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From the President: by Mary Ann McCabe, Ph.D., ABPP



It is such an honor for me to serve as President of the Society for Child and Family Policy and Practice this year! I am extremely fortunate that we have such a talented and hard-working board, and I am grateful for each of their contributions and service to the division. I especially want to welcome our new Newsletter Editor, Jonathan Martinez and congratulate him on this first issue. I also want to congratulate Barbara Fiese, Editor of our new publication, *Advances in Child and Family Policy and Practice* for the forthcoming release of the first two issues.

We also have many great collaborators and it promises to be an exciting year. Indeed, one of the features of this organization that I find most compelling, and about which members should be proud, is our *collaboration with other groups*. This is intrinsic to our membership, reflecting, as it does, many disci-

plines and areas of interest, and spanning the activities of research, practice and policy. As one example, we held the mid-winter meeting of the Executive Committee in conjunction with the meeting of Division 43, Society for Family Psychology. This allowed us to discuss issues of mutual concern, enhance opportunities for working together, and consider the national issues concerning children and families facing the new Congress with APA Government Relations staff.

Here are just some of our other collaborative activities: We are co-leading a task force with Division 7 on the Effects of Physical Punishment of Children, and we are continuing work on a joint task force with Division 53 on the Ethnic Minority Research Agenda. We lead the Interdivisional Task Force on Child and Adolescent Mental Health (with 11 other member divisions), and work closely with the APA Office for Children, Youth and Families. We had 7 cross-divisional sessions accepted for the APA convention in Toronto (beyond those of our own divisions or on which we are co-listed). And we are the lead division

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on a newly awarded grant by the Committee on APA-Division Relations (CODAPAR) for a project entitled, *Enhanced Web Presence for Scientifically-based Information on Children and Families*. Working across all seven child and family divisions of APA, we will be establishing a new science-based web resource for the public and professionals which showcases the contributions of behavioral science, and links to other reliable and valid websites, focused on promotion of healthy development, parenting, prevention, and evidence-based practice. I will be soliciting input from members, including blog postings, in the coming year.

The theme for my Presidential year is ***The New Frontier for Promoting Child Mental Health***, which reflects the synergy of a number of activities in which I have been involved and for which the division has been a supporter. For example, recommendations from the two national summits on child mental health (2009 and 2013) emphasize the importance of sharing science with the public and those who work with children, which the new web resource will aim to do. Summit recommendations also correspond nicely to

the work of the Institute of Medicine Forum on Promoting Children's Cognitive, Affective and Behavioral Health (C-CAB), for which the division is a sponsor and I am the representative. These activities have led to my meeting with the Mental Health Liaison Group, an informal organization of government relations leaders for mental health issues in Congress, and to more detailed conversations with Mental Health America regarding their new child-focused initiatives in the areas of promotion and prevention. And I continue work on a few projects devoted to enhancing integrated primary care for children and families.

We will be working to advance training in advocacy for members of the division. For example, we are seeking new ways to showcase diverse career pathways that include state and federal advocacy activities and to enhance mentoring opportunities. We hope to have a day of advocacy training and visits to Congressional offices arranged at a future time when a number of members will be in Washington DC (e.g., when convention is held there in 2017).

Meanwhile, please take advantage of some of the APA materials on federal advocacy:

<http://www.apa.org/about/gr/advocacy/federal-guide.pdf>

Participate in the APA grassroots network on issues that interest you:

<http://cqrcengage.com/apapolicy/home>

Or consider the 5 Continuing Education modules on federal and state advocacy (the first of which is free and subsequent ones are discounted for APA members):

<http://www.apa.org/education/ce/adv0001.aspx>

Finally, one of the highest priorities for me and the board this year is to engage students and early career professionals in the activities of the division (and section) and to create the leadership pipeline for the future. There is no better time to become involved and the division needs you! We have just approved social media policies and will be working to better disseminate information on the activities and opportunities of the division through Facebook and Twitter. Stay tuned!

If you have suggestions or questions for me at any time, please contact me at mamccabe@cox.net. I look forward to an exciting and productive year.

Section President's Column: by Penelope Trickett, Ph.D.



I am very pleased to be serving as president of the Section on Child Maltreatment of Division 37 for 2015 and 2016. For those of you

who don't know me, I am a professor of social work and psychology at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. I have been doing research on the developmental impact of different forms of child abuse and neglect for more than 30 years.

Division 37 has provided the section with a 2-hour slot for a symposium at the 2015 APA convention. An exciting program is planned: The title is, "The Institute of Medicine's 2013 report, *New Directions in Child Abuse and Neglect Research: Implementing the Recommendations and Future Directions*." Confirmed participants are Dr. Anne Petersen, who was the Chair of the IOM panel (and of the earlier IOM panel which resulted in the 1993 book, *Understanding Child Abuse and Neglect*), and Dr. Michael Meaney, from McGill University, a renowned researcher who studies the epigenetics of child maltreatment using both animal and human models. This should be an exciting symposium of interest to many Division 37 members. It is scheduled for Sunday, August 9, 9-10:50

Advances in Child and Family Policy & Practice Now Available!

Advances in Child and Family Policy and Practice is a new publication of the Society published by Springer Press. The first two issues have been released and will be available to Division 37 members, free of charge, through electronic access. A unique feature of the briefs is an Executive Summary in the front matter that is freely accessible to the public. These summaries provide easy to understand overviews of the topic and highlights of policy and practice recommendations. All briefs undergo a rigorous peer review process. Society members interested in joining the editorial board or having a proposal considered for future publications should contact the editor, Barbara Fiese, at bhfiese@illinois.edu. The two briefs that have been released are as follows:

- **Corporal Punishment in U.S. Public Schools: Legal Precedents, Current Practices, and Future Policy:** Elizabeth T. Gershoff, Igor Holas, and Kelly M. Purtell, *University of Texas at Austin*
- **Children's Contact with Incarcerated Parents: Implications for Policy and Intervention:** Julie Poehlmann University of Wisconsin- Madison (lead Author and Volume editor)

Early Career Psychology Corner: by Paula J. Fite, Ph.D.



Dear Division 37 Early Career Professionals,

Please let me begin by introducing our 2015 ECP committee members:

- **Angelique Day** - Wayne State University
- **Cynthia J. Najdowski** - University at Albany, State University of New York
- **Christy Olezeski** - Yale University School of Medicine
- **Aaron Sawyer** - Engility Corporation & University of Missouri

The main objectives of the committee are to recruit new ECP members and to provide additional resources and support for our current ECP members. To this end, we are excited to report that the executive board has approved two new early career awards, a research grant (up to \$1000) and a service award (\$500), for Division members. Applications will be due June 1st. More information will be available shortly on the Division website: <http://www.apadivisions.org/division-37/awards/index.aspx>. Other initiatives to serve and recruit ECPs include sending out recruitment letters to early career professionals and utilizing social media to communicate opportunities and related news and events. In fact, we are looking for an early career member to serve as co-

chair of the social media committee. The position would include working in a mentorship capacity with student members. Please let me know (pfite@ku.edu) if you have any interest in serving in this leadership role.

Also, don't forget to check out our ECP link on the Division website, which provides a multitude of helpful resources to early career members: <http://www.apadivisions.org/division-37/about/early-career/index.aspx>. If you have any suggestions for other information to include on the link, or how to better serve our ECP members, please let me know (pfite@ku.edu).

Finally, thank you to the 2014 ECP committee members who have rotated off for their service!

Division 37 Social Media Accounts Are Now Live!

We are excited to announce the official go live of our social media accounts. They can be found here:

- <https://www.facebook.com/apadivision37>
- <https://twitter.com/Division37ofAPA>

Please like our facebook page and follow our twitter page! A special thanks to Adam Miller and the Student Board for help with creating these social media accounts.

Voice of Students: by Adam B. Miller



I am delighted to serve as your Graduate Student Representative for the 2015 calendar year. I would like to formally introduce you to our student board this year. These student members have already been working incredibly hard as they also served in 2014. I am honored to work alongside such dedicated colleagues.

- **Rebecca Kanine, M.A.** *Programming Committee Co-chair*. 6th year, University of Kansas, Clinical Child Psychology.
- **Angela Tunno, M.S.** *Programming Committee Co-chair*. 6th year Univ. of Kansas, Clinical Child Psychology
- **Spencer Evans M.A.** *Communications Co-chair*, 5th year Clinical Child.

- **Erin Swedish, M.A.** *Communications Co-chair*, 6th year, Toledo, Clinical Psychology.
- **Cameron Powe** : *Social Media Subcommittee Chair*, 4th year, University of Alabama, Clinical Child Psychology.

I am particularly excited to announce that the Executive Board of Division 37 has approved our social media policies that were drafted by the student communications committee. We will soon increase the presence of Division 37 through such sites as Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. The students have been working with the board for a while on these policies and procedures, and we could not be more excited to help increase the presence of Division 37 to educate our colleagues about all the good work our division does. Our current Student Board Members deserve full recognition for all their hard work on this. Stay tuned for our social media accounts!

In addition to increasing our social media presence for the entire Division, the student board has several other goals for the 2015

year. We hope to elect new student board members this spring to start July 1st. Please see our call for applications in this issue of the *Advocate*! We have an exciting new Student Research Award that we will be announcing soon as well. This award will be created to fund a research project from a student with a particular emphasis on research that informs child and family policy. Similar to years past, we will also work with other APA divisions to plan a Social Hour at the APA convention in Toronto for the fall. Finally, we are always looking for new members. Please reach out to your colleagues and encourage them to get involved with us.

If you are interested in getting more involved in Division 37, please reach out to me at amillec@gnu.edu. We look forward to helping you get involved!

Highlights from February 2015 APA Council of Representatives Meeting: by Sandra Bishop-Joseph, Ph.D.



The APA Council of Representatives met in Washington, DC on February 20-22, 2015. Several items on the agenda are of interest to Division 37.

First, Council spent a full day on a strategic issue discussion on translating psychological science for application to public policy. Four Council members shared their experiences working with policymakers and APA General Counsel Nathalie Gilfoyle discussed APA's *amicus* briefs program. Council members then broke into three groups to discuss the implications of translating science to policy for researchers, advocacy, and educating the general public. I participated in the advocacy group and was surprised by how new the idea of translating science for policy was for many fellow Council members. Division

37 really is unique among the APA Divisions with our strong focus on applying psychological research to public policy!

Another major issue discussed at the Council meeting was the training and skills required for psychologists working in health-delivery settings.

Council adopted an inter-organizational document that outlines competencies for psychology practice in primary care. The document is designed as a resource for psychology education and training programs, and current practitioners. (www.apa.org/ed/resources/competencies-practice.pdf). Council also approved the Commission on Accreditation's new *Standards of Accreditation for Health Service Psychology*, effective January 2017.

Council received a report on APA's finances, which continue to be strong. Given this strength, the Finance Committee has decided to draw 3 percent from APA's long-term investment portfolio, to fund special projects. Two of these are of particular interest to Division 37: the first-ever leadership conference by the Public Interest Directorate, to be held in November 2015. All Divisions will be invited to send a representative to par-

ticipate. In addition, there will be a roundtable on physical discipline, to be held in summer 2015. This roundtable is an outgrowth of the task force on physical punishment co-sponsored by Divisions 37 and 7.

With regard to the ongoing changes associated with the Good Governance Project, Council approved plans to implement changes in APA's bylaws and rules that were voted on at Council's August 2014 meeting. These changes relate to the composition and election of the Board of Directors and require a membership vote. The vote is expected to take place in fall 2015.

Finally, in an action designed to enhance the future of APA, Council approved a change in APA's rules to require boards and committees to have at least one member who is an early career psychologist (with a few exceptions for boards and committees that have special requirements for service, such as being an APA fellow to serve on the Fellows Committee).

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding Council or our recent meeting:

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Member-At-Large: Advocacy Column: by Sangeeta Parikshak, Ph.D.



Greetings to all Division 37 members interested in advocacy! I am the new member-at-large for advocacy for the Division, and my charge is to ensure that children's and psychologists interests are represented through Division 37 members in larger APA activities.

Advocacy comes in all forms – from advocating for a child's right to services under IDEA, to lobbying for stipends for doctoral level internships on Capitol Hill. In my current role as an Executive Branch

Policy Fellow at the Office of Head Start, which is a Federal to local program, I find myself advocating in a variety of capacities on a daily basis, including helping to determine if individual programs are following regulations to ensure the safety and health of children in the program to advocating for appropriate mental health services for children from birth to 5 years old. My background as a clinical child psychologist and knowledge of the research in this area informs my advocacy in this capacity.

This past month, the Division 37 board met for their midwinter meeting in which we fleshed out a variety of advocacy related initiatives that the Division would like to engage in. These include: 1) continuing to recruit for and develop Advocacy training vide-

os from a variety of psychologists to demonstrate the breadth of advocacy related activities that psychologists can engage in; 2) profiling Division 37 members in the Advocate that are engaging in advocacy-related work; 3) recruiting members for Division 37's Advocacy Committee to help ensure that advocacy is reflected in current and future functions and activities of Division 37. If you are interested in joining the Advocacy Committee, please [email us](#) for more information and an application.

I look forward to working with Division 37 members in my new capacity as Member-At-Large for Advocacy. Please look out for new advocacy-related materials on the Division's website at: <http://www.apadivisions.org/division-37/index.aspx>

New Division 37 Awards

Graduate Student Research Award (\$500) is for one graduate student who is in the early stages of a research project that addresses issues of social policy, service delivery, welfare, and/or advocacy for children, youth, and families. Applications will be due September 15th.

Two new early career awards: a research grant (up to \$1000) and a service award (\$500), for Division members. Applications will be due June 1st.

Update on the Institute of Medicine Forum for Promoting Children's Cognitive, Affective and Behavioral Health:

by Mary Ann McCabe, Ph.D., ABPP



The Society for Child and Family Policy and Practice is among the sponsors of an Institute of Medicine (IOM) Forum on *Promoting Children's Cognitive, Affective and Behavioral Health* (C-CAB). This is a three year project that includes public workshops and commissioned papers, with the goal of enhancing the implementation of evidence-based practices with children across settings. I represent Divisions 37 and 54 (as joint sponsors) on this Forum.

Three workshops have been held to date. The agendas for these workshops, as well as videos of

the keynote presentations, can be found here:

<http://www.iom.edu/Activities/Children/ChildrensHealth-Forum.aspx>

You will also find the reports for the first two workshops on this site, as well as a discussion paper complementing the first workshop summary, entitled *Unique Opportunities and Challenges in Implementing Family Focused Interventions for Children with Developmental Disorders*.

The next Forum workshop will be held April 1-2, 2015 and will focus on sustaining funding for programs and services which promote C-CAB, including, but not limited to, the *Affordable Care Act*. We expect to have panels of experts, including funders, policymakers, and scholars/practitioners, address cutting edge questions. I am chairing this

planning group and workshop and will alert SCFPP members through the listserve when the agenda and other details become available. If at any time members have questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at mamccabe@cox.net.

News from the Interdivisional Task Force on Physical Punishment for Children:

by Cindy Miller-Perrin, Ph.D.



Recently Division 37, along with Division 7 (Developmental Psychology), established the joint Task Force on Physical Punishment of Children. The ultimate purpose of the task force is to review the scientific literature on the effects of physical discipline on children and to disseminate information about its dangers, in an effort to both reduce parents' use of physical discipline and increase alternative forms of parenting.

Related to these efforts, this past fall the task force created a statement on physical punishment in response to the high profile case involving football star, Adrian Peterson, who was indicted by a grand jury for reckless injury to his 4-year-old child while using physical punishment. The statement appears on the websites of both Division 37 (www.apadivisions.org/division-37/news-events/hitting-children.aspx) and Division 7 (www.apadivisions.org/division-7/news-events/physical-punishment.aspx).

In addition, several members of the task force published op-eds or appeared on various news programs to discuss the negative outcomes associated with the physical punishment of children. Dr. Elizabeth Gershoff's op-ed piece entitled *Spanking, Whooping, Beating: It's All Hitting*, for example, was published on [huffingtonpost.com](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/elizabeth-t-gershoff/spanking-whooping-beating-b-5928270.html) and can be accessed at <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/elizabeth-t-gershoff/spanking-whooping-beating-b-5928270.html>. Several task force members have also been interviewed by various news agencies including Dr. George Holden by the Washington Post (<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/local/wp/2014/09/15/for-anti-spanking-movement-adrian-peterson-case-is-a-time-to-strike-a-blow/>), Dr. Alan Kazdin by ABC News (<http://abcnews.go.com/US/adrian-peterson-case-brings-scrutiny-child-spanking/story?id=25481292>), and Dr. Elizabeth Gershoff by National Public Radio (<http://www.npr.org/2014/09/15/348765106/like-adrian-peterson-majority-of-u-s-parents-use-physical-discipline>).

The task force is also presenting a collaborative program for the 2015 APA Convention entitled, *Changing Attitudes about and Use of Spanking across Contexts and Cultures*. This collaborative session will discuss intervention strategies

to reduce parents' use of spanking with their children at the individual and community levels that are sensitive to parents' cultural and religious backgrounds. Program participants include Dr. Lisa Aronson Fontes, Elizabeth Gershoff, Gail Goodman, and Cindy Miller-Perrin.

Finally, the task force has been in close collaboration with Lauren Fasig Caldwell of APA's Children, Youth, and Families Office in an effort to draw attention to the issue of physical punishment of children within APA. An APA-sponsored roundtable on physical punishment of children is planned for this summer and will include representatives from a variety of constituents within APA. The goal of the round table will be to disseminate information on the use of physical discipline of children and encourage discussion about the topic.

Task Force members include: Elizabeth Gershoff, Gail Goodman (Co-Chair, Division 7), George Holden, Alan Kazdin, Yo Jackson, and Cindy Miller-Perrin (Co-Chair, Division 37). For questions, comments, or additional information, please contact Dr. Cindy Miller-Perrin, President-Elect of Division 37 at cindy.perrin@pepperdine.edu or Goodman, Past President of Division 7, at ggoodman@ucdavis.edu.

Division 37 Candidate Statements: President-Elect

Anita J. Thomas, Ph.D.



I currently serve as associate professor of Counseling Psychology at Loyola University Chicago where I teach courses in multicultural issues, family therapy, and human development. My research interests include racial identity, racial socialization,

and parenting issues for African Americans. I have conducted training seminars and workshops on multicultural issues for state and national professional organizations in counseling and psychology, hospitals and corporations, as well as served as a consultant for human service organizations.

Most of my experience and service in APA has focused on addressing issues for children, youth, and diverse families. I currently serve as Member at Large- Task Forces and Diversity Activities. I was a member of the Task Force on Resilience and Strength of Black Children and Adolescents from 2006-2008. I have also served on the APA's Committee for Children, Youth, and Families from 2008-2010, serving as chair in 2010. As a member of the committee, I was able to write a policy brief on spirituality in African American families which was presented to the Congressional Black Caucus. I have also participated in Hill visits sponsored by the APA Public Interest Directorate Government Relations and the American Association of Colleges

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Preston A. Britner, Ph.D.



I am a Professor of Human Development and Family Studies at the University of Connecticut and the Philip E. Austin Endowed Chair. As a psychologist, I have committed myself to the promotion of science-based, contextually relevant prevention and intervention research and evaluation. Over the past 18 years as a faculty member at UConn (after completing my Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology at the University of Virginia), I have incorporated this orientation into sustained efforts in my research (e.g., integrating housing and child welfare; promoting educational access/success for youth in foster care), service (e.g., Editor Emeritus of *The Journal of Primary Prevention*; former Co-Chair, Families with Service Needs Advisory Board, State of Connecticut) and teaching/mentoring. [See tinyurl.com/Britner.]

A Fellow of Division 37, I am on the Editorial Board of the division's journal, *Advances in Child and Family Policy and Practice*. I have been a regular reviewer for Division programming at the annual APA meeting and served on the Task Force on Child and Family Advocacy, among other involvements. Within the Division's Section 1 (Child Maltreatment), I have been a member of the Social Policy Committee, a member of the Award Committee, and an elected Member-at-Large for Social Policy and

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Division 37 Candidate Statements: Member-At-Large

Daniel Dogden, Ph.D.



Despite involvement in many professional organizations, Division 37 has always been my professional home. As a child clinical psychologist trained in community mental health who

has moved into the national policy arena, my career has consistently aligned with the priorities of the Division. Beginning at a child guidance clinic, moving to a congressional committee, working at APA's Public Policy Office, and finally moving to my present job, I have sustained a focus on the intersection of psychology, public health, and public policy with particular emphasis on children and other vulnerable individuals. My current role is with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), where I direct the division responsible for coordinating all mental health activities and all activities related to children for our nation's public health emergency preparedness and response efforts. This has required persistent advocacy for inclusive national planning efforts that fully integrate the needs of children, youth, families, and pregnant women, along with integration of mental health. I have always tried to support the values of the Division and also support the Division itself. During my time working in APA's Public Policy Office, I served as liaison to

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Joaquin P. Borrego, Jr., Ph.D.



It is a great honor to be considered for service on the APA Division 37 Board as a Member-at-Large for the Task Force Coordinator and Coordinator of Diversity Activities position. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the Division 37 membership in continuing to address issues of social and public health significance that impact children, youth, and families. I am particularly interested in working on projects that focus on improving the well-being of underserved populations.

A unique aspect of Division 37 is the diversity of its membership with respect to disciplines (e.g., psychology, law) and careers (e.g., advocates, practitioners, administrators, policy makers) represented. This type of professional diversity presents a great opportunity to maximize the dissemination and impact of advocacy-related initiatives at a local, regional, and national level. I will work closely with the Division 37 Board toward meeting its goals as well as overseeing future projects that have a meaningful impact for children, youth, and families. I will bring great enthusiasm, strong work ethic, and years of experience to this position.

Thank you for considering me for this important position.

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for Teacher Preparation.

I am interested in continuing to promote advocacy opportunities and experiences for division members. Division 37 is poised to help psychologists to translate research findings for practice and policy. I am particularly interested in furthering our work to support children, youth, and families of color.

member of Executive Committee. I was appointed to the APA Working Group on Child Maltreatment Prevention in Community Health Centers and selected as one of the six members of APA's Committee on Children, Youth, and Families (CYF), serving as Co-Chair in 2012. I have held similar policy/practice positions within the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) Family Policy section and APA Division 27 (Community).

If elected, I'd like to emphasize greater coordination of child/family policy and practice issues across APA's central office (e.g., Practice and Public Interest Directorates), key APA divisions (e.g., 7, 43, 54), and other organizations (e.g., SRCD). Division 37 does terrific work that I would love to see better integrated with the efforts of potential partner organizations and more widely disseminated, for maximum impact.

Division 37 Student Dissertation Award

The Division 37 Student Dissertation Award is a \$500 award given to a completed doctoral dissertation concerning issues of social policy, service delivery, welfare, and/or advocacy for children, youth, and families. Papers will be judged on the following dimensions: (a) scientific, technical, or clinical importance, (b) originality/creativity of the work, (c) adequacy of the research design and methods, (d) quality of the conclusions drawn from results, and (e) quality of the written presentation. The reviewers will be three members of the Division 37 Executive Committee. Applicants must be a member of Division 37 to submit a paper for consideration. Students may apply prior to sending their submission.

The deadline for submission is June 1, 2015. Please send the materials below electronically to Dr. Sharon Portwood, Past-President, at sgportwo@uncc.edu:

- A copy of the completed, approved dissertation
- A copy of the signed cover sheet
- An abstract of no more than 1000 words summarizing the research and its relevance to Division 37's mission.

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Division 37 and to the APA Committee on Children, Youth, and Families. Among my professional recognitions and awards, I am proudest that I was selected for the APA Early Career Award for Contribution to Psychology in the Public Interest in 2005 and

elected a Fellow of APA and Division 37 in 2012. I strongly support the mission of Division 37 and the great work of its members. I would welcome the opportunity to serve the Division further by being a Member-At-Large on the executive committee.

**Please Nominate or Self-Nominate for Div. 37
Fellows Status! Deadline: November 1, 2015**

Nominations for Fellow status in Div. 37 are invited from members. Self-nominations are welcome. APA Fellow status requires evidence of unusual and outstanding contributions or performance in psychology that has had a national impact beyond a local, state, or regional level.

Division Criteria for Fellowship are broad ranging, reflecting the diverse roles and interest areas of members involved with child, youth, family policy and practice. Examples of significant contributions include, but are not limited to the following:

- Publication of research, policy statements, or position papers in refereed journals; book chapters; invited articles, monographs or newsletters
- Authorship or editorship of books; Editorial Board or editorship of psychological journals or monograph series related to the field
- Outstanding teaching/training (e.g., innovative course/curriculum development with documented impact)
- Advocacy on behalf of children, youth and families that made a nationally visible contribution (e.g., published research, scholarly or popular writing, public speaking or testimony, lobbying, preparation of legal briefs, etc.)
- Elected, appointed, and volunteer positions in professional or policy-oriented committees, commissions or psychological organizations
- Consultation with court, legislatures, schools or other systems that impact children and families
- Outstanding performance as a Director/Coordinator of an agency, or provider of psychological services that resulted in unique service delivery models to children, youth and families

Nomination Procedure for Initial Fellows: All initial Fellow applications are now submitted via the new Fellows Online Application Platform that has replaced the paper-based process. Refer to APA's web site for application information: <http://www.apa.org/membership/fellows/index.aspx>. **Nomination Procedure for Div. 37 Members who are Fellows of Other Divisions:** Approval by the Div. 37 Fellows Committee is sufficient to become a Fellow of Div. 37. To apply, send a copy of your vita and self-statement outlining your contributions. Be sure to place an "R" beside refereed publications.

Questions? Contact Bette L. Bottoms, Ph.D., Chair, Division 37 Fellows Committee, bbottoms@uic.edu.

Midwinter Meeting Minutes (Abridged) February 6-7, 2015; Washington, DC

Collaborative Activities

2015 CODAPAR Grant

Mary Ann has taken the lead on a 2015 CODAPAR grant, entitled, "Enhanced Web Presence for Scientifically-based Information on Children and Families," that will involve all of the division webmasters. Division 37 is in the lead. It is a collaboration with all 7 child and family divisions to develop a central resource for professionals and the public about parenting. The website will contain links to vetted sites, rather than creating new materials. They will use search word optimization so that it will come up in a web search. Mary Ann will recruit topics and writers (possible ECP opportunity). There will be an opportunity for the public to email us questions, but we won't have any responses to the blog. The maintenance of the website will be shared across all 7 divisions; the responsibilities can be rotated. They will be looking for suggestions for topics. The Children's Mental Health Planning Summit planning group agreed to devote the full amount of the summit to the project. The project will start after the midwinter meeting. They will start looking at web designers and web samples and getting bids. The site will be tested over several months and they plan to have it up and running in the spring. The website will not be related to APA and is not an APA product. An outside contractor will set up the site. The CDC is a partner and is being represented by Jennifer Kaminski.

Institute of Medicine Forum on Promoting Children's Cognitive,

Affective, and Behavioral Health

Recommendations from the National Academy of Sciences' report on prevention led to a forum on promoting children's cognitive, affective, and behavioral health. The IOM Forum is meant to advise policy makers on what science has to offer. Sponsors of the Forum include APA, the Board of Pediatrics, and many federal agencies (including NIDA, NIJ, SAMSHA). Divisions 37 and 54 shared a sponsorship, and Mary Ann is representing both divisions. The Forum is on its second year, and it's a 3-year forum. The forum is designed to bring together people with disparate interests. Three workshops have been held, including one on prevention and one on measurement. The next workshop will be on the Affordable Care Act and sustaining funding for programs. Mary Ann has been chairing a collaborative on the Affordable Care Act and is chairing the next workshop that will be webcast. It will be titled "Health Care Reform" and will include panels with moderated questions.

2014 CODAPAR Grant

Sharon updated us on the 2014 CODAPAR grant, titled, "Psychological Science and Innovative Care Strategies: Informing Health Care Redesign and Improving Care for Youth." It was a collaboration with Divisions 53 and 54 that focused on how integrated care affects practice.

Interdivisional Taskforce on Physical Punishment, Cindy Miller-Perrin

Cindy is co-chairing the Interdivisional Taskforce on Physical

Punishment with Gayle Goodman (past President of Div 7). The purpose is to update the Div 37 literature review from the previous taskforce on physical discipline of children and make a recommendation about a possible resolution for APA. The taskforce also created a statement on physical punishment in response to the Adrian Peterson case, and we posted it on our website, as did Div 7. People on the taskforce have also published editorials and appeared on news shows. The taskforce also submitted a collaborative program to APA that was accepted. The symposium will focus on changing attitudes about and use of spanking cross contexts and cultures. The main idea is going to be to discuss different intervention strategies to reduce parents' use of spanking at the individual and community level. Speakers will discuss: the role of religion in reducing spanking; effective cross cultural approaches; and hospital based interventions.

The taskforce has been collaborating with Laruen Fasig from CYF, who has obtained funding for an APA sponsored roundtable on physical punishment. Cindy and Gayle are on the planning committee; they would like to include people from the taskforce and other people who represent different constituencies within APA. The purpose of the roundtable is to educate people on the topic of physical discipline and the barriers to ending spanking.

Awards:

Hobbs Award: the Board voted to present the award to San-

dra Graham –Berman of the University of Michigan.

Advocacy Award: The Board voted to present the Advocacy Award to Dr. Donald Hernandez of Hunter College.

Treasurer's Report & Membership

The Division looked into finding other investment options that might save money, but we weren't eligible because we are an organization. We decided to stay with Ameriprise. We voted on and passed a budget for 2015.

Early Career Psychologist Member at Large – Paula Fite

The ECP convention social hour was well attended by about 20 people. The ECP resource link is on the website and includes information about how to get licensure, teaching tips, etc.. People have reported that it's helpful.

A member of the ECP committee, Cindy Najdowski, attended the APA leadership conference. She said that it was an amazing opportunity. She received training on federal advocacy work and went to Capitol Hill. Cindy suggested that we continue to send people to this conference. She wrote a letter to the board indicating how much she enjoyed the conference.

Current initiatives of the Committee are focusing on recruitment and retention of ECP members to the Division. The committee will send out a letter of invitation on listservs and to internship programs and other agencies. The committee also hopes to use social media also to recruit more participants.

Awards: Two new ECP awards were discussed. The board agreed to begin providing the

new awards, which include a service award that would provide the awardee with \$1,000 and a research award that would provide the awardee with \$500 to complete a research project.

Liaisons and taskforces

Taskforces:

The Ethnic Minority Research Taskforce has collected data regarding current and best practices for children of color. They are currently analyzing the data.

The Taskforce on Youth in Transition presented a symposium at the APA convention and are writing an article for the *Counseling Psychologist* based on data from their project, which focuses on how college counselors can help young adults who have been in the foster care system.

Committee on International Relations in Psychology (CIRP): Mirian Ofonedu is our CIRP representative and is interested in representing the Division on the interdivisional task force on Rwandan girls.

Committee on Children, Youth, and Families: The committee has 2 new awards. The spring newsletter will be on resilience; they have sent out a call asking people to write about resilience.

Advocacy Member-at-Large, Sangeeta Parikshak

Sangeeta spoke with our previous MAL for advocacy, Cindy Miller Perrin, about past efforts. Several ideas for activities for a new advocacy committee were discussed.

Grad student Representative, Adam Miller

Several members of the student board will be rotating off in 2015, and there will be having an election. They will need help

reaching out to students who we know to get people to run for office. The students had a social hour with Divisions 53 and 54 at the convention. They are planning a mentoring breakfast for the convention in 2015 as well as another joint social hour. They also hosted a webinar led by Rebecca Kanine and Angela Tunno with panelists talking about their experience in policy in the fall of 2014.

Social media: The student board revised their social media policy for review by the the Division 37 board. The board decided that facebook should be used for dissemination of information only at this point, rather than hosting a discussion page. The board also agreed that we will have an ECP play a mentoring role for the students in their administration of the facebook page.

Student research award: The student board proposed the idea of a new student research award. The board indicated approval for the amount of \$500 for a research award designed to help students conduct a research project.

Meeting with APA Government Relations

The Division board was joined by Div 43 officers Kristi Gordon (President) and Galena Rhoades (VP for Science). We met with Judith Glasgow, Cynthia Malley (Legislative Assistant), Amalia Corby Edwards from APA Government Relations. Judith Glassgold explained that Government Relations is a non-profit section of APA that focuses on issues of public welfare and public interest that affect the lives of many people. She reported that Congress has not been very productive in the last few years because the partisan di-

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vide has become more rigid.

Some topic areas that Government Relations is working on include the following:

- Trafficking (runaways and homelessness, Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act)
- Suicide prevention
- The Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act
- Maternal infant home visiting programs
- Child care and early learning
- CAPTA reauthorization
- Medically accurate sex education
- TANF and CHIP appropriations
- Paid family medical leave
- Interrupting the school to prison pipeline
- Elementary and Secondary education Act (focuses on bullying prevention, suicide prevention, ethnic minority youth, and racial and ethnic violence).
- Campus sexual violence (Teach Safe Relationships Act)
- Funding for postpartum depression treatment and depression screening for pregnant women

Judith noted that we should let her know if we know of areas that we think there is a need for more research; APA can reach out to Congress. We discussed the idea of the Division getting some advocacy training from APA Government Relations the next time the convention is in DC. Cynthia noted that there are new advocacy resources are on the website, a federal advocacy guide. It's a continuing education 6 part series. Judith that we should let them know if we think our research is important to them.

Section on Child Maltreatment – Penny Trickett

The Section board has a mid-

winter conference call scheduled for Feb. 24. One of the Section's main concerns is related to declining membership; they are going to try to increase their efforts to get new members. One problem is that you can't pay your dues for the Section when you're renewing online. You can pay your section dues online, but it has to be done separately from the Division.

The Section was given a 2 hour symposium at APA – the topic will be the recent institute of medicine report on the future directions for child abuse and neglect research. Ann Peterson who chaired that panel will be in charge of the symposium. The panel is scheduled for Sunday morning.

Barry Anton's Presidential summit on global approaches to primary care: This is an international and interdisciplinary summit that will be webstreamed internationally so that countries who are doing integrated care can learn from one another. Mary Ann received a letter to ask for support. The Division decided to support this summit with a small financial contribution.

Changes to the bylaws

The Division's Officer's Manual includes an Awards committee that is comprised of the 3 past presidents. This committee has not been active. The past president has been taking the lead in executing the duties of the Awards Committee in recent years. There is also a nominations committee that is supposed to be comprised of the 3 past presidents to generate officer nominations. It was suggested that the awards and nominations committees be re-

invigorated but change the bylaws so that the president elect is the second member. The committees would be comprised of the President elect, past president and a member of the board who is appointed by the president. The board passed a motion to make changes to the composition of the awards committee and the nominations committee to include the president elect, and member of the EC to be appointed by the president. These changes would involve changes to the bylaws and must be voted on by the membership. Amy will send it to the membership to vote on.

We discussed the fact that, according to the officer's manual, the Section President is not considered a part of the board and therefore cannot vote on board decisions. We voted on and passed a motion that the Section President be a member of the Division board. Since this requires a change to the bylaws, a vote by the membership is required. Amy Damashek will send it out for a vote via email.

APA Program – Sandra Barueco, Program Co-Chair

Division 37 is co listed on 7 cross divisional/collaborative postings. APA has moved to a new model in which it has reallocated division hours to do more cross divisional programming.

There were just enough hours to provide space for everyone who was accepted; we had an hour donated by Div 54. If you're planning on doing any collaborative programming, submit materials by Oct 1 if you can.

We discussed whether it would be worthwhile for the divi-

sion to reserve a hospitality suite at the Convention. We previously discontinued it because of finances, but we used to use it for EC meetings, etc. There was a concern raised about not using the suite enough and that it can be a problem when the convention hotels are far away from the convention center. It was also noted that there aren't a lot of students and ECP's going to the Convention in Toronto and that maybe we should wait until next year. We decided not to pursue one for 2015 but to consider it for the 2016 Convention. Cindy will follow up with this.

We decided to make a print-out copy of our programming to place at the Division services booth at the Convention.

Fellows Chair Report – Bette Bottoms

The Fellows Committee includes Sue Limber and Dan Dodge. The assistant is Christian Ruiz. The committee engaged in more outreach this year to seek nominations; a call for nominations was placed in the Advocate and on the listserv. Bette sent the Board a list of current Division members to us at APA meeting, and we indicated who should be considered for fellow status. Bette then sent specific letters to nominate specific people; this procedure brought in a number of applications. Bette also sent letters to every Div 37 member who is already a fellow in another division. Applicants who are not already fellows in any APA division have to be reviewed by the Division and the APA Fellows Committee. There were four new applications, and Bette sent their nomination materials to the APA Committee to be considered. Applicants who are already fellows in other Divisions only have to be reviewed

by the Division Committee. There were eight applicants who were already fellows in other divisions who were granted fellow status; Mary Ann McCabe, Preston Britner, Cathy Widom, John Lutzker, Jodi Quas, Marc Atkins, Mark Reinecke, and Penelope Trickett.

The Board discussed ways to engage the fellows from the division and get them involved with students and ECP's. It was noted that fellows can help to encourage their students to consider running for office on our student board.

Joint meeting with Division 43

The Division held a joint meeting with the Division 43 Executive Committee. We discussed the activities of the divisions and how we could potentially collaborate. Division 43 is working within a number of areas, including the following: bringing family therapy issues to the Board of Professional Affairs; identify doctoral, internship, and postdoctoral programs that offer training in couples and family therapy; increasing the availability of funding available for research on family therapy; promoting a family focused approach to rehabilitating adult offenders; building and strengthening bridges between child and family divisions.

Division 37 board members discussed relevant division activities, including the: 2015 CO-DAPAR grant; taskforce on physical punishment; Taskforce on Mental Health Concerns for Children and Youth of Color.

The boards discussed way in which we could collaborate. Division 43 noted that they could benefit from our advocacy experience and would like more information about how Division 37 advocacy activities might benefit

Division 43. Sangeeta volunteered to write a description of our advocacy activities. Mary Ann suggested that we work on getting a liaison between the 2 divisions.

Editor of "Advances in Child and Family Policy and Practice", Barbara Fiese

Our editor, Barbara Fiese explained that the first two Advances have gone to press and should be out soon. There will be 2 page briefing sheets for dissemination that are labeled "executive summary" and are at the front of the publication. An issue on school corporal punishment will be coming out soon, and Elizabeth Gershoff will write an Op Ed to with it. Another issue on children's contact with incarcerated parents will also be coming out very soon. Barbara will work with the author on dissemination.

Other topics that are in process include: implementation science and children's mental health; school programs to support positive youth development; and family homelessness (written by Mary Haskett). We discussed ways to disseminate Advances, especially to targeted audiences.

Advocate Editor, Jonathan Martinez

Jonathan is our new editor and met with our previous editor (Julie Cohen) to get an orientation. Jonathan has been thinking about how to use social media to disseminate the Advocate. Mary Ann suggested call out box for the Advocate that includes things like awards and information about our presences on twitter and facebook.

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Calendar of Upcoming Conferences

Society of Pediatric Psychology Conference

San Diego, CA: Apr 16-18

Western Psychological Association Conference

Las Vegas, NV: Apr 30-May 3

Association for Psychological Science Conference

New York City, NY: May 21-24

American Psychological Association Conference

Toronto, Canada: Aug 6-9

Society for Implementation Research & Collaboration Conference

Seattle, WA: Sep 24-26

Association for Behavioral & Cognitive Therapies Conference

Chicago, IL: Nov 12-15