Reducing regulatory barriers.
Increasing access to mental healthcare.

January 2021 Update

Since applications to practice under PSYPACT officially opened on July 1, 2020, we continue to receive a steady number of applications. Psychologists can apply to practice telepsychology by obtaining an ASPPB E. Passport and an Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology (APIT) and/or they can apply to practice temporarily by obtaining an ASPPB IPC and a Temporary Authorization to Practice (TAP). Additional information about the application process and how to start an application can be found on the PSYPACT website at www.psypact.org.

A Message from the Chair, Don Meck

Although, this has been a rough and trying time for our member states, PSYPACT has moved forward and has had a productive 2020 year. This is what we have accomplished together: We now have 15 states in the compact; wrote and adopted bylaws and rules/regulations; established a revenue chain and budget for 2021 and started issuing APIT and TAP authorizations. I thank all of you for your hard work and diligence. On a rather sad note, this past year we have lost one of our most influential advocates for PSYPACT, Dr. Bob Bohanske. He was instrumental in Arizona being the first state to pass PSYPACT, testified frequently about the need for the compact, and then served as our first Co-Chair. We will miss him, but I believe that he would want us to remember him by continuing to work towards increasing PSYPACT and making sure it survives all of us. I look forward to working with you this year as we expand and grow our organization. Thank you, Don

Donald S. Meck, Ph.D., J.D., ABPP
Chair, PSYPACT Commission

Upcoming Meetings

There are currently no meetings scheduled at this time. Be on the lookout for Doodle polls regarding your availability for upcoming meetings.

Important Announcement

E. PASSPORT FEE WAIVER EXTENDED

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has awarded ASPPB federal funding to help provide support for the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES). As part of the 2020 funding, and in hopes of increasing access to mental health care services via telepsychology, ASPPB has announced that the E.Passport application fee ($400) waiver has been extended through January 31, 2021. Please contact us at info@psypact.org with any questions you have.
The annual PSYPACT Commission meeting was held November 19-20, 2020. Below are a few highlights from the meeting:

Creation and adoption of a PSYPACT Commission Policies and Procedures
Adoption of the PSYPACT Commission Code of Ethics
Election of PSYPACT Commission Executive Board
Appointments to the Rules Committee and the Finance Committee

Newly Elected PSYPACT Executive Board

Don Meck, Chair  
*Georgia*

Pam Groose, Vice Chair  
*Missouri*

Teanne Rose, Treasurer  
*Oklahoma*

Gary Lenkeit, Member at Large  
*Nevada*

Deborah Warner, Member at Large  
*New Hampshire*

Mariann Burnetti-Atwell, Ex-Officio Member  
*ASPPB*

New Commissioner Welcome

The PSYPACT Commission would like to officially welcome Ms. Jaime Hoyle as the newly appointed Commissioner for state of Virginia. As of January 1st, Virginia has become an effective PSYPACT state. Ms. Hoyle currently serves as the Executive Director of the Virginia Board of Psychology and we look forward to working with her.

Committee Charges

**Rules Committee:** A Rules Committee shall be established as a standing committee to develop uniform Compact rules for consideration by the Commission and subsequent implementation by the states and to review existing rules and recommend necessary changes to the Commission for consideration.

**Finance Committee:** The Finance Committee shall be established as a standing committee to audit needs, finances, develop state-specific materials, etc.

Meet the Rules Committee

Don Meck  
Pam Groose  
Deborah Warner  
Dan Collins  
Patrick Hyde

Meet the Finance Committee

Teanne Rose  
Jaime Hoyle  
Deborah Blackburn

Verification of PSYPACT Credentials

- PSYPACT Commission Staff is happy to provide verification of psychologists PSYPACT credentials. Email info@psypact.org for verifications.

PSYPACT Commission Newsletter, January 2021

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Happy New Year! Welcome to 2021. We are excited about PSYPACT’s progress in 2020 and look forward to a remarkably busy year in 2021. So far for the 2021 Legislative Session, we have bills introduced in Indiana and Kentucky. More information about those bills can be found in the Legislative Activity section within this newsletter. We are working with several other states and hope to see more legislation within the next few weeks.

I have been working to develop Commissioner Training Materials and hope to have that ready soon for your review and comments. These materials will be used to provide guidance to new Commissioners as they are appointed to the PSYPACT Commission. A highlight of the topics covered in the training materials includes PSYPACT History and Benefits, PSYPACT Governance Structure and the Roles of Commissioners. I look forward to your thoughts.

I cannot thank you enough for all you do for PSYPACT. It was a successful 2020 and I look forward to working with you all in 2021!

Janet P. Orwig, MBA, CAE
PSYPACT Executive Director

Currently, 15 states participate in PSYPACT including Arizona, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Virginia and North Carolina (Effective March 3, 2021). As the 2021 legislative sessions have begun, we have legislation introduced in Kentucky as KY HB 38 and Indiana as IN SB 36 and we anticipate several other states to introduce legislation this year as well. We do have carry over legislation active in District of Columbia as DC B145 as well as in New Jersey as NJ A 4205.

PSYPACT is available to host webinars and provide presentations for psychologists in your state to learn more about PSYPACT and how it works. If you are interested, contact us at info@psypact.org. Additional training materials can also be found on the PSYPACT website at www.psypact.org.

Interest in PSYPACT continues to grow! We hear daily from psychologists interested in learning more about the compact and how they can participate and use an email listserv to provide periodic updates about important application updates and information as new states introduce and enact PSYPACT legislation. To date, we have over 3,000 participants in the PSYPACT listserv. To sign up, email us at info@psypact.org or visit https://psypact.org/page/Listserv.

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Looking at PSYPACT State Trends

Arizona

Colorado

Delaware

Georgia

Illinois

Missouri

Nebraska

Nevada

New Hampshire

North Carolina

NA

Oklahoma

Pennsylvania

Texas

Utah

Virginia

NA