October 2020 Update

On July 1, 2020 applications to practice under PSYPACT officially opened. 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

Welcome, PSYPACT’s primary purpose is increasing access to psychological care among the member states. This newsletter has been developed for our participating member states as one source of communication to keep them updated about the growth, process and current requirements of PSYPACT. Thank you for participating in PSYPACT and please share the newsletter with your licensing board.

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

Upcoming Meetings

Commission Meeting November 19-20, 2020
Executive Board Meeting November 20, 2020

Elections will be held at the November 2020 Meeting. If you are interested in running for the Executive Board, be sure to send your materials to Janet Orwig (jorwig@asppb.org) by October 16th.

Important Announcement

E. PASSPORT FEES TEMPORARILY WAIVED

The Human 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) will be waived through December 31, 2020. Please contact us at info@psypact.org with any questions you have.
Welcome to the new PSYPACT Commission Quarterly E-newsletter! We hope that you like the design and the ways we will be sharing news with you. Each quarter, we will send the latest issue that will provide the most up-to-date information regarding PSYPACT. This quarter, you will find a list of the current Commissioners, important announcements, and legislative activities. I would also like to highlight the section PSYPACT by the Numbers which contains information regarding certifications and authorizations issued.

We are here to support you in your role as a PSYPACT Commissioner and hope this newsletter provides assistance. We welcome your feedback and suggestions as we strive to continue to improve this newsletter.

Thank you for all you do for PSYPACT. We appreciate your time and expertise.

Janet P. Orwig, MBA, CAE
PSYPACT Executive Director

Legislative Activity
2021 Legislative Session Approaches

Currently, 15 states participate in PSYPACT including Arizona, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Virginia (Effective January 1, 2021) and North Carolina (Effective March 3, 2021). Currently, District of Columbia, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, Ohio and Rhode Island have active current legislation. As the start of the 2021 legislative session approaches, we anticipate being busy with several states planning to introduce legislation. To date, Kentucky has already prefiled legislation as KY BR 245.

Did you know?
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.

Communications Update
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 2,500 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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