

Group Specialty Council Meeting February 25, 2016

Present: Nina Brown (President), Josh Gross, Misha Bogomaz, Barry Helfmann, Kathy Ulman, Robert Gleave, and Eleanor Counselman (Secretary/Treasurer).

1. Staci Smith, our professional writer, called in to discuss her progress. She is creating a Strategic Plan for the petition that she will get to us by March 7th. It will show a big picture of all that we need for the petition. She is breaking it down by criteria and expects to have it in user-friendly format with spreadsheets so we can check off what is done.
2. Les Greene and Sally Barlow will serve as overall consultants. In addition each member of the Council will be assigned one or two criteria to review, which will make the workload manageable.
3. Nina noted that the material required for Criteria 6 and 7 should be found in the APA accreditation applications for the various universities whose group programs we will be using. Robert agreed to obtain BYU's material, and Josh can get FSU's.
4. Josh asked about the Group Council listserv that he had set up. It was agreed that he should keep it, and he will update it so its membership is current.
5. We noted that as we continue to work on finding strong group training programs, we find that there are more than we thought but they are not well advertised.
6. The group discussed how to write Practice Guidelines and Competencies. Nina cited the December American Psychologist article on Practice Guidelines. Robert said that he has gotten Gary Burlingame, Joe Kobos, and Martyn Whittingham to write the Practice Guidelines. The group congratulated him on this major accomplishment. There was discussion of the difference between clinical and practice guidelines.
7. Nina wrote the Education and Training standards for last time and they were not criticized, so she suggested we use what she wrote for the current petition.

8. The group expressed their appreciation to Nina for her ongoing leadership in this challenging project.

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