

E-Update July 7, 2023



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The weekly E-update is the tool by which MPA members can share information or announcements with each other. It is a member benefit and the mechanism by which MPA shares important notices regarding trends in psychiatry, pharmaceutical updates, information about your medical practice, advocacy, your opinions, and job opportunities. Members are encouraged to make the content their own. Please submit items for weekly publication by Thursday at 5pm. Your email addresses are protected by the DB and not for sale or use by any other entity besides the DB. Content should be pertinent to the practice of psychiatry or related medical information. Review the E-update highlighted titles and attachments for content and action steps. We value your input and attention to your specialty! Any item that appears in **royal blue** contains a link for detailed information on the topic. Questions regarding membership status are referred to our APA Membership Coordinator, Doneisha Berryman. Please contact Doneisha at 202-459-9749 or dberryman@psych.org.



MPA Exec Director Invited to Speak to MSH Residents Today

Earlier today, MPA Exec Director Angela Ladner spoke to the Residents at MSH about their specialty association and how to engage with MPA moving forward. The date for the annual meeting with LPMA/MPA has been decided on for March 1-3, 2024 but the location will be Baton Rouge or NOLA and the CME Planning Cte will make the final determination. In addition, Residents were

invited to White Coat Day at the Capitol on Wednesday, February 14th from 8 am to 11:30 am. They were also encouraged to volunteer for Doctor of the Day during the legislative session. Mrs. Ladner shared how the Residents could engage with both APA and MPA as well as gave them bags of goodies provided by PRMS along with information for their future risk management needs. There were 15 Residents in attendance and all were encouraged to advocate for their patients and profession as they move along in their training and career.

MPA Committee Members Needed...Choose What Interests You Most

The roster for the full MPA Executive Council will be announced in next week's e-update but now is the time to volunteer to serve on a committee that may be of interest to you. Please email mpa39206@aol.com and indicate your willingness to serve within the MPA. The choices include Legislation, Membership, Ethics, Private Practice, Child and Adolescent, Early Career Psychiatry (ECP), Disaster and The Journal of the MPA.

Lunch and Learn on HIPAA Compliance Telehealth Set for July 12th at 11am central

After exercising and temporarily extending [enforcement discretion](#) allowing the use of non-HIPAA-compliant communications technology for telehealth throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency, [HHS will resume enforcement](#) on August 9, 2023.

The [April 11, 2023 HHS announcement](#) stated: "The HHS Office of Civil Rights (OCR) is providing a 90-calendar day transition period for covered health care providers to come into compliance with the HIPAA Rules with respect to their provision of telehealth. The transition period will be in effect beginning on May 12, 2023 and will expire at 11:59 p.m. on August 9, 2023. OCR will continue to exercise its enforcement discretion and will not impose penalties on covered health care providers for noncompliance with the HIPAA Rules that occurs in connection with the good faith provision of telehealth during the 90-calendar day transition period."

The APA Division of Policy, Programs, and Partnerships will host an APA member Lunch and Learn in the [Policy & Practice Insights Series](#):

HIPAA Compliance for Telehealth

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

12:00-12:30 pm ET

Register Here: us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/...

APA Fellowship Applications Now Accepted If you have been on the fence about applying for APA Fellowship, MPA encourages you to do so this year, if you are eligible. Members submit their own applications to become a Fellow of the APA. APA will be reaching out to eligible members through August 2023. Simply follow the link below and fill out the application. It will not take you long and you can become a part of this esteemed group. **FAPA Application Link (also available on APA website):** <https://fapa.psychiatry.org/>

FDA Fully Approves Lecanemab for Treatment of Patients with Alzheimer's

The [New York Times](#) (7/6, Belluck) reports the FDA granted "full approval to the Alzheimer's drug Leqembi (lecanemab), and Medicare said it would cover much of its high cost, laying the foundation for widespread use of a medication that can modestly slow cognitive decline in the early stages of the disease but also carries significant safety risks." The agency's "decision marks the first time in two decades that a drug for Alzheimer's has received full approval, meaning that the agency concluded there is solid evidence of potential benefit." However, the FDA "also added a so-called black-box warning...stating that in rare cases the drug can cause 'serious and life-threatening events.'" [Reuters](#) (7/6, Beasley , Steenhuisen) reports the drug, "which is given

intravenously, has a U.S. list price of \$26,500 per year.” The “new label explains the need to monitor patients for potentially dangerous brain swelling and bleeding associated with amyloid-lowering antibodies.” Additionally, “the drug’s new label includes data showing that the use of certain anti-coagulants with Leqembi has been linked to a risk of brain hemorrhage.”

CME Addiction Conference Free for MPA Members: Simply Register with QR Code



About CIDA

The Center for Innovation and Discovery in Addictions (CIDA) is dedicated to understanding, discovering, implementing, and disseminating innovative treatments for people confronting substance use disorders. The Mississippi Horizons project is the latest of CIDA’s initiatives. Presented in collaboration with the Mississippi Psychiatric Association and the Mississippi Medical Association.

Cannabis in Mississippi Thursday, July 13, 8 am—5 pm

- Continuing education available for physicians, psychologists, nurses, & social workers
- Breakfast and lunch provided
- Eagle Ridge Conference Center, Raymond, MS
- Registration \$20

Speakers Include:

- Daniel Edney, Chief Medical Officer, Mississippi Department of Health
- Robert Welch, Ole Miss Cannabis Research Program
- Steve Maxwell, Director Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics
- Claude Brunson, President, Mississippi Medical Association
- Saurabh Bhardwaj, UMMC Addiction Psychiatrist

For full agenda and to register for the conference, please scan the QR code below.



Conference supported by Congressional Directive Funding administered by SAMHSA. For questions call 601-815-9110

MPA Formed a Virtual Team (Mending Mississippi Minds) for the Moore Equity in Mental Health 5K, July 29th; Donate or Join to Support the APA Foundation

The APA's Division of Diversity and Health Equity invites MPA members to join us in combating mental health inequities facing young people of color and in honoring mental health advocate Bebe Moore Campbell. Your time and dollars can help make a difference for young people of color facing mental health challenges and the impact of systemic racism. Funds raised benefit the APA Foundation Moore Equity in Mental Health Community Grants Program, which supports community organizations that have undertaken innovative awareness programs and/or have provided services to improve the mental health of young people of color.

Get Social! As you run, walk and roll be sure to share to social media and use our hashtags!

#MooreEquityInMentalHealth #BebeMooreCampbell

Continue Your Fundraising Until July 31st! Funds benefit [the APAF Moore Equity in Mental Health Community Grants Program](#). Read more about your impact by [clicking here](#).

Join the MPA Team by following the link below and clicking on Mending MS Minds:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/Donate/124289/TopTeamFundraisers>

There is no cost to join our virtual team.

THREE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT: OFFICE SHARING

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Professional Risk Management Services® (PRMS®)

1. Courts consider the *perception* of patients in determining whether a treatment relationship has been created and/or exists. Your very presence in a shared office may be the only factor that leads a person to believe that you associate with, employ, control or supervise your office mate(s); however, you risk being held liable if a court finds the patient's perception to have been reasonable.
2. Be sure that your office mates have not had any serious complaints or sanctions leveled against them by any licensing agency or professional organization. Know your office mates' insurance carrier and limits of professional liability coverage. If your limits are higher than your office mates' limits, you could become the "deep pocket" if you are named in litigation involving your office mates.
3. Avoid the appearance of any control of or supervision of your office mates. Eliminate as many objective indicators of association as possible. This might include shared outdoor signs, letterhead, office telephone numbers, billing personnel, etc.

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DMH 52 Weeks of Progress

Each week this year, DMH will be highlighting a specific service or program to increase awareness of services and supports available across Mississippi. Our hope is by the end of 2023, you will know more about offerings in your state through seeing these highlights - 52 Weeks of Progress.

This week, we turn the highlight back to Crisis Intervention Teams.

While we have highlighted Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT) before, it is timely to shine the light on it once again. CIT is a partnership between law enforcement officers and a variety of agencies, including Community Mental Health Centers, primary health providers, and other behavioral health professionals. There are eight fully-functioning CITs in the state. More than 195 officers were trained last fiscal year alone, but a graduation program held last week was the first of its kind. On June 30, 2023, the first full class of Mississippi Highway Patrol officers graduated from CIT training conducted by Hinds Behavioral Health Services. These troopers went through 40 hours of training on mental health, substance use, de-escalation techniques for crisis situations, and more. We're so glad to see CIT continuing to expand in our state and are thankful for the support from leadership within the Mississippi Department of Public Safety and the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol.

What's New at the APA

- APA released a statement in response to a Supreme Court ruling in *Students for Fair Admissions v. President and Fellows of Harvard College and Students for Fair Admissions v. University of North Carolina* that struck down affirmative action. The statement supports a race-conscious approach to college admissions as an effective tool for assembling a diverse mental health work force. You can read the full [APA statement on the affirmative action decision here](#).
- The APA Foundation earned three Gold Telly Awards for an educational video promoting the Notice. Talk. Act.® program. The official award titles are Gold Telly for Social Video – Not for Profit, Gold Telly for Social Video – Social Impact, and Gold Telly for Social Video – Workplace Culture. The Telly Awards have been recognizing excellence in digital storytelling for over 15 years. You can read more about the foundation's Gold Telly Awards [here](#).

Videos for Sharing:

APA's [Youtube channel](#) has a plethora of mental health focused videos you can use on social media or share elsewhere. Check out our playlist of Spanish language mental health explainers: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyBKDUY3d-c&list=PLf3_c0tpWquvGObsROanF_Eb6jgS0eR2

July Course of the Month – Anxiety Disorders Treatment: Current State and Future Promise

This course will review anxiety disorders, discuss changes as we move from DSM-5 to DSM-5 TR and any implications this may have for diagnosis of these syndromes, discuss an approach to conceptualizing how the social determinants of health and mental health may impact the treatment of anxiety disorders, discuss treatment options, evidence-based psychotherapies, the value of pharmacological strategies, and explore how new technologies may play a disruptive influence on how we recognize people at risk for developing these syndromes – potentially extending our treatment options.

[Click here to access the Course of the Month and sign up for updates about this free member benefit.](#)

One-Day Presidential Learning Immersive at APA Headquarters Join APA President Petros Levounis, M.D., M.A., and experts Smita Das, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., and Carla Marienfeld, M.D., for a learning immersive on addictions at APA headquarters on **Friday, July 28**. A welcome reception will be held on **Thursday evening, July 27**. This is the first event in the @theAPA Educational Series. If you haven't visited APA's new headquarters in Washington, D.C., yet, here's your chance! [Learn More](#).

2023 APA Annual Meeting Virtual Courses Available

These four-hour online courses are led by experts on major topics in psychiatry. They offer a comprehensive approach to learning using various formats, from interactive self-paced modules to virtual skill-building instruction featuring live case presentations and breakout groups. [REGISTER HERE](#).

Submit Abstracts for APA's 2024 Annual Meeting

Abstract submissions are now being accepted for APA's 2024 Annual Meeting, which will take place May 4 to 8 in New York, N.Y. The theme of the meeting is "Confronting Addiction: From Prevention to Treatment." Submit your ideas for general sessions, courses, and posters to the biggest psychiatric meeting of the year. [LEARN MORE](#)

Registration Now Open for 2023 Mental Health Services Conference

The Mental Health Services Conference will be held in Washington, D.C., on Thursday, October 12, through Saturday, October 14. Roll your sleeves up and learn, collaborate on new solutions, and network with other colleagues who care for those with mental illness. [REGISTER TODAY](#)

Explore APA's MOORE Equity in Mental Health Activities

Registration today for APA's 5K Run, Walk, & Roll on **Saturday, July 29**. This race-which can be completed in person or virtually-will raise money to support programs working to improve the mental health of young people of color. Learn about other events to be held throughout July.

[Learn More & Register Today](#)

Psychiatric News Invites Applications for Medical Editor-in-Chief

APA members who have administrative experience, are passionate about disseminating news in the field of psychiatry, and are knowledgeable about print and digital communications are invited to apply. The deadline for applications, which should include a vision statement and a curriculum vitae, is **July 19, 2023**. [LEARN MORE](#)

Nominations Now Open for APA Components and Board of Trustees

APA's success hinges on the expertise, knowledge, and input of its members. Learn more about APA leadership opportunities and nominate yourself or a colleague by Tuesday, August 15, for component service and Friday, September 1, for the Board of Trustees. [LEARN MORE](#)

Nominations Invited for APA Awards

APA recognizes psychiatrists and mental health advocates who have made exceptional contributions to psychiatry and mental health in a range of categories. Visit the APA awards webpage for award categories and nomination criteria. [LEARN MORE](#)