

2020 DPA Report

WSPA Annual Meeting

December 11, 2020

Purpose

- Overview of DPA duties
- 2020 Updates
- 2021 possibilities

What does the DPA do?

- Member resource for practice-related questions, concerns, issues
- Liaison to the community

Completed Projects

- Attempted Volk fix via Examining Board; failed – completed Feb 2020
- COVID-19 response – completed summer 2020; ongoing
- Telehealth CE with Dr. Kathleen Pape – completed April & Nov 2020
- Assisted with restart of Chapter 3 – completed summer 2020
- Volk CE with Dr. Tyson Bailey – completed July 2020
- Addressed member concerns with Examining Board regarding discipline during and after the pandemic – completed Sept 2020
- Research PSYPACT for WSPA Board of Trustees – completed Nov 2020
- Content recommendations for advanced CE on suicide prevention and management – completed Dec 2020

Current Projects

- Individual member consultations
 - Contracting with ins companies, Volk, telepsychology practice, billing issues, licensure issues (esp across state lines), post-pandemic practice, Premera letters re: 90837 utilization, and other practice-related issues
- Examining Board
 - Practicum hour issue
 - Updating licensure requirements
- Researching telehealth training requirements (SSB6061)
- Training psychologists to testify in front of Legislature (with our lobbyist, Melanie Smith)
- Insurance/billing issues during the pandemic
- LNI
 - Audio-only sessions, telehealth policies generally
 - WHODAS 2.0 replacement
 - MA-level provider pilot project
- Medicaid pilot project with APA
- ABA supervision law remedy
- Insurance company claw backs
- Regular speaker at Chapter meetings, group practices, training sites, grad schools
- Other practice issues are they arise

Future Projects

- CPS communication
- Expanding sanction options for Examining Board
- Statue of limitations for complaints made against psychologists

Meetings

- Every other week:
 - Meetings with lobbyist and LAC Co-Chairs
- Monthly:
 - WSPA Board meetings*
 - UW Psych Internship program steering committee meetings
 - Exec Dir of mental health at DOH
 - Meeting with all DPAs (18 total) – currently serving as Co-Chair; will Chair in 2021
- Every other month:
 - Examining Board meetings*
- Annual:
 - Practice Leadership Conference
 - WSPA Board retreats
 - State of Reform conference*
- As needed or when able:
 - WSPAGS revival
 - OIC Behavioral Health Services Grant committee
 - Behavioral Health Workforce
 - Behavioral Health Recovery System Transformation Task Force
 - Children's Behavioral Health Workgroup

*open to the public

Looking ahead to 2021

- COVID-19 – payment parity, telehealth regulations/laws post-pandemic
- 2021 Legislative Session
- Practice changes
- Volk
- Examining Board

Final
thoughts



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