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NEWSLETTER

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CAN YOU BELIEVE. . .

Dennis E. Kenny, Regional Director

. . . the national conference is over, spring is upon us and summer units are starting.

My father went from the hospital to skilled nursing (for about 5 days) had my sister break him out and take him home. He's doing well, feeling stronger and is back driving himself to Taco Bell. Ah the healthy diet of a 95 year old.

Thanks to **Steve Ivy** and all of the folks for their tireless efforts while serving on the program planning committee for months and months in advance! As a result of their hard work the ACPE conference was a well-run educational, community experience. Thank you all for a job well done!

My stay at the conference was shortened when my father went into the hospital; but my preconference workshop, meetings with the foundation and the regional directors went well. It is clear that we are still in the middle of figuring out our governance. The role of the RD's with the national office is an unsettled issue and will need continued work.

I came away from the conference with a renewed passion for supervisory training. When the average age of our "emerging leaders" is well into the 50's we have a problem. I don't believe we have a shortage of supervisors; but a shortage of supervisors who are at the point of their careers when they are mobile.

We need to recruit, seek out, and find supervisors who are younger. We should be talking to those who have potential in our summer units and those who are seminarians. It is clear we work a long time and practice our craft well into our 70's but it is time to make certifying younger supervisors a priority – not just certifying supervisors.

Deryck Durston's last day was June the 3rd so bring some patience and understanding when you are contacting the national office. The search for the Executive Director is well underway and a plan is in place to handle national officer matters in the interim.

Congratulations to each of our four members who met certification committees. **Doug Vardell** and **Frank Nation** were successful. **Linda Bos** and **Jim Wright** were not. Keep them all in your prayers.

Last Friday was my last day as Director of Spiritual Care at the Clinic. I will be working three days a week. **Amy Greene** started as the new Director on Monday. It was a national search and a long one. Almost a year to the day when I announced I'd be stepping down. There is lots of good energy in the clinic coming our way during this transition. I look forward to more freedom in my schedule and I know Amy is looking forward to being my boss. We should have fun!

Remember to keep the summer a memorable one; it will help keep you warm in the winter.

Love, Dennis / Email: RD@ecracpe.org Ph: 216-312-6145

PASTORAL CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

H. Joan Lyke

Deborah Damore and **Joe Viti** are happy to report that their center, Summa Akron City Hospital, received full Accreditation Status as well as accreditation to offer supervisory CPE! Congratulations to both of them!

D. Carl Buxo happily reported that the Beaumont Hospital received approval of its 10-Year reaccreditation at the May national meeting with no notations! Congratulations on a job well done!

[There may be other news from the accreditation committee but these two were so happy they shared the news with me in advance of the report from ACPE].

STANDARDS REPORT-May 11-15, 2013 ACPE National Meeting, Leadership Meetings, Indianapolis, IN

Joe Viti

Report to the East Central Region

During the Standards Meeting at our National Conference we discussed many topics in preparation for the 2015 Update. Pastoral Review of Good Standing, Peer Review, Distance Learning, and Implementation of Medical Ethics are worthy of being reported to the members of the ECR. **If you have any questions and/or concerns please phone me at 330-375-3476 or e-mail me at viti@summahealth.org**

Pastoral Review of Good Standing: The highlight of our meeting was the time we spent with the Regional Directors. We wanted to use this time to get feed-back from them on some of the Standard Issues and study documents we are preparing for the 2015 Update. The communication with them was a positive dialogue and we appreciate the collegiality and networking. The Regional Directors requested the meeting primarily because they wanted to discuss the Study Document, Pastoral Review of Good Standing. As a group the Regional Directors asked Standards to consider how to intervene in situations where supervisors are emotional, mentally, and /or physically impaired. The triggers of the document do not address these areas. Such impairment is putting CPE supervisors, CPE Students, and CPE Centers at risk. The human resource departments of ACPE Centers have the authority to attend to such matters and Regional Directors do not have the authority to constructively intervene. The Regional Directors are mindful that the Standards Commission has created an important study document on this matter. Before we move to adopt standards to govern us around this issue, the Regional Directors would like to see a broader conversation that includes more of the stakeholders and widens the scope of what constitutes impairment. The Regional Directors feel they are an integral part of this conversation and have already spoken to the Board of Reps so a more comprehensive approach to this issue can be achieved. At this point, Pastoral Review of Good Standing continues to be in process.

Peer Review: I requested that the Peer Review Study Document become an item on our agenda, and my request was granted. I addressed the concerns of the ECR as we discussed them at our last Regional Meeting in Hueston Woods, February 22 to 23, 2013. I communicated to the Standards Commission that the Peer Review Study Document has two conflicting approaches. The educational/consultative approach conflicts with the disciplinary approach. Because the document lacks unity, ACPE Supervisors may be hesitant to accept, own, and/or claim the Peer Review Process that is being proposed. Before we accept this Study Document as a governing standard, changes need to be made for greater clarity leading to acceptance not resistance. After some

discussion, I was encouraged to re-write the Study Document with guidelines that promote integrity, clarity, collegiality, and consultative learning.

Distance Learning: A growing number of CPE Supervisors are conducting units of CPE using electronic communication for some or all of the structured learning hours. Recently Robin Booth, National Chair of Certification, has requested that there be some standards written to insure consistent quality. Robin is concerned about supervision of SES's involved in distance learning. It has been her experience that there are times when the supervision of a candidate by a training supervisor is conducted solely on the internet without face to face, person to person interaction. In her experience the candidates who make it to associate receive structure and sufficient feedback. These are vital components in the supervisory educational process. She believes that distance learning for SES's without person to person meetings is not providing the SES with the quality training needed. They are not being adequately prepared for associate and the certification process. She is proposing that any ACPE Supervisor who supervises SES/SES's by way of distance learning needs to travel to their training site so person to person meetings can be arranged with the candidate and his/her students to determine what their learning needs are, and how are they being met? There are many practical considerations around this proposal. For example, how many days of direct experience, face to face presence is needed? Who pays for the travel and lodging? A study document is being prepared.

Medical Ethics: Rationale: As medical ethics perspectives have become crucial in clinical practice, it has become necessary for all clinical pastoral practitioners to be competent partners in conversations regarding patients' ethics issues. Clinical Pastoral practitioners need to demonstrate the capacity to use concepts and principles of medical ethics in patient care. Not all seminaries provide theological students with learning opportunities in medical ethics. Future clergy and religious leaders of all faith backgrounds need to be aware of their own values that they bring to counseling or pastoral care situation, in which clinical ethics issues are prevalent. Board certification calls for expertise in ethics. Increasingly, the clinical demands on chaplains call for basic clinical ethics knowledge, skills, and awareness of attitudes. Currently the Common Standards for Chaplains (TPC4) requires a "working knowledge of ethics appropriate to the pastoral context." There is no ACPE standard to require such competence of Level I and Level II CPE students, Students in Supervisory Education, Supervisory Candidates, and Supervisors. CPE Supervisors need such competence in order to prepare chaplains in this area. Future supervisors need to be able to identify clinical ethics issues that their students are raising or struggling with. The new standards and outcomes close the gap between the requirements for certification and the CPE educational experience.

Definition of Terms: Clinical Ethics - The identification, analysis, and contribution to resolution of moral problems and dilemmas that arise in the care of patients in a variety of clinical contexts, including but not limited to medical ethics.

Implementation: Make the following changes to ACPE Standards/Manuals

308.9.5 – at the final bullet, include the word “**clinical**” after “personal”.

309.6 – to develop students' ability to make effective use of their religious/spiritual heritage, theological understanding, knowledge of the behavioral sciences **and clinical ethics** in their pastoral care of persons and groups.

Changes to Level One Outcomes:

311.1 – articulate the central themes **and core values** of their religious heritage and the theological understanding that informs their ministry.

Changes to Level Two Outcomes:

312.2 – provide pastoral ministry to diverse people, taking into consideration multiple elements of cultural and ethnic differences, social conditions and systems, **as well as justice and clinical ethics** Issues, without imposing their own perspectives.

Changes to Objectives of Supervisory CPE

313.1 to develop supervisory students' knowledge in theories and methodologies related to CPE supervision drawn from theology, professional, **clinical** and organizational ethics, the behavioral sciences, and adult education.

Changes to Standard 318 Competence in CPE program design and implementation.

318.6 – understands and applies **clinical ethics as well as** professional organizational ethics as **they** relate to CPE and pastoral practice.

Changes to Standard 319 Competence in pastoral education:

319.1 integrates educational theory, knowledge of behavioral science, **clinical**, professional and organizational ethics, theology, and pastoral identity into supervisory function.

Changes to Standard 400 Certification

405.1 is familiar with diverse conceptual frameworks in pastoral theology, **ethics**, theology and social sciences as they relate to pastoral functioning.

N.B. These changes are on their way to become a study document.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Viti
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FALL REGIONAL CONFERENCE – October 4-5, 2013
Committee Meetings: Wednesday & Thursday, October 2 & 3, 2013
Kingsgate Marriott, Cincinnati, OH

Bill Scrivener

Orin Newberry and Bill are working on the program for the Fall ECR Conference which will be held in Cincinnati. The theme of the conference will be the Art of Supervision. The registration and program information will be provided in late July or early August.

Bill Scrivener
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**“SPRING” 2014 REGIONAL CONFERENCE - February 21-22, 2014
Committee Meetings: Wednesday & Thursday, February 19 & 20, 2014
Hueston Woods State Park Lodge, College Corner, OH**

Beth Newton Watson

Beth Newton Watson and some members of the February Conference planning committee met at Hueston Woods and began working on the program. Details will be provided as they become available. Members of the committee are: Vickie Johnson, David Koch, Karen Morrow, Hanci Newberry, Kathy Nininger, Stephen O'Brien, Bill Scrivener and Versey Williams.

Beth Newton Watson
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**FALL 2014 REGIONAL CONFERENCE- September 19-20, 2014
Committee Meetings: Wednesday & Thursday, September 17-18, 2014
The Historic Boone Tavern Hotel & Restaurant, Berea, KY**

Leslie Small Stokes

Leslie Small Stokes is the program Chair for the fall conference. If you would like to help plan the program, contact Leslie. Details will be provided as they become available.

Leslie Small Stokes
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CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE DEADLINES

ACPE Standards & Manuals are on a five-year cycle. The next edition will be published in 2015. Please check the Certification Commission section of the national website for interim changes. ***Students in the certification process are responsible for updated procedures and policies. Please check the Procedures & Deadlines regularly for updated information.*** For complete information on all Certification matters, refer to the ACPE Certification Manual and the Certification Policies and Procedures Manual.

The next opportunity to meet with the Certification Committee will be at the fall regional conference, Thursday, October 3, 2013, Kingsgate Marriott, Cincinnati, OH.

- The application and fee deadline is August 26, 2013.
- Materials to committee members must be postmarked no later than September 9, 2013.
- Questions/inquiries regarding the Regional Certification Committee to: Frank Impicci, Manager, Spiritual Care & Chaplaincy Services, Indiana University Health, 550 N. University Blvd., UH 1410, Indianapolis, IN 46202-5250. (Office 317-944-7415; Cell 317-437-2734; Fax 317-944-7440), fimpicci@iuhealth.org
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**ACCREDITATION NEWS, NOTES AND – DEADLINES FOR
10-YEAR REVIEWS, SITE VISITS, ETC.**

Accreditation Deadlines: For 10 year reviews and any other Accreditation Site Visit requests (e.g., Satellite to Accredited Center) contact Ruth Alpers for deadline information.

Reminder: Satellite Materials (see pages 32-34 in the Accreditation Manual) need to be in at least 30 days before beginning a program at the Satellite center and a provisional letter must be received from the Accreditation Chair prior to recruiting students.

Direct your questions and/or requests for more information to: Accreditation Chairperson: Rabbi Ruth Alpers, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Department of Pastoral Care, 3333 Burnet Avenue, MLC 5022, Cincinnati, OH 45229; Ph: 513-636-6999; Fax 513-636-4971; ruth.alpers@cchmc.org.

JOB/EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Christian Theological Seminary announced its annual **CPE Day, September 24, 2013**, 4:15PM-5:15PM. More details to follow. For now save the date and let Karen Kelm, Administrative Assistant in the Field Education Office of any CPE openings <kkelm@cts.edu>

Other job/educational opportunities may be available on the Regional Website:

<http://www.ecracpe.org>

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER- Saturday, June 29, 2013. Send to: hjoanlyke@ecracpe.org. For more information contact: 734-239-3423.

Calendar of Events:

- 10/4-5/2013 – Fall ECR Conference, Kingsgate Marriott, Cincinnati, OH
- 02/21-22/2014 – Spring ECR Conference, Hueston Woods State Park Lodge, College Corner, OH
- 09/19-20/2014 – Fall ECR Conference, Boone Tavern Hotel, Berea KY

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