1/29)



# New Session of Congress (117th)

## - House

- Democrats retained control, but Speaker Pelosi navigating one of the slimmest House majorities in decades
- Eyes are already on 2022 elections

## - Senate

- 50/50 split; Democrats gained control with VP Kamala Harris able to cast tie-breaking vote

## Feb. Agenda:

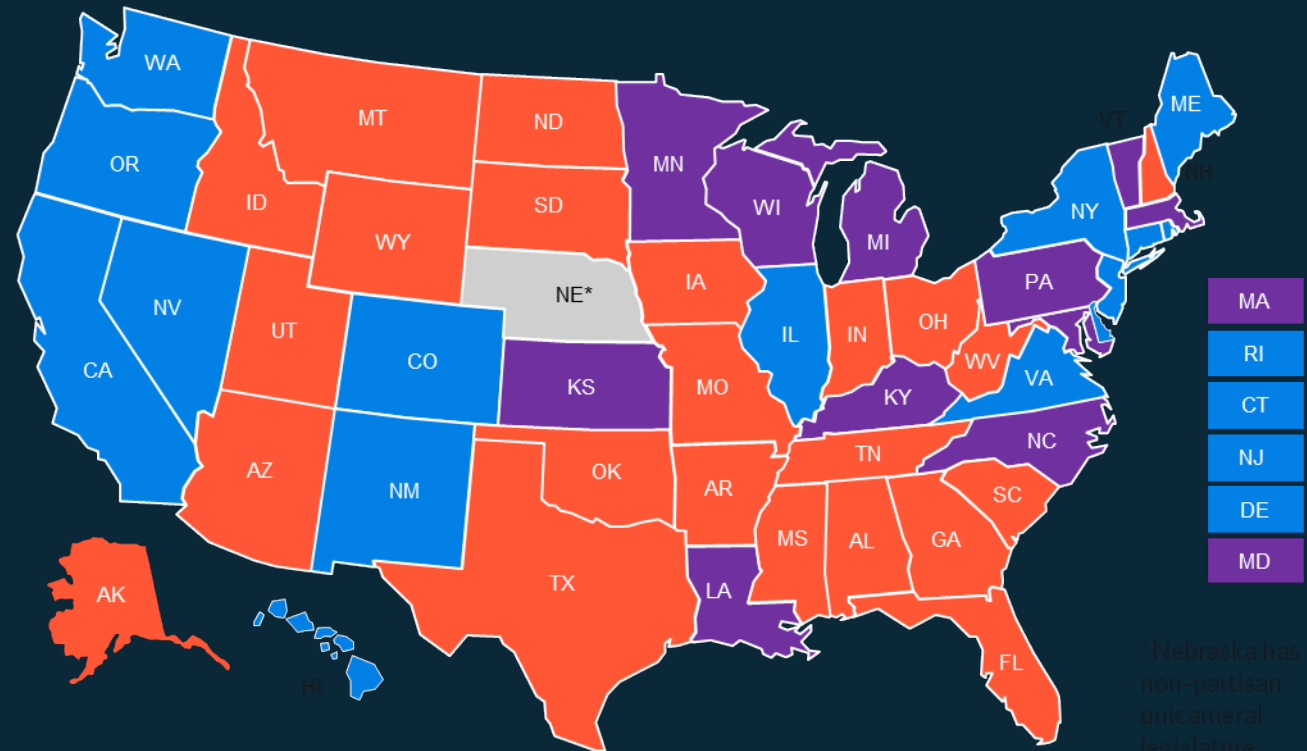
- Aftermath of Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Impeachment trial (Senate)
- Biden's \$1.9 trillion COVID-relief proposal
- FY22 Regular Appropriations

# Changes in State Legislatures

- Republicans control more trifectas
  - Gained control of legislature and governorship in AK, NH, MT
- Trifectas are particularly important now, as redistricting process begins in 2021

Trifectas are when one party controls the governorship and both legislative chambers

■ Dem trifecta ■ Split  
■ GOP trifecta



\*Nebraska has a non-partisan unicameral legislature




# Snapshot of 2021 APASI Advocacy

- Cultivating bipartisan relationships on Capitol Hill
  - Looking for areas of collaboration
- Deepening member engagement
  - SPTAs, Divisions, Boards, Committees and individual APA members
- Virtual Advocacy Summits
  - Expanding the Psychology Advocacy Network



# Snapshot of Current Advocacy Focus

- COVID-19
  - Telehealth and audio only reimbursement
  - Vaccine distribution
  - Health equity
- Racial Equity
- Medicare Sequester Moratorium
- Climate Change
- Evaluating Executive Orders
- FY22 Appropriations
  - Funding for psychology workforce
  - Social and behavioral research
- SEL/Equity in Access to Remote Learning
- Tracking State Legislative Activity



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**Submitted to the  
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