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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