



## **ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHOLOGY TRAINING CLINICS (APTC)**

**Report to Council of Chairs of Training Councils (CCTC)**

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**The Association of Psychology Training Clinics (APTC)** represents almost 200 psychology training clinics providing practicum/pre-internship training to clinical, counseling, and school psychology doctoral students. They are department or university-based facilities that provide behavioral/mental health services to the community. In these clinics, licensed faculty and doctoral level psychologists supervise services provided by graduate students. APTC has approximately 185 clinic members and 20 associate members. APTC conducts an annual meeting, maintains an active listserv where training and clinic management issues are discussed, publishes an e-newsletter, and provides an organizational website ([www.aptc.org](http://www.aptc.org)) with many resources for clinic directors.

**The Mission of APTC** is to: (a) promote high standards of professional psychology training and practice in psychology training clinics; (b) facilitate exchange of information and resources among psychology training clinics that provide pre-doctoral practicum training in professional psychology; and (c) interface with related professional groups and organizations to further the goals of APTC, including influencing the establishment of standards and guidelines on service delivery and training of future psychologists. Our expanded global mission is to extend our membership to include international training clinics from around the world.

**Current Members of the Executive Committee:** President, Karen Fondacaro (University of Vermont), Immediate Past President, Tony Cellucci (East Carolina University), President-Elect, Heidi Zetzer (University of California Santa Barbara), Treasurer, Scott Gustafson (University of Mississippi), Secretary, Karen Saules (Eastern Michigan University), Members-At-Large, Theresa Kruczek (Ball State Counseling Practicum Clinic) and James Whelan (University of Memphis), Early Career Member at Large, Shannon Coutre (University of Southern California), President- Emeritus, Robert Hatcher (City University of New York). APTC has maintained valuable contributions from its past presidents through a Council of Past Presidents, which includes Colleen M. Byrne, Lee Cooper, Phyllis Terry Friedman, Brian Lewis, Bob Hatcher, Rob Heffer, Eric Sauer and Erica Wise.

**Spring Conference in Seattle, WA** was a tremendous success with over 100 registrants. It is estimated that over 70 % of accredited programs now have training clinics and APTC's increasing membership reflects this trend. We had a very engaging meeting in Seattle with a wonderful integration of clinical and research presentations. Our distributed umbrellas to all participants absolutely came in handy on a daily basis!

**Awards At the APTC Annual Meeting** recognized Tony Cellucci for the Distinguished Service Award. The Friend of APTC Award was given to our webmaster, Ryan Sexton; Jean Spruill Award was given to Bob Hatcher and the Clinic Innovations Award was given to Karen Fondacaro and Vermont Psychological Services

**The Administrative Guidelines for Psychology Training Clinics (APTC)** was revised and approved last year by the Executive Board. This document is intended to provide clinic directors, directors of psychology training programs (i.e., in clinical, counseling, school or combined programs), departmental chairs, and other interested parties with recommendations for the appropriate, effective and ethical administration of university-based psychology training clinics. We hope it will be widely distributed to Deans, Chairs, DCTs and particularly administrators who may not understand the role of clinics in training. While aspirational, these guidelines are based on 35 years of APTC experience. The Guidelines are available on the public section of [APTC.org](http://APTC.org)

### **2017 APTC Annual Meeting**

We are pleased to announce that the APTC meeting next year will be held in Miami, Florida.

Some of our smiling faces at APTC –Seattle!



