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PENNSYLVANIA PSYCHIATRIC SOCIETY

News & Notes

February 2017

Upcoming Events

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA PSYCHIATRIC SOCIETY
presents from 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm:
Dinner & A Movie: The United States of Leland
This program has been jointly provided by the American Psychiatric Association
and the Pennsylvania Psychiatric Society
Wednesday, March 8, 2017 | Meadville Medical Center, Meadville, PA



Meadville Medical Center

Conference Room A

Meadville, PA

5:30 pm: WPPS Council Meeting

6:00 pm - 6:30 pm: Registration & Light Meal

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm: Educational Program

[Register](#) of this event



3RD ANNUAL ADDICTIONS SYMPOSIUM

Expert Minds Unite: A Two-Track Update on Addictions

03.25.17

THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
PHILADELPHIA, PA



7:00 am – 4:00 pm

Thomas Jefferson University

1020 Walnut Street

Philadelphia, PA 19107

View Complete [Agenda](#) (pdf)

Online [Registration](#)

Philadelphia Chapter Event Recaps

LGBTQ/AGLP Reception

By Sarah Noble, DO, Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists (AGLP) Liaison

On Feb 3rd, The PPS LGBTQ Committee joined with the AGLP for a reception for LGBT psychiatrists in Philadelphia. About 20 people gathered together to meet and mingle.

Representative Brian Sims spoke about his bill to ban conversion therapy in children, and encouraged us to support it. More importantly, he pointed out that we are experts in the field and thus, have much to offer in communicating with the state's legislature about conversion therapy. He noted that if any of us would like to travel to Harrisburg for a day, he would schedule meetings with important Republicans in the House and Senate.

Action steps moving forward:

- Members of PPS should contact their local representative to support bill number 45 sponsored by Representative Sims
- Members should speak with their colleagues about the bill and encourage them to support it
- Those who know of practitioners practicing conversion therapy should contact Representative Sims
- Anyone with expertise in the ill-effects of conversion therapy should contact Representative Sims or Deborah Shoemaker to schedule meetings with members of the state legislature

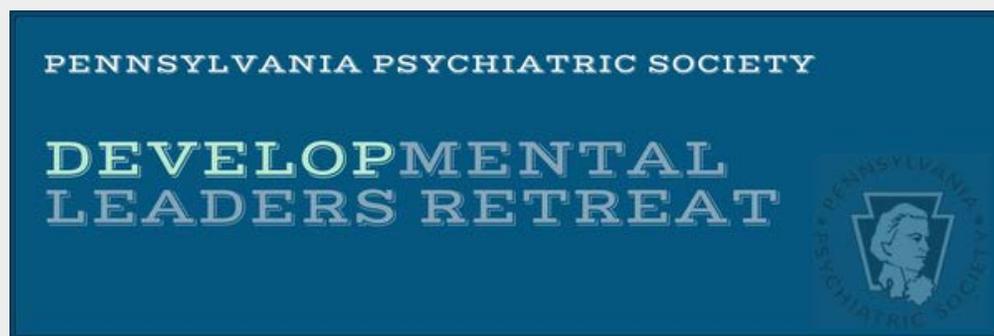
PPS Women's Brunch

by Ellen Conroy, DO and Holly Valerio, MD

The Philadelphia Psychiatric Society's Annual Women's Health Brunch was held Saturday, February 4th at The Inn at Swarthmore. Themed *Brave Transitions: Asserting Sexual and Gender Identity in the 21st Century*, the event drew close to 60 attendees.

The program included a specially recorded presentation from Dr. Rachel Levine, Physician General for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Featured speakers included Katharine B. Dalke, MD MBE, Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania; Hilary Rosenstein, MD, Assistant Medical Director, Mazzoni Center and Judy Morrissey, LCSW, Director of Behavioral Health Services, Mazzoni Center; and Sarah Noble, DO, Secretary of the Association for Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists and Psychiatrist for the Pride Clinic at Einstein Healthcare Network.

The conference was designed to improve the knowledge base of mental health professionals and other clinicians on issues and challenges faced by LGBTQ individuals, to increase awareness of local resources and state efforts to improve their health and well-being, and to provide a thorough understanding of the psychiatric implications of gender dysphoria and the process of transition for trans/gender non-conforming individuals.



Coming Summer 2017!

PaPS was recently awarded an Innovation Grant from the APA. The grant funds will be used to design and execute the *Develop*Mental Leadership Retreat. This skill-building program will focus on leadership and mentoring for twenty-four PaPS psychiatrists with underrepresented and intersecting identities related to race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Mentoring and leadership are critical skills for physicians. Workshops will guide psychiatrists in identifying their leadership styles, optimizing their leadership skills and helping to define their own personal mentoring style and target areas for growth.

Retreat participants will gather on Friday evening for a “welcome” social, stay the night, and start Saturday morning with a group breakfast before the morning program begins. The retreat will conclude with a farewell lunch.

Additional information will be available in the coming weeks, so watch your inbox for details.

Governor Wolf Unveils Practical, Innovative Approach to 2017-2018 Proposed Budget

By Deborah Shoemaker, Executive Director

January began with a series of announcements from the Wolf Administration that would serve as a basis for his budgetary remarks: closure of SCI Pittsburgh, closure of the Hamburg Center, the

closure/repurposing of beds at Norristown State Hospital, and the departure of the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs Secretary. However, the biggest announcement was unveiled the last day of January: the proposed consolidation of the Departments of Aging, Drug/Alcohol Programs, Health and Human Services into the Department of Health and Human Services. The governor also announced the proposed creation of the Department Of Criminal Justice (a merging of the Departments of Corrections and Probation and Parole).

On February 7th, the governor's budget address was short but sweet: no broad-based tax increases, find savings, cut bureaucracy and eliminate waste while protecting our children's educational system, supporting our seasoned citizens and continuing to fight to "address the public health crisis of heroin and opioid abuse."

The highlights of Governor Wolf's proposed budget include:

Education:

- an increase of \$100 million for basic education funding
- an increase of \$25 million for special education funding
- an increase of \$75 million for high quality early educational initiatives
- an increase of \$8.9 million for higher education

Steps to Reduce the General Fund Spend

- a savings of \$104 million if enacting the consolidation/coordination of the Department of Criminal Justice and the Department of Health/Human Services
- a savings of \$104 million with facility closures, lease management and facility downsizing

Continued dedication to fighting the opioid/heroin overdose epidemic

- an increase of \$10 million to expand the use of naloxone for law enforcement
- an increase of \$3.4 million to expand the use of drug courts
- the availability of \$26.5 million over 2 years from the federal Cures Act to fight substance use issues

As part of the consolidation plan, a revised organizational chart was enclosed for stakeholder review. A copy is enclosed [here](#) for your review.

The state constitution requires the enactment of the state budget by June 30th. The House and Senate Appropriations Committee will be holding budget hearings until mid-March to review all proposals. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email (dshoemaker@pamedsoc.org) or via phone at 800.422.2900.

100% Club Programs

The APA notified PaPS to honor psychiatric residency programs in which the majority of their residents have joined the national professional association.

The following programs in our district branch have been recognized in the 2016-17 100% Club!

Status	100% 2016-2017 Level	Program
100%	Gold	Albert Einstein Healthcare Network
100%	Gold	Allegheny General Hospital
100%	Gold	Thomas Jefferson
87.00%	Bronze	Geisinger Health System Program
84.00%	Bronze	Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center

[Learn more](#) about the APA 100% Club for residency training programs. If you have any questions, contact the APA by emailing their Membership Development Coordinator, [Claire Van Wagner](#) or call (703) 907-7362.

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