



# Nevada Psychological Association

## NPA News

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#### Upcoming CE Events:

- **September 29th, 2017**  
**Doing Business as a Psychologist: The Graduate Course You Never Had**  
Larry Waldman, Ph.D., ABPP  
Las Vegas 6 CE Credits
- **November 17th 2017**  
**Understanding and Coping with Pain**  
Akiko Okifuji, PhD  
Reno 6 CE Credits
- **May 4th, 2018**  
**Ethics & Risk Management in the Digital World 2.0**  
Daniel Taube, JD, PhD  
Las Vegas  
6 Ethics CE Credits



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#### 2017 Spring Newsletter

#### ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ A Message from our President ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

When I started my career in psychology as a doctoral student at UNLV in 2006, I never dreamed I would plant roots in Las Vegas permanently. But, after leaving Nevada for my internship and post-doc, I found myself pulled back by the unshakable feeling that there is important work to do in our beautiful state. When I returned home to Nevada and began doing this work, my closest friends and colleagues pulled me back into the Nevada Psychological Association. I admit to being a reluctant participant, at first. One more meeting, a few more administrative obligations, numerous more administrative tasks - ugh! And yet, my friends and colleagues were right. They recognized my stubborn and relentless commitment to improving behavioral health care in Nevada, and they realized the very best place for me was NPA. With NPA, I have the amazing opportunity to help improve behavioral health care in Nevada by supporting and advocating for you, our behavioral health care providers! To that end, I promise to be an intense, righteous, and bull-headed advocate for our community. And, perhaps even more importantly, I promise to keep you informed about the ways NPA is advocating for our community.

Transparency is a top priority for me as NPA president. In the wake of the Hoffman report, and given the current political climate, many NPA members have expressed feelings of uncertainty. NPA leadership will continue to strengthen our community by adopting targeted action plans, articulating these plans to members, and following through on these plans to the best of our ability.

In May, NPA held our Annual Strategic Planning Meeting, an affair that can be both tedious and inspiring. As NPA President, I encourage you to familiarize yourself with NPA's (second!) Three Year Strategic Plan (and Strategic Business Objectives), and Annual Translators. As a rational human being, I realize many of you are unlikely to heed this request. So, I've mercifully boiled down the main goals for 2017 - 2018 here:

- Provide high quality services to NPA members by maximizing the use of new and emerging technology
- Improve financial stability of NPA by exploring ways to increase continuing education event attendance
- Develop and support NPA leadership by streamlining operational efficiency via new and emerging technology
- Advocate for psychology as a science and profession by increasing targeted communication of legislative actions to members

NPA is already well on our way to reaching these goals. For example, NPA's Legislative Committee successfully developed Senate Bill 163, and then ushered this bill through Nevada's 79th Legislative Session. SB163, also known as the "corporate practice" bill, opens the door for psychologists and physicians to form equal-partner businesses for the purpose of providing fully integrated behavioral health care. The 79th Legislative Session also numerous other exciting developments for behavioral health care in Nevada, including the possibility of Medicaid reimbursement for trainees, steps towards PSYPACT, and many others.

NPA leadership will continue to communicate with our membership regarding important issues throughout the state and the nation. Watch for our emails, follow us on Twitter and Facebook, and stop by our website for information, updates, and action alerts as we follow the developments impacting behavioral health care and behavioral health care providers. As behavioral health care providers and advocates, we have our work cut out for us at the state and national levels this year.

Nevada has grown up quickly, and Nevada's behavioral health needs have grown even faster. Fortunately, Nevada has a community of dedicated and brilliant psychologists who are committed to meeting these needs. I am very proud to work with, and for, each and every one of you. NPA could use your help. Speak up. Get involved. Do something. Or, you know, get out of the way.

~ Adrianna Wechsler-Zimring, Ph.D.  
2017/2018 President, Nevada Psychological Association

**2016-2017: A Year in Review by Bree Mullin, Psy.D.**

What a journey it has been leading NPA this past year! Just prior to our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in 2016, NPA's Executive Board devised its **second three-year Strategic Plan**, which was specifically fashioned and implemented to propel NPA toward membership satisfaction and financial stability. The Executive Board identified four main Strategic Business Objectives (SBO's) that have served as the foundation for our decision-making processes throughout the past year and will continue into the coming years.

Considering that we saw a 33.27% *decrease* in our finances in 2016, we had a long road ahead of us regarding our first SBO of Improving Financial Stability. During the past year, we focused our efforts on four specific business translators: increasing membership, increasing automatic renewals, increasing CE sponsorship, and investigating new pricing models. Fortunately, and with the dedication and the relentless efforts of our Executive and Regional Board members, our Executive Director, Wendi O'Connor, and our CE Committee, we were successful in all four of these areas. Our greatest achievement was the **increase of CE sponsorship by a factor of three!**

Our efforts to Provide High Quality Services to members were exemplified via sending monthly updates regarding Executive Board functioning. The Executive Board meets once per month to discuss the progress we have made toward each of our organizational goals. Summaries of the meetings are provided to our members to keep you informed as to how the time, energy, and finances of the Executive Board are spent. Our SBO of Developing and Supporting Leadership has proven quite successful, as **2017 was the first year NPA had more than one person run for Regional Board positions!!!** I continue to encourage every member to participate in NPA's Executive or Regional Boards, and/or our committees, as doing so will not only increase goal achievement, but will also inevitably increase the strength of our organization. Finally, NPA endeavored and continues to Advocate for Psychology as a Science and Profession. This year provided an impeccable opportunity via the 79<sup>th</sup> Session of the Nevada Legislature. Our Legislative Committee was enormously successful in **acquiring for psychologists a seat at the Integrated Healthcare table, via the Corporate Practice initiative**; legislation that NPA has been pursuing for several years. Congratulations to the Legislative Committee on such a remarkable achievement!

I would like to express my gratitude to the Executive and Regional Boards, our Executive Director, Wendi O'Connor, our Committee Chairs and members, and all NPA members, for placing your faith in me to lead our community during this past year. I am honored to have had the opportunity to support and assist in guiding this productive organization. As with the great privilege and pleasure I felt when stepping into leadership, I feel even greater privilege and pleasure in introducing and supporting **our incoming President, Dr. Adrianna Wechsler Zimring!!!**

With my warmest regards and best wishes,

~Bree Mullin, Psy.D.

Past-President, Nevada Psychological Association

## 2017 Annual Business Meeting—NPA Award Winners

**James Mikawa Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Field of Psychology:** NPA recognized Dr. Bradley Donohue for his work at UNLV since 1988 and involvement in the mentoring of doctoral students and also his research involving many community partners and, in addition to substance abuse research, his research of child maltreatment, sports psychology, and child externalizing disorders.

*Left to right: Dr. Bradley Donohue, Dr. Adrianna Wechsler Zimring*



**Outstanding Advocacy Award:** NPA awarded Dr. Shera Bradley for her advocacy on behalf of psychologists on an ethical case that ended up at the highest level of the state judicial system. She continues to fight for her patient's confidentiality, despite an enormous personal, professional, and financial undertaking. NPA was honored to support her in her fight.

*Left to right: Dr. Whitney Owens, Dr. Shera Bradley*

**Outstanding Contribution to NPA Awards:** NPA recognized Dr. Bree Mullin's dedication during her service as NPA President in 2016/17. Dr. Mullin has been a responsive leader and has dedicated a great deal of her time and energy to NPA. Her efforts in generating a vibrant ECP group in the Southern Region has been especially appreciated.

*Left to right: Dr. Robyn Donaldson, Dr. Bree Mullin*



### Outstanding Contribution to NPA Award:

NPA also recognized Travis Loughran, M.A. for his outstanding contribution to NPA through his hard work and diligent efforts as a student rep for UNLV and APAGS.

*Left to right: Travis Loughran, M.A., Dr. Melanie Crawford*

## Congratulations to our 2017 Student Poster Winners!

**1st Place: Andrew Ahrendt**—DBT for DV: New Model, Same Positive Outcomes

**2nd Place: Yulia Gavrilova**—Controlled Evaluation of a Method of Recruiting Participants into Treatment Outcome Research

**3rd Place: Tori DiBona**—Career Identity and Resilience in Relation to Success in STEM Fields

## 2017 Student Poster Presenters

*In Alphabetical Order:*

Andrew Ahrendt, Adrienne Chong, Hannah Colarusso, Alexandra Danlag, Tori DeBona, Mirae Fornander, Yulia Gavrilova, Stacy Graves, Carl Langley, Jared Leslie, Kaiya Massey, Courtney Mayer, Travis Mize, Arilene Pelayo, Shelby Prows, Martha Zimmermann



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## 2017 NPA Strategic Planning Meeting—Saturday, May 13th, 2017, Las Vegas NV

During this year's Strategic Planning Meeting, the general membership was encouraged to attend the morning session during which the organizational structure of NPA was reviewed and the 2016-19 Strategic Business Objectives (SBOs) were discussed. Members then separated into groups where they brainstormed specific methods and activities, called Translators, that would move NPA closer to achieving our SBOs. During the afternoon session, the Executive Board combined the new ideas generated from the morning session with the remaining translators and identified which ones required further action for 2017/2018. Each SBO and the corresponding translators are identified below:



### 1. **Improve Financial Stability:**

- Increase membership
- Increase CE sponsorship
- Increase CE attendance
- Increase non-dues revenue

### 2. **Provide High Quality Services to Members:**

- Maximize the use of new and emerging technology
- Improved communication with members via monthly updates
- Provide relevant CE opportunities
- Provide increased opportunities for networking events in the community
- Investigate additional perks/benefits of membership
- Mentorship program

### 3. **Develop and Support Leadership:**

- Streamline operational efficiency using technology
- Increase student involvement
- Implement advocacy internship
- Investigate ways to decrease board burnout
- Psychological Community outreach

### 4. **Advocate for Psychology as a Science and Profession:**

- Increase coordination between legislative and executive board
- Increase targeted communication of legislative action to members
- Making advocacy exciting
- Increase recruitment for legislative committee
- Establish PEC and Committee to increase public outreach and advocacy
- Investigate ways to increase psychology community involvement in advocacy and social justice issues

## **The following were selected by the Executive Board as our 2017-2018 Translators:**

### **SBO#1: Improve Financial Stability**

- ✓ Increase CE attendance

### **SBO#2: Provide High Quality Services to Members**

- ✓ Maximize the use of new and emerging technology

### **SBO#3: Develop and Support Leadership**

- ✓ Streamline operational efficiency using technology

### **SBO#4: Advocate for Psychology as a Science and Profession**

- ✓ Increase targeted communication of legislative action to members



## Nevada Psychological Association: 2017-2018 Executive Board Members



**President: Adrianna Wechsler Zimring, Ed.M., Ph.D.** worked in the field of education before earning her doctorate in psychology at UNLV. After her completing her internship at University of Washington School of Medicine and her postdoctoral fellowship at Stanford University School of Medicine, Dr. Zimring returned to the greater Las Vegas area and established a private practice specializing on evidence-based practices with children and adolescents. Dr. Zimring has been a member of NPA since her time as a doctoral student at UNLV.

**Past-President and ECP Co-Chair, South: Bree Mullin, Psy.D.** was born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada. In 2003, she earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Arizona and in 2011, she earned her doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology from Alliant International University in San Diego, California. She returned to Las Vegas to complete postdoctoral training and provide mental health services to the residents of Clark County. Dr. Mullin became licensed in 2013 and now operates a private practice dedicated to providing evidenced-based services to children, adolescents, adults, families, and veterans in clinical & forensic settings.



**President-Elect and CE Chair: Sarah Ahmad, Psy.D.** is a native of Las Vegas and received her B.A. from UNLV. She earned her doctorate from the University of La Verne in California and returned to her hometown of Las Vegas for a postdoctoral fellowship. Dr Ahmad was licensed in 2013 and opened her own practice in 2016. She conducts assessments, testing, and provides evidenced based services to children, adolescents, and adults with a focus on trauma related cases.

**Secretary: Jordan Soper, PhD.** is a native of Southern Nevada and a licensed psychologist in Nevada and Washington. She is the owner of JNS Psychological Associates in Henderson, NV and specializes in evidence-based treatments for anxiety, trauma, and sexual concerns. She has specialized experience working with military service members, Veterans, and their families, the LGBTQ community, sexual assault survivors, first responders & police officers, young professionals, members of the BDSM/Kink/Fetish community, and sex workers.



**Diversity Chair: Sandra Gray, Ph.D.** earned her Ph.D. in clinical psychology, as well as dual masters in mental health counseling and in psychology. Her dissertation research, training, and experience has focused on racial and ethnic differences in the experience of trauma, specifically sexual abuse. As a bilingual, first generation Mexican-American individual, much of her work has involved working with Spanish-speaking populations and other minority groups. Dr. Gray's pre-doctoral and post-doctoral training focused on psychological and neuropsychological evaluations, respectively.

**ECP Co-Chair, North: - Ruth Gentry Ph.D.** earned her degree from UNR in 2010 and is licensed in California and Nevada. She completed her internship and postdoctoral fellowship in integrated care/health psychology at the West Los Angeles Veterans Affairs. She is in private practice in Reno specializing in treatment of sleep disorders, chronic pain, anxiety, depression, and PTSD.



**APA Council Rep: Lisa Linning, Ph.D.** is a Licensed Psychologist, working as a DFS Manager of Family Services in Las Vegas and has a part-time private practice. She oversees clinical services for children in DFS Child Welfare, the Advanced Foster Care program, the So. Nevada Children's Assessment Center for sexual abuse investigation, and a support program for commercially sexually exploited children (CSEC). All of Dr. Linning's professional work has focused on advocacy and treatment of severely abused and disabled youth through research, youth corrections, residential and inpatient treatment centers, and outpatient services. Dr. Linning started serving NPA in 2002 as UNLV/APAGS rep, is a past President, past Southern Regional President, ECP rep, and Legislative Committee Chair.

**APAGS Rep: Kyleigh Sheldon (UNLV) and Brendan Willis (UNR) Campus Reps: Leiszle Lapping-Carr (UNLV) and Martha Zimmerman (UNR)**

## Nevada Psychological Association: 2017-2018 Regional Board Members



**Northern Regional President: Alex Cramond, Ph.D.** Worked in the Brain Imaging and Behavioral Laboratory, and completed his doctoral degree at Brigham Young University under the direction of Dr. Erin D. Bigler. Dr. Cramond's private practice, Summit Neuropsychology, is located in Reno NV; he also has privileges at Renown Regional Medical Center. Dr. Cramond provides inpatient/outpatient neuropsychological examinations, forensic evaluation, concussion management, and cognitive rehabilitation services. He also performs pilot neuropsychology examinations for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

**Northern Regional Vice-President: Elysse Kompaniez, Ph.D.** received her Ph.D. in Cognitive and Brain Sciences from the University of Nevada, Reno and she is currently respecializing in clinical neuropsychology. Elysse's interests as a psychologist include the neuropsychological assessment of children and adolescents.



**Northern Regional Secretary: Kelly Cramond, Ph.D.** is a Licensed Psychologist and Certified Brain Injury Specialist who provides Clinical Neuropsychology services. She graduated from Brigham Young University in 2010 and is currently employed by Rehab Without Walls and the VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System in Reno, NV. She and her husband (Dr. Alex Cramond) also manage Summit Neuropsychology, PLLC.



**Northern Region Treasurer: Elizabeth Mosco, Ph.D.** earned her doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology at the University of Nevada, Reno in 2007 and completed her internship at the VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System. Dr. Mosco remained with the VA for 10 years providing assessment and psychotherapy services to home-bound veterans across Northern Nevada and California. She left the VA in March 2017 to open a private practice in Reno.



**Southern Regional President: Kelly O'Neil, PhD** completed her postdoctoral fellowship, here in Nevada, under the supervision of Dr. Stephanie Holland. She continued therapeutic and assessment services for Desert Psychological until she opened her own practice in January 2016. Dr. O'Neill's training focused on individual, family and couples therapy, which she continues to provide to those in the Las Vegas and Henderson areas; as well as, psychoeducational assessments and court-ordered reunification therapy. Dr. O'Neill has served on the Southern Region board for the past three years as Vice-President and Secretary and is excited to continue serving the psychological community as President this year.

**Southern Regional Vice-President: Rhiannon Rager, Ph.D.** is dually licensed as a psychologist and school psychologist in Nevada. She earned her PhD in Educational Psychology with a specialization in School Psychology from UNLV in 2013. She has worked extensively in the public school system and maintains a private practice specializing in psychological and psycho-educational assessment of children, adolescents and adults.



**Southern Region Secretary: Sunshine Collins, Psy.D.** is a licensed psychologist in Las Vegas providing clinical, forensic, and neuropsychological assessments and related services. Her work includes competency to stand trial, disability, parenting fitness, child interviews, parental coordination, and neurodevelopmental disorders, amongst others. She works with clients, attorneys, the courts, and county and state organizations. This is her first year as the NPA Southern Board Secretary.



**Southern Region Treasurer: Tara Borsh Psy.D.** is the Director of the Boys Town Behavioral Health Clinic located in Las Vegas. Dr. Borsh specializes in behavioral pediatrics (ages 2-22) and utilizes evidenced-based treatments (E/RP, PCIT, CBT, TF-CBT, ACT, etc). Dr. Borsh provides therapy (individual and family) and psychological evaluations, as well as parent training and education on behavioral health concerns. Dr. Borsh received her Doctorate degree in Clinical Psychology from Midwestern University in Downers Grove, Illinois. Dr. Borsh enjoys working with parenting concerns, anxiety, depression, trauma, ADHD, disruptive behaviors, and elimination disorders.





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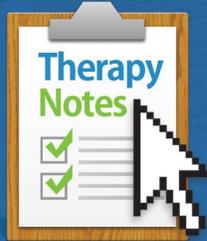
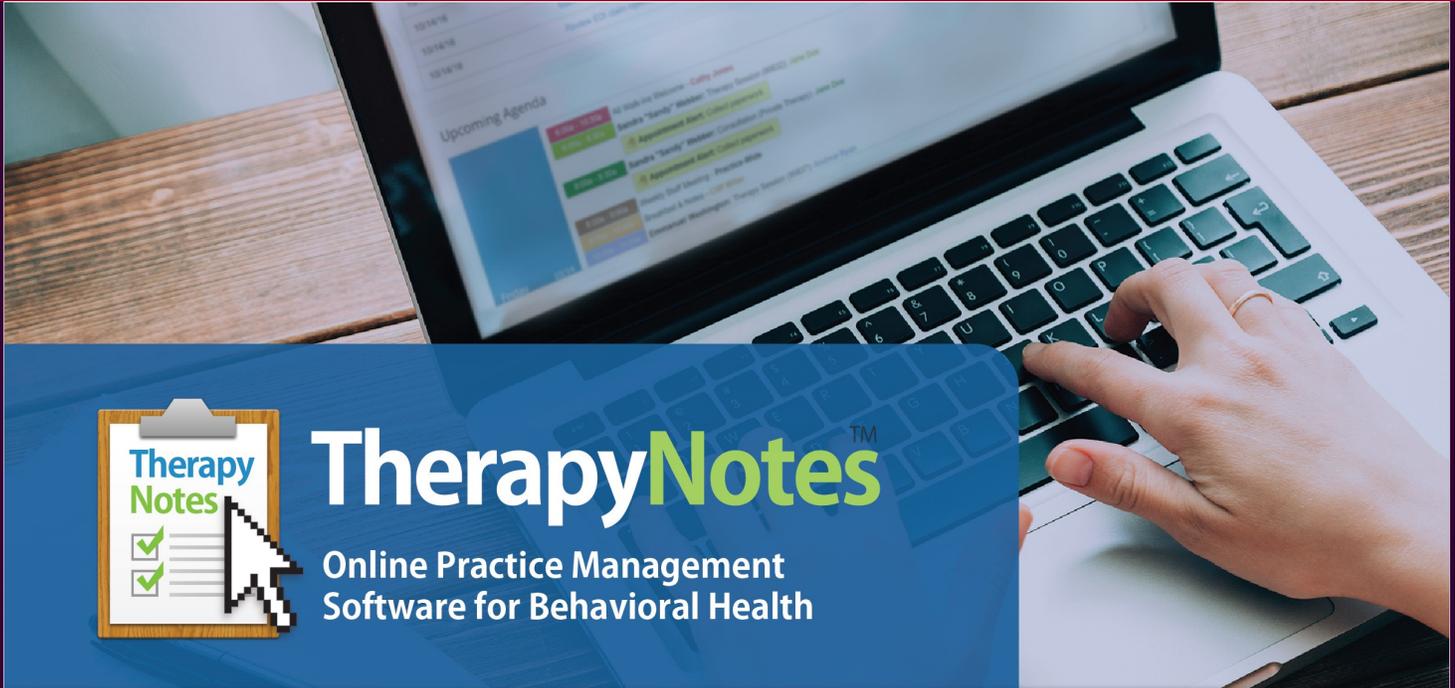
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## 2017 Legislative Report

Greetings colleagues,

Although the 79<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session ended at midnight on Monday, June 5, Governor Brian Sandoval had until Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup> to sign or veto hundreds of bills. Now that his work is now complete, the final compilation of NPA reports encapsulating the 2017 Session can be delivered. This session was again busy with many behavioral health related bills. NPA was tracking approximately 25 bills with about 14 needing our attention in one form or another.

Our major accomplishment this session was **NPA's landmark Senate Bill 163, Corporate Practice of Healthcare**. SB163 amending the Corporate Practice laws for psychologists and physicians, opening the door to equal partnered corporations to form as integrated healthcare practices. After approximately 5 years of grassroots efforts and preparation, our bill was sponsored this session by Senator Patricia Farley and co-sponsored by Assemblyman Nelson Araujo. Our lobbyist, Bryan Gresh, dedicated enormous amounts time and attention to make it possible for NPA to be at the right place and right time, with the right people primed to hear our message. All this made it possible for the bill to move through the legislative processes with far fewer bumps than we anticipated. It was at times arduous, but this is a satisfying milestone for Nevada psychologists and, especially NPA and its Legislative Team. It's the first time NPA has stood alone, on its own, and achieved an increasingly difficult feat in Carson City--passage of a bill with the help of only a sponsor. Senator Patricia Farley deserves a heartfelt thank you from our organization.

Other bills of note:

SB162 re: psych assistants and trainees

SB201 banning conversion therapy

AB429 Interjurisdictional PsyPac

AB105 reducing proposed suicide prevention CEs for license renewal

AB366 four Regional Mental Health Boards

AB457 Superboard attempt; now oversight element only



We have also attached two different types of unique reports which allow closer examination of the myriad steps taken by a specific piece of legislation to become law, from introduction to the governor's desk.

The first attachment, entitled "NPA Bill Report Sheet," contains the complete list of each bill followed on behalf of NPA during the session. The bill numbers are hyperlinks and the final disposition of each bill is noted. The remaining 14(!) Word docs, the "Life of.." bills, dissect the individual journeys of bills of primary interest to the NPA Team. The hyperlinks on the right side of each step take the reader directly to the corresponding, official action—whether hearing minutes or Floor votes. To access attachments, click here:

Next legislative steps include the Legislative Retreats in the fall to strategize for the Interim Year efforts, election preparation, and Meet and Greet activities with legislators. If you have questions about any of the reports, feel free to contact either co-chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Linning, PhD & Melanie Crawford, PhD

Legislative Co-chairs

## 2017 Legislative Report—The Life of Senate Bill 163 (Step-by-Step)

Revises provisions relating to professional entities  
(BDR 7-632)

Senate Bill 163 was introduced on the Senate Floor and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary on Feb 13th  
SB 163 as introduced on Senate Floor for first reading <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/SB/>

The Bill was taken from the printer to the Committee on February 14th

Senate Bill 163 was heard in the Senate Committee on Judiciary on March 22nd  
The first Committee hearing <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Minutes/Senate/JUD/Final/575.pdf>

Senate Bill 163 was heard in the Senate Committee on Judiciary during work session  
The bill was voted out as “Do Pass” <http://tinyurl.com/y7f384rv>

Senate Bill 163 was reported out of the Senate Committee on Judiciary on April 7th  
Senate Floor [http://nvleg.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=14&clip\\_id=7620](http://nvleg.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=14&clip_id=7620)

Senate Bill 163 was read for a second time during Senate Floor on April 10th  
Senate Floor [http://nvleg.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=14&clip\\_id=7684](http://nvleg.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=14&clip_id=7684)

Senate Bill 163 was placed on General File during Senate Floor on April 11th  
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Senate Floor vote <http://tinyurl.com/y7tws6vq>

The Senate Bill was introduced on the Assembly Floor and referred to the Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services on April 18th  
SB 163 as introduced on Assembly Floor [http://nvleg.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=14&clip\\_id=7841](http://nvleg.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=14&clip_id=7841)

Senate Bill 163 was heard in the Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services on May 10th  
The second Committee hearing [http://nvleg.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?clip\\_id=8247](http://nvleg.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?clip_id=8247)

Senate Bill 163 was heard in the Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services during work session  
Bill voted Amend and Do Pass [http://nvleg.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?clip\\_id=8299](http://nvleg.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?clip_id=8299)

Senate Bill 163 was reported out of the Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services on May 18th  
Amendment adopted [http://nvleg.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=14&clip\\_id=8411](http://nvleg.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=14&clip_id=8411)

Senate Bill 163 was read for a second time during Assembly Floor on May 19th  
Assembly Floor [http://nvleg.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=14&clip\\_id=8447](http://nvleg.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=14&clip_id=8447)

Senate Bill 163, First Reprint, was placed on General File and voted out during Assembly Floor on May 22nd  
SB 163 [http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/SB/SB163\\_R1.pdf](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/SB/SB163_R1.pdf)

The bill was ordered to the Senate to concur or not concur on May 23rd  
Senate concurrent with Assembly amendment [http://nvleg.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=14&clip\\_id=8509](http://nvleg.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=14&clip_id=8509)

The bill was ordered to Enrollment on May 26th  
The Final bill: [http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/SB/SB163\\_EN.pdf](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/SB/SB163_EN.pdf)

Senate Bill 163 was approved and signed by the Governor on May 31st, 2017



## 2017 APAPO Practice Leadership Conference: Stories from the Hill

Several hundred psychologists traveled to Washington, D.C., to advocate for expanded mental health care coverage during the Practice Leadership Conference.

By [Hannah Calkins](#), State Beat



Every March, psychology's leaders from all over the United States and Canada convene in Washington, D.C., for the Practice Leadership Conference. On the final day of the conference — after three days of rigorous dialogue, education and advocacy training — delegates from each state go to Capitol Hill to lobby their senators and representatives on behalf of their patients and profession.

This year, Hill Visit day fell on March 7. It turned out to be a fortuitous day for psychologists to advocate for mental health coverage: Just the night before, [House Republicans released their plan to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act \(ACA\)](#), sending politicians and staffers all over the Hill into frenzied uncertainty. The psychologist advocates were not demoralized by these developments, but instead energized, focused and optimistic.

"Today is a great day to be here. There is a void that is being created by changes to the health care law, and it's important that mental health services get pulled into the vacuum that is created by that void," said Deborah Okon, PhD, who was waiting with her colleagues from the [New Mexico Psychological Association \(NMPA\)](#) for a meeting with a staff member from the office of Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham, D-N.M.

Okon, who has served as a federal advocacy coordinator — a psychologist appointed by their state psychological association to organize grassroots advocacy efforts — for NMPA for nine years, said that she and her colleagues stayed up late studying the Republicans' bill. Grisham's staff member was grateful for this preparation during their meeting, as he hadn't yet read the whole bill.

Okon raised her concerns to the staffer, noting that the bill stipulates that coverage for mental health and substance abuse services would be optional. "We think funds for those services should be mandatory," Okon told him.

On the other side of the Capitol, delegates from the [Rhode Island Psychological Association \(RIPA\)](#) were shuttled from an antechamber outside a Senate judiciary confirmation hearing and into a busy hallway to meet with Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I.

"We've found our congressional delegation from Rhode Island to be very receptive to our concerns," said Wendy Plante, PhD, RIPA's federal advocacy coordinator, after the meeting. "They appreciate hearing our stories from the state, especially in this tough political climate."

Psychologists who met with members of Congress who do not support the ACA may have gained more traction with a second talking point: requesting co-sponsorship of the [Medicare Mental Health Access Act](#), which would include psychologists in Medicare's "physician" definition.

Diane Marti, PhD, and Jim Madison, PhD, of the [Nebraska Psychological Association \(NPA\)](#), emphasized this point in their meeting with Sen. Deb Fischer, R-Neb. Drawing on compelling examples from their professional and

## 2017 APAPO Practice Leadership Conference: Stories from the Hill

personal experience, Marti and Madison effectively conveyed to the senator how the exclusion of psychologists from the physician definition obstructed access to care.

Marti, who is both president-elect and public education coordinator of NPA, said after the meeting that she appreciated getting face time with Fischer. "She seemed open to using us as resources, and I think we appealed to her on a basic, personal level — how can you help us, and the people we serve, as a fellow Nebraskan?" Marti said.

Later, Andrew Fink, PsyD, and Matthew Syzdek, PhD, both early career psychologists with the [Minnesota Psychological Association](#) (MPA), reflected on their day. They had just come from a meeting in the office of Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., where the staffer they spoke with assured them that "the boss" supported their work. "Our visits today went well. Speaking with the Republican side was interesting. I think we made some persuasive arguments to them about the economic end of things," Fink said. Syzdek agreed. He said that their meetings on the Hill were productive, but it was important to continue their advocacy at home. "Psychologists need to take a two-prong approach," he said. "Today we met directly with lawmakers; tomorrow, we have to reach out in our communities."

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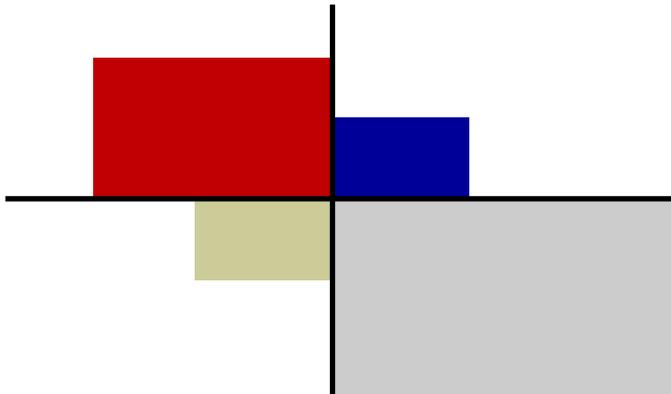
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