

Board of Professional Affairs

Monday, September 15, 2025 2-4pm ET

Virtual Meeting MINUTES

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ANNOUNCEMENT: Next BPA meeting will be Friday, October 17 from 3-5pmET

1. Dr. Prasad called the meeting to order at 2:04pm ET.
2. Dr. Prasad led a review of minutes for the July 2025 BPA meeting. **Dr. Gabriel moved to approve the minutes with one edit. The Motion passed with one abstention.**
3. Dr. Brady-Amoon, current Chair of the Board of Educational Affairs (BEA), led a discussion of a recent Board of Educational Affairs (BEA) decision to pause on the development of competencies beyond those delineated in the Commission on Accreditation's standards. Dr. Prasad led discussion of this update exploring to what degree BPA is in alignment with BEA on pausing development of competencies.
 - a. **BEA Proposal:** Based on feedback received from stakeholders during the most recent CF process, BEA believes the current Profession-Wide Competencies (PWCs) described in the APA Standards of Accreditation for Health Service Psychology provide the high-level guidance sufficient for guiding competency development for education and training in Health Service Psychology (HSP) at both the master's and doctoral levels for the time being. As APA proceeds with efforts in this area, BEA acknowledges that additional policy to define competencies or updates to the Standards of Accreditation may be needed and will continue to work with stakeholders across the field to identify these needs.
 - b. **BEA Motion:** The Board of Educational Affairs (BEA) affirms that the previously approved Profession-Wide Competencies in the current APA Standards of Accreditation for Health Service Psychology sufficiently outline the necessary competencies in Health Service Psychology (HSP) for individuals trained at both the master's and doctoral levels. At this time, BEA does not recommend that APA establish any additional expectations for graduates.
4. Dr. Harris-Britt introduced the *Summary Report & Recommendations on a Review of the Scientific Literature on Families Experiencing High-Conflict Family Relationships*. **Dr. Harris-Britt moved to receive the report. The motion passed unanimously.**

5. Dr. Kettlewell gave an update on deliberations of a BPA subgroup formed to explore placement of doctoral psychology internship in the training cycle.
6. Dr. Prasad led discussion of the response from Drs. Bufka and Orsillo to the BPA memo on potential unintended consequences exploring if there are next steps for BPA, and if so, what they might be. Dr. Prasad proposed that BPA draft a response to Drs. Bufka and Orsillo to thank them for responses that sufficiently responded to concerns about unintended consequences, and to identify those that continue to need additional clarity. Dr. McCabe suggested that BPA continue to discuss issues related to professional identity as psychologists.
7. An update on the work of the Committee on Professional Practice and Standards (COPPS) to reenvision the Professional Practice Guidelines process and products was postponed to the next BPA meeting.
8. An update on the work of the Applied Psychology Model Licensure Act Work Group was postponed to the next BPA meeting.
9. Dr. Prasad adjourned the meeting at 3:57pm ET.

BPA members:

Ravi Prasad, PhD, Chair (2023-2025)	Kamieka O.S. Gabriel, PhD (2023-2025)
Catherine C. Vieira-Baker, PhD, Vice Chair (2023-2025)	April Harris-Britt, PhD (2024-2026)
Tiffany Brown, PhD (2025-2027)	Paul Korte, PhD (2025-2027)
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Charles D. Callahan, PhD, MBA, ABPP, FACHE (2023-2025)	Paul W. Kettlewell, PhD, ABPP (2024-2026)
Michelle Casimir, PsyD, ABPP (2025-2027)	Krithika Malhotra, PhD (2024-2026)
	Eric Russ, PhD (2025)
	Theresa Schultz, PhD (2025-2027))

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Guests:

Peggy Brady-Amoon, PhD, Chair, APA Board of Educational Affairs

* = not present