Committee on Disability Issues in Psychology (CDIP)
Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2022
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm ET
Virtual

Committee Members Present:
Peter Blanck, PhD, JD (2021-2023), Chair
Kathleen Bogart, PhD (2020-2022)
Katie Wang, PhD (2020-2022)
Craig Kramer, PsyD (2021-2023)
Nazanin Heydarian, PhD (2022-2024)
Emily Lund, PhD, CRC (2022-2024)

APA Staff Present:
Meggin van der Hilst, AuD- Director of Disability Issues in Psychology Portfolio, CDIP Liaison (Public Interest)

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1. **Welcome and Call to Order**
    a. The Committee on Disability Issues in Psychology (CDIP) meeting began with a welcome to all members by Dr. Blanck and introductions of attendees.

2. **CDIP meeting schedule & expectations in between meetings**
    a. Calendar invites have been sent for the 2022 meeting dates. The meeting dates have also been posted in Teams and shared on the CDIP Liaisons and Monitors listserv. CDIP's next bi-monthly meeting is March 24th at 1 pm ET.
    b. The 2022 CDIP Orientation Booklet and slides are in Microsoft Teams under the "General" channel. Committee members can find more information about CDIP's operating procedures, roles and responsibilities, as well as some general information about BAPPI, APA's strategic plan, and a guide from the APA Communications Office in the Orientation Booklet.
    c. CDIP does have an operating procedure that addresses attendance at meetings. Please see the Orientation Booklet for more details.

3. **Communication in Microsoft Teams**
    a. Microsoft Teams should continue to remain as CDIP's main way of communicating and completing work in between meetings.
    b. Reminder: You can adjust the notifications setting in Teams. You can also tag all of CDIP or individual members using the @ symbol to help bring attention to a post.
    c. Tip: The desktop version and the browser version of Teams are more user friendly compared the app for the phone.
    d. Please let Dr. van der Hilst know if you have any trouble accessing Teams or if you have any questions.

4. **Spring consolidated meeting (SCM)- March 18th & 19th**
    a. CDIP is being asked to hold these dates on their calendars until we have more information on scheduling from APA (i.e. when the plenary session will take place).

b. APA has sent a survey to all board/committee members to gauge how many people are interested in potentially attending in person.
    i. At least 51% of CDIP's members must indicate that they want to meet in-person for the meeting to be considered hybrid (some members in-person and some attend virtually).
c. In the coming weeks, Dr. van der Hilst will provide an update about the schedule for SCM & whether it will be held as hybrid or virtually.

5. 2022 Workplan

a. Updates
    i. Developing article on COVID-19 & health disparities for people with disabilities
        1. Dr. Lund is leading this activity and will create a Dropbox folder with a Word document.
        2. The article will address intersectionality including the health inequities people of color with disabilities encounter.
    ii. Collaboration with Committee on Early Career Psychologists (CECP)
        1. Conversations with CECP are ongoing. There is potential interest for co-hosting a social hour during convention or participating in an activity centered around mentorship.

b. CE activity

    i. One of CDIP's 2022 goals is to educate psychologists about best practices when working with individuals with disabilities utilizing the Guidelines for Assessment and Intervention with Persons with Disabilities.
    ii. Choose activity
        - As of now, CE workshops during convention are only being offered in-person with no option for hybrid.
        - Instead, CDIP could potentially offer a webinar for continuing education (CE) credit.
            - Pros of offering CE
                - Promotes professional development
                - Helps increase visibility of the webinar
            - Cons
                - Limits those who cannot afford CE
            - Waiting to confirm that the platform is accessible
    iii. Identify lead for planning this activity
        1. Dr. Kramer will be the lead from CDIP on this activity.
    iv. Next steps
        1. Dr. van der Hilst is getting more information about the accessibility of the CE platform and funding that is needed to be able to offer CE.
        2. Dr. van der Hilst will help connect CDIP with the task force that developed the Guidelines as the task force expressed interest in collaborating on this activity.

6. Process for responding to calls for comments

a. When CDIP receives a call for comments, Dr. van der Hilst will post it to Teams and ask for a volunteer to take the lead on reviewing the call.
b. Dr. van der Hilst will send a reminder one week later.
c. After two weeks, if there are still no volunteers. Dr. van der Hilst will connect with Dr. Blanck to identify a member who may be able to take the lead.

7. **Choose monitors for APA Boards and Committees**
    a. One of the roles of CDIP members is to serve as monitors to other APA boards and committees.
    b. Monitors function primarily to alert CDIP of actions, programs and/or policies of various institutions, organizations, boards, and committees that might have implications for CDIP's responsibilities. In most cases, their function will be informational, allowing the committee to a) take responsive measures or b) provide input that would communicate the Committee's concerns.
    c. Physical attendance is not required at the group's meetings. Monitors will receive and review minutes, agenda, and additional materials of the groups they monitor and report back to the CDIP.
    d. Dr. van der Hilst posted a list of 2022 APA Boards/Committees on Teams in the "Monitors" folder under the "General" channel.
    e. CDIP members will review the list and place their name next to the 2-3 boards or committees that they are interested in monitoring.
    f. Then, Dr. van der Hilst will introduce the CDIP members to the staff liaisons for the groups that they will be monitoring.

8. **Update on Guidelines for Assessment and Intervention with Persons with Disabilities**
    a. The Guidelines will be going before the Council of Representatives for consideration during the February 25th & 26th meeting. If the Guidelines are approved, they will be adopted as APA policy for the next 10 years.

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Liaisons to CDIP:
Nabil El-Ghoroury, PhD- CEMA Liaison
Jessica Murakami-Brundage, PhD- BAPPI Liaison
LaTrice Wright, MS, LMFT- APAGS Liaison

APA Staff Present:
Meggin van der Hilst, AuD- Director of Disability Issues in Psychology Portfolio, CDIP Liaison (Public Interest)
Andrew Strickland, JD- Legislative and Regulatory Officer (Advocacy Directorate)

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1. **Welcome and Call to Order**
    a. The Committee on Disability Issues in Psychology (CDIP) meeting began with a welcome to all members by Dr. Blanck and introductions of attendees.
    b. Two policies relevant to CDIP were approved by the Council of Representatives at their February 25, 2022 meeting:
        i. The Guidelines for Assessment and Intervention with Persons with Disabilities
        ii. Psychology's Role in Advancing Population Health policy statement
            - CDIP member, Dr. Lund, was in the work group that developed this statement
    c. Call for nominations for CDIP's annual Distinguished Contributions to the Advancement of Disability Issues in Psychology Award is now open.
        i. Deadline May 1st
        ii. Link to nomination site can be found on CDIP's webpage.

2. **Review and Approval of January 2022 Minutes**
    a. Minutes were reviewed and approved.

3. **BAPPI Activity for Mitigating Bias, Stigma, and Discrimination (BSD) to Advance Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative**
    a. The Committee listed intersectional issues related to disability and racism in 2022, identified the sectors to which those issues belong, and indicated the "top issues in 2022" from that list.

b. After today's meeting, the Committee will finish identifying "Therefore Statement(s)/Directives" from the Resolution on the Role of Psychology and APA in Dismantling Systemic Racism Against People of Color in U.S. that correspond with the issues they have listed.
c. The activity chart will be due to the BAPPI Liaison to CDIP, Dr. Murakami-Brundage, by April 1st.

4. **Updates on 2022 Committee work plan**
    a. CE Guidelines Webinar
        i. The group working to develop this webinar will be meeting again soon to finalize the title, learning objectives, and outline.
        ii. The group has established that they want the webinar to be an introduction to the Guidelines for Assessment and Intervention with Persons with Disabilities.
        iii. The webinar will hopefully be the launching point for future webinars or other professional development activities that will go even more in depth into the Guidelines.
    b. Article on COVID-19 & Health Disparities for People with Disabilities
        i. The group continues to work on this article with plans to submit it to APA's journal, *Rehabilitation Psychology*.
    c. Supporting people with disabilities in Ukraine
        i. Several members of CDIP have signed and/or contributed to statements in support of people with disabilities in Ukraine.
        ii. Dr. van der Hilst will reach out to the APA Committee on International Relations in Psychology (CIRP) and the International Council of Psychologists (ICP) to see if they have any other suggestions for how CDIP may be able to provide support as a committee.

5. **Advocacy update**
    a. APA Advocacy Summit will be held on March 27th & 28th and will focus on:
        i. Reauthorization of APA's key psychology training programs
        ii. Medicare reimbursement for services provided by psychology trainees
        iii. Mental health parity
    b. This is an unprecedented time in Congress right now because there are multiple committees that are focusing on mental health right now.
        i. There have been a number of requests for information from various committees and several hearing over the past couple of weeks.
    c. APA anticipates that certain committees, particularly the Senate Health Committee and the Senate Finance Committee, will be releasing a package of mental health legislation in the coming months.
        i. APA has continued to inform the work of these committees by responding to requests for information and submitting testimonies for various hearings. APA Advocacy has continued to be inclusive of people with disabilities in those efforts.

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION BEGINS (Members Only)**
    a. Review of Committee Nominations for the 2023 term
        i. The Committee discussed and established preliminary slates of nominees.
        ii. The Committee will finish reviewing nominations and finalize their slates via Microsoft Teams by April 1st.
        iii. Then, Dr. van der Hilst will work with Dr. Blanck to develop the memo to BAPPI that will contain the final slates of nominees.