



COPA

Central Ohio Psychological Association

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Central Ohio Psychological Association Board Meeting Minutes 2-28-11

Start Time: 12:00 p.m.
End Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: Panera Bread, Bethel Road

Present: Aracelis Rivera, Psy.D., President
Bob Stinson, Psy.D., ABPP, Past-President
Peg Richards Mosher, Ph.D., OPA Representative
Jim Raia, Ph.D., Public Sector Representative
Pam Deuser, Ph.D.
Mike Ranney, OPA Executive Director
Lisa Gordish, PsyD, Secretary
Heather Gilbert, OPA
Guest: Jennifer Martinez, LISW-S Pro-Bono Counseling Program Director,
Mental Health America- Franklin County

1. Minutes
 - Minutes from the 1-10-11 board meeting were discussed and approved.
2. Guest Speaker
 - Jennifer Martinez, LISW-S Pro-Bono Counseling Program Director, Mental Health America- Franklin County attended the meeting to update COPA on the new pro-bono program. She reported having 68 volunteer clinicians, however, they are looking for more. At the start they received 48 people seeking services whom they are screening to see if they meet criteria. Specific criteria including: no severe mental disability, 18 years old or older, have no insurance or are under-insured, and any alcohol or other drug issues are not primary. They have identified a number of public independent sites who are willing to provide space for therapy sessions and screen these sites for security. The program is still looking for more clinician volunteers who will commit to seeing one person per year on a short-term therapy basis.
3. Membership/Renewal
 - Ms. Gilbert reported that we have a current membership of 93. Reminders for upcoming workshops will be sent out on the list-serv.

4. Financial Report

- Mr. Ranney discussed income and expenses with the board. The financial report was received by board members by email.
- COPA is currently financially sound and the Board has agreed to financially support several events on an annual basis:
 - District Science Fair (March) \$200 in awards sponsored
 - Project Fair (April) \$250
 - State Science Fair (May) \$100 (Contact Mr. Ranney with interest in judging)
 - OPA Legislative Day (May) - COPA sponsors students to attend the legislative day and to become COPA members. \$50
 - NAMI Walks (June) \$100
 - Out of Darkness Walk (October) \$75, with OPA match

5. District Science Fair

- Dr. Dueser reported that the District/Regional Science Fair will be held on 3/19/11 at Columbus State University. Dr. Dueser completed the application for COPA as a sponsor. The board will sponsor awards for District 7 in the amount of \$200, divided between two winners. Dr. Dueser will be in email contact with COPA about the possible need for judges.

6. Workshops

- An 8-week notice is needed for the planning of any workshop.
- Membership fees into COPA will be waived for presenters.
- 2011 workshops planned:
 - 1/28/11 Psychological Testing in the 21st Century, Dr. Doug Pawlarczyk
 - 4/1/11 Ethical Decision Making: Doing the right thing and minimizing risk in HIV related situations and other critical challenges, Dr. Greg Brigham
 - 5/27/11 Unwrapping the Gift of Fear: The Psychology of Stalking, Dr. Terry Kukor
 - 8/26/11 Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse, Dr. Howard Fradkin
 - 9/23/11 New Developments in Diversity Awareness, Dr. James DobbinsAll workshops are from 1pm to 4pm at Maryhaven, Inc.
- Fees for the workshops were determined as follows:
 - One workshop, \$50 member, \$85 nonmember
 - Two workshops, \$95 member, \$130 nonmember
 - Three workshops, \$135 member, \$170 nonmember
 - Four workshops, \$170 member, \$205 nonmember
 - Five workshops, \$200 member, \$235 nonmemberA discount for students of 50% off with valid student ID will be offered.
- Evaluations for the 1/28/11 workshop with Dr. Pawlarczyk were reviewed. The presentation received strong positive reviews. There was a request for a presentation on sex offender evaluation.
- Ms. Gilbert indicated that there were approximately 10 registrations for the 4/1/11 workshop on Ethical Decision Making. Dr. Rivera will look into adding CEUs from the social work board for upcoming presentations on stalking and sexual abuse to expand attendance.

7. New Business

- OPA Legislative Day- May 25, 2011: The OPA Committee on Social Responsibility Chair, Kathy Ashton, PhD would like to partner with COPA with a booth on Psychology for a Healthy Ohio. 8-10 volunteers would be needed on 5/25/11 at the statehouse atrium. A new COPA sign will be purchased to display at such events.
- OPA has a booth at the Ohio Dept of Health and VA Health Fair. The board may consider having a booth or joining with OPA to support this fair.
- Dr. Mosher reported that there is interest from the Foundation of Psychology in co-sponsoring a wine tasting this spring. The board members agree with setting this up with Camelot possibly in May. Dr. Mosher will pursue this further with Jim Broyles of the Ohio Foundation for Psychology.

8. COPA Committees and Open Board Meetings

- Board meetings are open to all members; COPA will provide lunch to attending members as an incentive to attend and participate.
- Reminders of COPA events are being placed on the website and facebook.

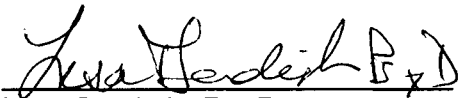
9. Old Business

- "Careers in Psychology" Day in Fall 2011 – to be further discussed at the next meeting.

10. Future Meetings

The next COPA Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 28, 2011 at Noon at the Panera Bread on Bethel Rd.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa Gordish, PsyD
COPA Secretary