

Practice Council Workgroups/Initiatives by Strategic Goal

The purpose of this document is to help keep members informed about general workgroup aims and activities as well as how workgroups fit under the overarching strategic goals of the Community Psychology Practice Council (CPPC). Included with the workgroup descriptions are Community Psychology Practice Competencies that one may gain working with each particular workgroup. Review the CP Practice Competencies [HERE](#).

1. Improve graduate education for Community Psychology Practice.

Workgroup	Description	CP Practice Competencies
Connect to a Practitioner Guide Contact: Sharon Johnson-Hakim (sharonmariehakim@gmail.com) & Ashley Anglin (ashleyanglin1@gmail.com)	Since its launch in Spring 2015, the goal of this guide is to help bridge the gap between academic programs and community psychologist practitioners. This bridge can help ensure that practice skills are taught in academic programs and that both Masters and PhD level students are exposed to a wide variety of career paths. This group collaborates with the Council for Education Programs and the Policy Committee to gather practitioners for the guide and cross post the guide. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work collaboratively to promote the use of the Guide Track Guide downloads Identify and implement strategies to enhance sustainability and effectiveness of Guide Learn more about the guide: http://scra27.org/what-we-do/practice/connect-practitioner/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation & Organizational Development; Collaboration and Coalition Development
Online Learning Working Group Contact: Carlos Luis (carlosluisz@gmail.com)	Since 2013, this task group has aimed to expand online learning in community psychology. Comprised of members from various SCRA groups and committees, this group works together to provide videos and webinars online in community psychology. Up to this date we have collaborated in the development of two videos, five webinars, three biennial sessions, two needs assessments for webinars, one webinar platform assessment; along with exploring more webinars and videos possibilities with various groups within SCRA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborating in the development of need assessments among SCRA members Contacting potential speakers for webinars Collaborating in the logistics for the development of webinars/videos Collaborating in the evaluation efforts of the initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community education, information dissemination and building public awareness Collaboration and Coalition Development Resource Development Small & Large Group Processes
Connecting Masters Students Workgroup Contact: Kyrh Brown (ky.brown36@gmail.com)	Beginning in July 2014, this group met to develop and conduct focus group questions with Masters students to understand their professional needs and identify motivators/barriers to engagement within SCRA. Members include representatives from various SCRA groups and committees. To date, two focus groups have been conducted, and preliminary findings have revealed key information. The group is currently identifying next steps. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend regular teleconference planning calls Brainstorm and reestablish workgroup's focus and planned action Advocate for organizational level strategies that promote inclusion and engagement among Master's level students (and practitioners) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaboration and coalition development Community education, information dissemination and building public awareness Public policy analysis, development and advocacy Community Inclusion and Partnership
Council for Education Programs- new Programs Sub-Committee (CEP-NPS) Contact: Emma Ogley-Oliver (eogleyoliver@gmail.com)	The CEP-NPS aims to support and strengthen new community psychology oriented education programs (undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs) both nationally and internationally. The three main goals include: (1) to identify and strengthen new programs, (2) encourage students to utilize the SCA to strengthen their programs; (3) support the development of practice-focused skills in community psychology training through intentional integration of SCRA practice competencies into the curricula of new programs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend regular teleconference planning calls Learn more: http://scra27.org/what-we-do/education/new-programs-sub-committee/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaboration and Coalition Development Consultation and Organizational Development Resource Development Program Evaluation Program Development, Implementation and Management
Summer Institute (SI) Planning Group Contact: David Julian (DJulian@ehe.osu.edu)	The purpose of the SI is to provide individuals with professional development opportunities that will supplement graduate education, provide additional training in CP practice competencies and provide topic-specific workshops of interest to SCRA members (and other practitioners). The first Summer Institute was held at the 2015 Biennial Conference with over 50 members and community members attending. Currently, this group is reviewing 2015 evaluation data and planning for the 2017 Biennial. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event planning logistics Marketing for attendance and presenters Content development Applying for grant funding and corporate sponsorships Learn more: http://scra27.org/what-we-do/practice/summerinstitute/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community education, information dissemination and building public awareness Resource Development Program Evaluation Consultation and Organizational Development Collaboration and Coalition Development

2. Enhance the visibility of Community Psychology Practice within the field by increasing the number of publications and conference presentations focused on Community Psychology Practice and related issues.

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The Community Practitioner: Practice Column Contact: Olya Glantsman (oglantsman@gmail.com)	The Community Psychology (SCRA's official newsletter) includes a Practice Column that is dedicated to brief articles that highlight and directly relate to community psychology practice. Workgroup members works collaboratively with the column editor to keep content engaging and relevant. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> generate fresh column ideas set column submission schedules writing or editing quarterly submissions Learn more about the TCP: http://scra27.org/publications/tcp/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community education, information dissemination and building public awareness Resource Development Small and Large Group Process

3. Engage in outreach efforts to those outside of SCRA, including members of allied fields, members of other divisions of APA and the general public.

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THEory into ACTION Bulletin Contact: Tabitha Underwood underwoodtabitha@gmail.com	In an effort to communicate community practice knowledge to the widest possible audience, this workgroup publishes a monthly series of outreach bulletins. Since 2012, this workgroup generates bulletins covering a variety of topics related to community psychology practice. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select topics Write 500-700 word articles Collaborative editing Distributes bulletins to community psychologists, APA staff, and community professionals in other disciplines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community education, information dissemination and building public awareness Small and Large Group Process
Social Media Contact: Alaa Aldoh alaa.aldoh@aucegypt.edu	Social media is the “face” of the Practice Council and its working groups. It facilitates a connection between the work we do and everyone who access our webpage or Facebook group. It also enables the Practice Council to expand and communicate with a worldwide audience. This group is working toward enhancing the visibility and reach of the Practice Council. The main avenues used are the facebook page, twitter, and the SCRA website.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community education, information dissemination and building public awareness Resource Development
Community Psychology Practice Blog Contact: Carlos Luis carlosluisz@gmail.com	Since 2011, the aim of the Practice Blog was to raise awareness about the field and people who do Community Psychology related work as well as highlight the usefulness of psychology in improving the lives of individuals and communities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write, solicit and/or share posts that cover current happenings in the field of Community Psychology Practice Coordinate post scheduling Recruit blog editors who would like to contribute with the blog 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community education, information dissemination and building public awareness Collaboration and Coalition Development Small and Large Group Process
Ask an Advisor-Community Toolbox Contact: Bill Berkowitz Bill_Berkowitz@uml.edu	<i>Ask an Advisor</i> is a free service provided through the Community Tool Box that provides brief, personalized responses to questions to professionals and community members about community work (e.g., questions about planning, assessment, participation, program development, advocacy, evaluation, etc.). Practice Council members who serve as an advisor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor and respond to incoming messages that are related to their expertise and experience Learn More: http://ctb.ku.edu/en/ask-advisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Leadership and Mentoring

4. Support the career development of Practitioners and the market for Community Psychology Practitioners

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Peer Consultation Calls Contact: Tom Wolff tom@tomwolff.com	The “Peer Consultation Calls” are designed for us to be able to support each other in our community work, an informal chance to share our work with colleagues and get some ideas and help. We invite all of you including students, new grads and seasoned professionals to come support each other in our work. Our calls usually have a wonderful mix of old pros and those just starting out in the field. Calls usually occur a week before the Practice Council calls. For specific dates please contact Tom Wolff http://scra27.org/what-we-do/practice/about-practice-council/practice-council-monthly-teleconferences/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Leadership and Mentoring

5. Positively impact the communities in which we live and work through the use of Community Psychology principles

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SCRA Community Mini-Grants Program-Reviewer Team Contact: Jasmine Douglas jasmine.douglas.wsu@gmail.com & Jessica Drum jessica.drum09@gmail.com	Initiated in 2010, the SCRA Community Mini-Grants program was designed by the Community Psychology Practice Council to support and help catalyze small scale, time-sensitive community interventions which are consistent with the SCRA vision, mission, principles and goals. The success of the mini-grants program is largely because of our exceptional reviewer team who dedicate their time and effort to this initiative. No extensive experience is required to be a reviewer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewers receive an orientation training May be selected to review between 3-6 mini-grants a year Learn about the benefits of being a reviewer: http://scra27.org/what-we-do/practice/community-mini-grants/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource Development Consultation and Organizational Development

6. Advocate for organizational level actions within Division 27.

Workgroup	Description	Related Competencies
Welcoming-Recruitment Workgroup? Contact: Nicole Freund nmfreund@gmail.com	The welcoming and recruitment group works to engage CPPC members in the work of the council as well as to bring in new people and ideas and make all members feel welcome and valued. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call guides and mentors Email and social media outreach Structural review of Council processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Policy Analysis, Development and Advocacy Community Inclusion and Partnership Ethical, Reflective Practice Resource Development
Member Spotlight Workgroup? Contact: TBD (email)	This emerging workgroup is focused coordinating Practice Council member spotlights which are intended to enhance visibility of Practice Council members and promote council sense of community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help develop a system for selecting 1-2 Practice Council members each month Email Practice Council Members to solicit short bios and photos for the spotlight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Inclusion and Partnership Community education, information dissemination and building public awareness