



The Accreditation Commission held a series of meetings and took the following actions:

- 12 Accredited Centers were granted continued accreditation
- 2 new centers were granted Provisional Accreditation
- 2 Accredited Centers became System Centers
- 2 centers with Provisional Accreditation were granted full Accreditation
- 2 centers added Certified Educator CPE
- 4 centers added new Satellite programs
- 2 System Centers added a new Component site
- 2 Accredited Centers voluntarily withdrew their accreditation
- 21 Accredited Centers had previously assigned notations removed
- 7 Accredited Centers had previously assigned notations continued to the next meeting

We are very excited to share that Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA, received a commendation from the Accreditation Commission for exemplary curriculum and for integrating the CPE program into the larger university degree and certificate offerings.

Congratulations on a job well done to the educational team at VCU: Russell Davis, Angela Flack, Lex Tartaglia, and Caitlyn Bailey! And a special thank you to National Site Team Chair, Sandy Walker.

In addition to acting on the above items, the commission continues to meet on a weekly basis to review the accreditation manual and how centers are working with the new system. Many of our centers have done an admirable job of developing their portfolios. There are some centers that need additional attention of the Commission to ensure that they are continuing to develop their portfolios.

As we have shared previously, the Commission has postponed all physical site visits that were schedule for 2020 to 2021 and thus pushed all subsequent visits back one year. Centers that were due in 2020 are having virtual site visits where appropriate and will have a follow up physical site visit in 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Lazor, Chair, Accreditation Commission



The Certification Commission has been busy season since the start of the year.

There are approximately 35 persons in the old certification process and 107 persons in the new certification process. Per our original intentions, although we are encouraging persons in the old process to transition to the new process, we will continue to serve those who choose to remain according to the established timelines.

Like for many others, COVID-19 caused the commission to rethink some of our current practices. As we did not know the extent of the issues related to travel back in the spring, the Commission pushed all associate level subcommittee appearances off until the fall meeting. The Commission recently held consultations for full ACPE Certified Educator status

for 7 persons. These consultations were held via Zoom and were successful for the aspirants and were an important learning opportunity for the Commission. There are currently 2 additional Associates who will be meeting for their consultations this summer.

In the fall, we are planning for a full docket of up to 30 aspirants. The subcommittee meetings will be held via Zoom for all aspirants.

The Commission wishes to thank the Board for appointing three new members that will help us to better serve those in the Certification process. We met with new members last week for an orientation and they are eager to begin working with CECs.

Respectfully submitted,
Cecelia Walker, Chair, Certification Commission



The Professional Ethics Commission took the following actions:

MEETINGS:

- **Annual meeting:** The Professional Ethics Commission met last in person at the Annual Conference in Scottsdale in May 2019. PEC missed the scheduled annual meeting in Cleveland in May 2020 due to the conference being canceled. However, PEC met for a virtual meeting on June 19, 2020. The meeting had great energy for moving the culture of the commission toward offering more education and being more involved and visible in the organization.

MEMBERSHIP:

- **Chair:** Cristina Stephenson took over as Chair on January 1, 2020 from Brian Conley who completed his two years as Chair.
- **Engagement:** Efforts are being made to ensure that new members are included in panels and engaged in the work of the commission alongside the more experienced members.
- **Diversity:** PEC needs to increase its POCs' representation among the members. The Chair and Vice-Chair met with REM representatives to recruit among minorities.

TRAINING & EDUCATION:

- **Investigators:** David Webb conducted a training for investigators in Atlanta on December 4-5, 2019. Approximately twenty ACPE, APC, NACC and CASC members participated.

STRATEGIC PARTNERS COLLABORATION:

- **Common Code of Ethics:** Representatives of ACPE, APC, CASC, NACC and NAJC have been working on a revision of the Common Code of Ethics.
- **Joint Complaint Process:** Representatives of APC and ACPE Professional Ethics Commissions have been meeting with representatives of NACC to explore a possible joint complaint process with the three organizations.

OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Monthly message/tips** in *This Week@ACPE*.
- **Closing the loop** with stakeholders after cases are closed
- **Length of time** for processing cases

- **Evaluation/assessment** of process by those participating in it.
- **Webinar** on professional ethics for the Phase II Core Curriculum of the New Certification Process.
- Creating a **FAQ tool** for the complaint process
- Review of the **current manual**

Respectfully submitted,
Cristina Stephenson, Chair, Professional Ethics Commission



The Psychotherapy Commission has been working diligently on its major new program, Spiritually Integrated Psychotherapy (SIP). ACPE held its first training for SIP Trainers in May. The cohort of SIP Trainers was introduced to the full SIP Program which includes the 30-hour SIP curriculum and requirements for ongoing formation in a Community of Practice. The cohort spent an intensive virtual weekend session preparing them to be SIP Trainers, who will train new ACPE SIP professionals. Sometime in the unfolding corona-future, the trainers will offer continuing education workshops for therapists, provide consultation and mentoring for SIP participants who engage the certification process, and facilitate local SIP Communities of Practice.

The ACPE SIP Program is a multi-disciplinary, inter-spiritual, multi-racial community of persons gathered for education, connection, and formation in the work of spiritually integrated psychotherapy. It serves licensed and pre-licensed mental health professionals (i.e., counselors, social workers, marriage and family therapists, pastoral counselors, psychologists, psychiatrists, psychiatric nurses, addiction specialists, and more). In addition, eligible graduate students from participating programs, who seek to explore the ways spirituality, religion, and the search for meaning influence their own lives and the lives of their clients may begin work on the SIP program in the future.

ACPE's Psychotherapy Commission has also hosted seven continuing education events this year. More online events are being planned including *The Gathering of Spiritually Integrated Practitioners*, hosted by the Kanuga Community of Practice. This conference will take place virtually on October 16-18, 2020. The theme is "Anchored in the Current: The Eternal Wisdom of Howard Thurman in Changing Times." We are excited to let you know that our plenary speaker is The Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Ellison II, Associate Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Visit the ACPE website to learn more and register.

A task force of the Psychotherapy Commission is working on a continuing education program for clergy and non-counselor pastoral professionals, which will pilot later this year. The Pastoral Care Specialist Program enhances basic mental health skills and information for these vital helping professionals. Through interactive classes and hands on practice, non-specialist helpers can become more attuned to the mental health components of their work.

We look forward to another exciting year in ACPE.

Respectfully submitted,
Joann Heaney-Hunter, Chair, Psychotherapy Commission