



## **ACEPT General Meeting Minutes**

**May 14, 2021**

**Virtual Meeting Via Zoom**

### **10:00-11:00am ACEPT Virtual General Meeting**

#### Welcome and Introductions

- Welcome/Introductions of New ACEPT Members
- Welcome and self-introductions: new attendee site/school representatives
- Special Welcome to our students, including Dianell Vega
- Introductions of ACEPT Executive Committee
  - Miki Koyama (Past President), Anmol Satiani (President), Gwen Grant (President-Elect), Rachel Nitzarim (Treasurer), Caroline Novotny (Secretary), Sandra Clavelli (Professional Development), Bonnie Hassan (Student Executive Board Chair). Not Present: Lauren Nichols (Guidelines Committee)
  - Acknowledgement of departing EC members:
    - Miki Koyama (Past-President) - Miki has been an ACEPT EC member for the past 4 years. Miki has been an amazing asset and partner as a member of EC/ACEPT. She has been an influential member in developing our ACEPT history and many protocols over the years and has brought positivity and enthusiasm to the EC.
    - Sandra Clavelli (Professional Development Chair) - Sandra has been a great support for the EC/ACEPT with her management of all of the ACEPT continuing education webinars. We are thankful for all of her support and input for EC/ACEPT.
    - Kati Hefferon and Kathy Emery (Website managers) - They departed the EC earlier this year and we thank them for the long-standing contributions to ACEPT.
- Screenshot Group Photo taken of ACEPT community members and will be posted on the ACEPT Website

## Committees and Reports

- Treasurer Report (Rachel)
  - Reviewed totals of current account amounts
  - If you received Invoice from ACEPT, please make membership payment on the website at [acceptchicago.org](http://acceptchicago.org)
- Professional Development Committee (Sandra)
  - **Please reach out to [ACEPTchicago@gmail.com](mailto:ACEPTchicago@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping out with the Professional Development Committee**
  - The committee has created additional forms and organization tools to support communication with presenters
- Student Involvement Committee/Student Executive Board (Bonnie)
  - Students have been supporting with updating the ACEPT Website information, particularly the “Student Resources” Section
  - Students have also been helping coordinate the Poster Presentation Session for the ACEPT Conference
- Student Financial Concerns Committee (Anmol and Miki)
  - Marc Chaney, Adler student and former IPAGS Chair, reviewed results from IPAGS Graduate Student Survey:
    - 40% of students who completed the survey indicated a form of insecurity they are experiencing including: financial, housing, medical/insurance insecurities
    - Students expressed concern about the level of support available for them
    - IPAGS is working on obtaining Grants and fundraising opportunities for students; ACEPT is working on ways to financially help these students (not sure if you mean ACEPT or IPAGS in first statement)
    - IPAGS will send another survey out this summer to solicit student feedback
  - Dianell Vega, ACEPT Student Worker, reported she has worked with the ACEPT website manager to list food, medical, insurance, childcare, and housing resources on the ACEPT website:
    - She is also compiling resources for Supervisors for the website to assist in providing ethical and inclusive supervision for students
    - **If the community has other resource knowledge and suggestions please reach out to [ACEPTchicago@gmail.com](mailto:ACEPTchicago@gmail.com)**
    - Special thanks for Dainell Vega for all of her contributions
  - Please remind students that resources are posted on the ACEPT website and they can reach out to ACEPT for support

## Old Business

- ACEPT and IRS, applied for 501 (3)(c) status (Anmol)
  - Our status is still pending; however, we hope to hear update soon
- Ad Hoc Practicum Site Database Development Committee Co-Chairs (Miki)
  - This committee has been on hiatus; due to lack of interest in participating or chairing this committee. Will be revisited next year
  - **Please email [ACEPTChicago@gmail.com](mailto:ACEPTChicago@gmail.com) if you would like to chair this committee**
- Update on Website development and Membership portal (Anmol)
  - Thank you to Anthony McGeath, website manager, for updating the ACEPT website which features a new and improved layout
  - Increased ease of navigation, including easy access to make online payment for memberships/conference to be more streamlined and user friendly
  - The Universal Site Form has been updated to reflect suggestions by community members including: asking if programs are using ACEPT guidelines for MA students, additional demographic information included, and asking sites for additional requirements they have for students such as requiring vaccinations, background checks, etc.
  - Updated Student Resources tab with student financial, medical, housing, and other resources
  - History of ACEPT coming soon on the website compiled by Miki, Koyama, Ph.D. through consultation from founders of ACEPT and past EC members
  - There will be a “Member Portal” on the website this fall that will include access to reference lists of articles/book chapters related to supervision and training, meeting minutes, bylaws, and other information only accessible to members.
  - **We appreciate feedback on website information or forms on the website. Please reach out to [ACEPTChicago@gmail.com](mailto:ACEPTChicago@gmail.com) if you have feedback and/or suggestions**

## New Business

- Feedback about practicum process from students and sites/supervisors via ACEPT survey (Lauren)
  - Please click link for results including suggestions for Next Year’s Notification Process and Summary of Student Feedback: [ACEPT Guidelines Survey Result 2021.pdf](#)
- Election results: President-Elect; also new Professional Development Committee Chairperson (Gwen)
  - Dr. Kasey Schultz-Saindon - President Elect



- **Outstanding Training Site 2021: Jewish Child and Family Services (JCFS)**
  - Training Director: Dr. Alysa Slay
  - Nominated by 2 students who felt very supported by the site, received quality supervision and appreciated the opportunity to work with a diverse and clinically varied population
- Award Plaques will be mailed to award winners

Planning for the future ACEPT meetings and events:

- August 6, 2021 (TBD if virtual or in person)
- November 5, 2021 (TBD if virtual or in person)
- December 3, 2021 (Practicum Fair, TBD if virtual or in person)

ACEPT Community Agenda Items/Announcements:

- Sandra Clavelli reported that the Training Director at Allendale has retired after 37 years and Cathy McConnell, Ph.D., is the interim training director at Bradley Counseling Center (Allendale).
- Open Practicum Positions:
  - Allendale has positions available for therapy practicum, advanced therapy practicum, and master level
  - Connections Day School in Libertyville, IL has open practicum positions for all levels
  - Core Center of Relational Empowerment has 1 advanced therapy practicum opening