

Committee on Disability Issues in Psychology (CDIP)

Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2022

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm ET

Virtual

Committee Members Present

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)

Committee Member Absent

Peter Blanck, PhD, JD (2021-2023), Chair

Liaisons/Monitors to CDIP Present

Jessica Murakami-Brundage, PhD- BAPPI Liaison

Darlene DeMarie, PhD- Committee on Children, Youth and Families (CYF) Monitor

Katelyn M. Gettens Bourgea, PhD- Div 40: Society for Clinical Neuropsychology 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)

Maya Allen- Program Assistant (Public Interest)

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. van der Hilst and introductions of attendees.

2. Review and Approval of March 2022 Minutes

- a. Minutes were reviewed and approved.

3. Advocacy Update

- a. The Department of Education has issued a request for information from stakeholders. They intend on issuing new regulations under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. This is the part of the law that specifies that no child with a disability can be denied benefits of a free appropriate public education.
 - i. APA is working to prepare recommendations in response to this RFI with a coalition of specialized instructional support personnel that includes school psychologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, etc.
 - ii. Dr. Strickland welcomes CDIP's recommendations. Dr. van der Hilst will help compile CDIP's comments and share them with Dr. Strickland by the end of the month.

4. Drafting APA's Racial Equity Plan

- a. In response to APA's commitment to addressing systemic racism, the EDI Office is leading the development of a Racial Equity Action Plan for the Association.
 - i. This plan will go before the Council of Representatives this August. If approved, it will help shape the work of the entire Association, as well as CDIP's 2023 work plan.
 - It is critical that CDIP is participating in these conversations to ensure that the disability perspective is included during this process.
 - ii. At the end of the month, there will be a think tank with invited experts who will help create the first draft of this plan.
 - iii. Then, there will be a Virtual Summit on June 6th & 7th and focus groups on June 14th, 15th, and 22nd to further refine the plan.
 - The EDI Office has asked for one representative from each committee and board to attend the Virtual Summit.
 - Dr. Lund offered to attend on behalf of CDIP. Other members will be able to view the Summit live via APA's YouTube channel.
 - All CDIP members are welcome to attend the focus groups.
 - Dr. Heydarian offered assistance with any other efforts on behalf of CDIP (e.g. composing a letter to the EDI Office) that may help with bringing the disability perspective to the formation of this plan.
 - iv. The final draft of the plan will be shared during a Town Hall on July 13th.

5. Introduction of Dr. Bourgea, Liaison from Division 40: Society for Clinical Neuropsychology

- a. CDIP looks forward to exploring opportunities for collaboration with Division 40.

6. Committee work plan check-in

- a. CE Guidelines Webinar
 - i. The application for the webinar has been submitted to the CE Office and the presenters are awaiting confirmation of the date/time for the webinar.
- b. APA Disability Mentoring Program
 - i. This Mentoring Program was first proposed by CDIP to BAPPI in 1999 with the first pilot being held in 2000.
 - ii. This fall the Disability Issues in Psychology Portfolio will be piloting some updates to the Mentoring Program:
 - Semester-long vs. year-long
 - Requirement of meeting once a month vs. two emails a month
 - Virtual orientation/networking event to kick-off the pilot
 - New resources, applications, and surveys
 - iii. Dr. Bogart, Dr. Wang, and Dr. Lund have kindly agreed to participate in the advisory group for the Mentoring Program.
 - iv. The call for mentors and mentees will go live soon and will be shared with CDIP at that time.
- c. Article on COVID-19 & Health Disparities for People with Disabilities
 - i. There has been a temporary pause, but Dr. Lund will resume leading the group in developing this article.
- d. BAPPI Advocacy Training
 - i. Reminder that the last training will take place Wednesday, June 1st at 6 pm ET.

7. Reminders from Dr. Murakami-Brundage- Liaison from BAPPI

- a. The memo containing CDIP's slates of nominees for the 2023 term is due to BAPPI by June 1st.

- i. Confirmed that CDIP submitted their memo earlier this week.
- b. BAPPI will be holding a meeting on June 15th for all committee chairs and chair-elects.

8. APA2022 CDIP Social Hour

- a. The social hour is tentatively planned for Tuesday, August 2nd from 3 pm to 4 pm ET.
 - i. The date/time will be finalized once it is confirmed that the CDIP award recipient will be able to attend.
- b. Dr. Bogart will facilitate the social hour.
- c. Dr. van der Hilst will scheduled CART service and an ASL interpreter.
- d. The group decided to follow a similar structure as last year:
 - i. Introduction of CDIP members and a brief update on CDIP's current work.
 - ii. Presentation of 2022 CDIP award to recipient.
 - iii. Enter breakout rooms and start with an ice breaker.
 - iv. Return to the main room to talk about disability related presentations at APA 2022 and disability issues that the attendees would like to see addressed by CDIP.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Members Only)

- a. Review of Nominations for CDIP Award
 - i. The Committee discussed nominations and selected a recipient for the 2022 CDIP award.
 - ii. Dr. van der Hilst will work with Dr. Blanck to draft a letter to the recipient.
 - iii. Dr. van der Hilst will also order a plaque for the recipient.
 - iv. The recipient will be invited to the CDIP social hour in August and they will be recognized on CDIP's website.
- b. Selection of 2023 Chair
 - i. Dr. Lund has been selected to serve as the Chair of CDIP for the 2023 term.