Editor’s Corner

Hello Again Rehab Family

I am pleased to present the new edition of the Rehab Newsletter. It is been two years since my first edition as editor of the rehab newsletter, now is time to move on, but not without saying thank you to all of you that collaborated with me the last two years giving me your suggestions for changes and nice comments.

I hope one more time that you enjoy reading this new edition Have a wonderful summer!!!

Best wishes,
Lesley
As it often does, the approach of summer brings joy and anticipation of great weather, outings and often fun vacations. The approach of this summer also brings a bit of sadness as the retirement of Reta and Ginny quickly approaches. We hope you will all be able to attend the retirement party to be held on June 25th (details in this newsletter) in their honor in Jones Commons in the Lindquist Center.

Program highlights include:

• **Spring Colloquium**: We had a wonderful colloquium presentation this past April by Jim Stachowiak and Jan Gorman on accommodations and the workplace. This presentation was extremely well received with lots of information and demonstrations on devices and approaches new to the field.

• **New Advisory Board Member**: Anne Alliger, Director, Family Counseling/EAP Services at Mercy Medical Center, Cedar Rapids, IA. We are happy to welcome her to our board.

• **Advisory Board Elections**: Eda Holt was elected as Chair-Elect and Gillian Fox will continue as Secretary for 2011-12.

• **The Graduate Programs in Rehabilitation Counseling Exemplary Status**: Both programs (M.A. & Ph.D.) were 2 of only 5 programs at the University of Iowa to receive an exemplary ranking.

• **CACREP**: We are busily preparing for our CACREP re-accreditation process, which will take place next...
The Time is Getting Closer

SAVE THE DATE

A retirement reception will be held in honor of Reta Litton and Ginny Travis. Please stop by and wish Reta and Ginny farewell!

Friday, June 25
Jones Commons
2 - 4 pm

If you are unable to attend and would like to send a card please forward to
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Your Opinion is Valuable

If you graduated in the last three years from the Graduate Programs in Rehabilitation (master and PhD) and you haven’t complete the survey, please go to the following address:
http://www.education.uiowa.edu/crsd/survey/AlumniSurvey.aspx
It will only takes a few minutes and it will provide the program information necessary to improve and keep offering a program of academic excellence.
Getting to Know the Advisory Board

Mr. Orville Townsend

How did you decide to study rehabilitation counseling or become involved in this field?

When I first began working for Vocational Rehabilitation Services I was employed as a work evaluator. After working with clients for a period of time, I acquired an interest in counseling and as a result I enrolled in the Rehabilitation Counseling Program at the University of Iowa.

What was your motivation to become a member of the Advisory Board and continue through the years?

As Supervisor of the local Rehabilitation office I worked closely with the staff at the Rehabilitation Counseling Program at Iowa. They extended an invitation to be on the Advisory Board and I accepted.

What do you think is the most important role of the members of the Advisory Board?

I feel that it is important that members bring information to meetings and share it with staff in the counseling program. There are constant changes occurring and Advisory Board members sharing this with staff creates a positive avenue for learning.

Recommendations for future professionals reading this …

Future professionals should do a self-assessment to make sure that they really want to work with citizens with disabilities. They should also check out other professional areas to make sure that they are really interested to not only provide services in this area but also to be aware of the salary range and be able to make a commitment to function within the boundaries that are associated with the profession.

Recommendations or comments in general

I personally have found being a rehabilitation professional to be extremely rewarding. I feel it is important that individuals in the profession be able to handle change and also be able to frequently assess their consumer needs and be able to adjust their approaches to providing services and constantly be aware of other agencies and services that can assist in getting positive outcomes.
Join us in again congratulating Mr. Orville Townsend on getting the prestigious American Rehabilitation Counseling Association (national) Counselor of the Year Award in Pittsburgh on Friday 3/19/2010. (The gorgeous lady is his wife, Ms. Billie Townsend!).

Dr. James Bethea another more recent alum gave the remarks introducing him as the award winner

Mr. Townsend is a Graduate Programs in Rehabilitation Alum of the Year from several years ago, Chair Elect of our Advisory Board and also has started an African-American Alumnae mentoring initiative for our Program. CONGRATULATIONS !!!
Program Activities and News

During the month of April the Graduate Programs in Rehabilitation sponsor the Spring Colloquium and the Awards Ceremony.

In this picture Dr. Vilia Tarvydas, Mr. Mike Townsend and Dr. Dennis Maki

Mr. Mike Townsend (in the center) was this years recipient of the Alum of the Year Award

Mimi Getachew (third year doctoral student) received a fellowship from the Minority Health and Health Disparities International Research Training (MHIRT) to study in Ethiopia. Her goal while in Ethiopia is to collect data at Addis Ababa University for her dissertation topic, which is assessing Ethiopian College Student Attitudes Towards Visible Disabilities. Mimi’s research interest areas are working with immigrant communities and diversity issues within disabilities. Congratulations Mimi !!!

During the month of February We received the visit of Cindy Chapman and Susan Stark from the Commission of Rehabilitation Counselors Certification (CRCC) visited our program. They spent some time with the students answering questions about the new version of the Code of Ethics.

In this picture from left to right Back: Corey James, Cindy Chapman, Susan Stark Front: Elizabeth Gorman, Kelly Putman, and Paula Cox
Community News

CRCC

Students: Are you planning to sit for the CRC examination in 2010/2011, the following link will provide you with information on application dates, application forms, and study materials.

http://www.crccertification.com/

ACA

The ACA Student membership of $89 now includes liability insurance to ACA student members enrolled and engaged in a master’s degree counseling curriculum at a post secondary institution. Coverage is solely while performing counseling services (e.g. practicum and internship) related to such curriculum.

NCRE

The National Council on Rehabilitation Education (NCRE) is a professional organization devoted to the improvement of rehabilitation counseling services to persons with disabilities through quality education and rehabilitation research. NCRE provide opportunities for students in rehab education to create networking and develop in leadership positions.

Update your Contact Information

It’s exciting to hear about the big changes in graduates’ lives—marriage, children, relocation, job changes and promotions. And it’s easy to keep your records up to date. Just follow the link to the Online Personal Information Form and keep us posted!
Take a Look

The University of Iowa
Graduate Programs in Rehabilitation

Rehabilitation Service Administration (RSA) Scholars Program
Qualified Applicants May Receive Tuition and Stipend

Rehabilitation Counselor Education – Ph.D. Program

The Ph.D. program prepares professionals for leadership roles in rehabilitation counselor education, research, administration, and service delivery systems. The Ph.D. requires a minimum of 90 graduate semester hours. Most students complete their course work in three years and usually require another year to complete the dissertation requirement.

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Faculty Publications*

Noel Estrada-Hernandez


Jodi Saunders


Vilia Tarvydas


*Authors in alphabetical order

John Wadsworth


* Not in APA style
Student’s Presentations and Publications*

Presentations

Nykeisha Moore and Tammara Thomas
“Voices of Soldiers Diagnosed with Posttraumatic Stress Disorder: Can You Respond to their Cry for Help?” - 90 minute session. American Counseling Association Conference, March, 2010

Nykeisha Moore, Quiteya Walker, Monicke Davis, Tammara Thomas, and Corey James
“The Perilous Journey to an Advanced Degree: Strategies for Survival-90 Minute Session”
American Counseling Association Conference, March, 2010

Allison Fleming, Brian Phillips, Dwaine Turner, Lesley Irizarry-Fonseca, Leslie Santos, Melissa Luse, Ruth N. Mercado, and Terrie Ellery Hylton
Professional Issues as Perceived by Future Leaders of the Profession, National Council on Rehabilitation Education, Manhattan Beach, California, April, 2010.

Kathe Matrone, Kathleen Cissell and Lori Magnuson
The Ethical Complexities of Counselor Supervision: Notes from the field, National Council on Rehabilitation Education, Manhattan Beach, California, April, 2010.

Poster Presentations

Erin Barnes
“Evaluating the Programmatic and Individual-Level Factors Impacting Professional Identity Development among Master's Level Trainees in Rehabilitation Counseling Programs”, National Council on Rehabilitation Education (NCRE), Manhattan Beach, California, April, 2010

“The Formulation of a Group Home in Pondicherry, India” National Council on Rehabilitation Education, Manhattan Beach, California, April, 2010

Yi-Hua Tsai
Ethics Education and its Impacts in Rehabilitation Counseling Master’s Students, National Council on Rehabilitation Education, Manhattan Beach, California, April, 2010.

A comparison of Rehabilitation Counseling Master’s Programs in the U.S. and in Taiwan, National Council on Rehabilitation Education, Manhattan Beach, California, April, 2010.

Publications


* Not in APA style
James T. Herbert, Linda Shaw, Michael Leahy, Dennis Maki, and Vilia Tarvydas a perfect example of Professional Excellence at the NCRE Conference, Spring, 2010.

Erin Barnes and Yi-Hua Tsai (Eva) during their posters presentations at the NCRE conference in April, 2010.

Dwaine Turner and Lesley Irizarry before their presentation at the NCRE conference, April 2010.

Some of the participants of the Spring Colloquium at Jones Commons.