

Group Specialty Council Minutes

Date: 9/30/2024

Present:

Gary Burlingame (AGPA Past-President), Leann Diederich (Secretary), Noelle Lefforge (President); Leo Leiderman (AGPA President-Elect), Darryl Pure (Chair, Group Foundation for Advancing Mental Health), Lorraine Wodiska (AGPA President)

Absent:

Le'Marus Alston (Council Membership Organization from St. Elizabeth's Hospital), Misha Bogomaz (Treasurer; ABGP/ABPP President), Joe Miles (Division 49 President-Elect), Steve Van Wagoner (IBCGP Chair), Vinny Dehili (Vice President), Francis Kaklauskas (Div 49 President), Kendra Jackson (ASGW Representative), Nina Brown (Past-President)

Agenda/Meeting Minutes Approval: We approved our November, February, and March minutes.

Agenda Items:

1. **Introductions:** between all attending members were made (discussions around groups in college counseling centers; Dr. Burlingame retiring effective July 1; Not solidified on Editor for *The Group Circle*, looking for suggestions; Upcoming edited book on Trauma to be released soon; full professorship congratulations to Dr. Lefforge)
2. **Update from Noelle:** I utilized the writing retreat supported by the Group Specialty Council to begin drafting the petition and have circulated the draft to the GSC members. I have fully completed Criteria I (Administrative Organization) and Criteria II (Public Need), as well as Section 1 of Criteria IV (Distinctiveness). I also started to put together some materials near the end that will end up in Criteria IX (Effectiveness).
3. **Request:** Members are asked to in citations on using group with diverse populations in the link that has been provided to GSC members. Dr. Burlingame will ask for a student to focus on: Populations, Problems, Procedures.
4. **Council of Specialties (CoS) meeting:** Our revised taxonomy was approved. They will be providing a letter that we will submit to CRSSPP to meet the taxonomy requirement. They should be updated on the CoS website and ABPP taxonomy tool website soon. Here is the [current taxonomy](#) on the Training Tool website.

Action Items:

1. **Additional Retreat Funding: Approved to have two more additional, \$1,000/writing retreats for Dr. Lefforge.** We'll reevaluate what the next steps are, as there may be additional criteria that will still need to be written after that. We'll have funding available to still hire a copyeditor if necessary in the future.

Next Meeting: October 28, 2024, 1 pm Eastern

Future Meetings:

November 25, 2024 1 pm Eastern

LINK:

Join Zoom Meeting

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