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Eastern Region, ACPE Newsletter Summer 2009

Greetings from the CORDS

The beach pictures reflects our hope rather than our reality. Most summer programs are underway and there are still some of us wondering "where is the summer weather?" That is the case if you live in New England! Maybe in other parts of the Eastern Region there are sunny skies - we hope so.



The last several months have been somewhat quiet within the region as regards events. We had Seminar on Supervision in late April and featured our guest speaker, Rev. Judy Ragsdale, ACPE Supervisor from Cincinnati. Her presentation "Educating CPE Supervisors: A Grounded Theory Study of Supervisory Wisdom" had been the outcome of her completed Ph.D. dissertation in which she interviewed seasoned training supervisors about their evolution of theory.

Pastoral concerns have certainly been front and center as several among our region have experienced the grief of loss, the struggle with sudden illness and the coping of surgery. We were saddened to learn of the loss of our longtime friend and colleague Dan DeArment. He was a fixture among us for so many years and we were happy to learn that Ralph Ciampa was able to attend his service.

Kathleen Davis' husband Terry whom many of us know, was hospitalized for about 10 days in late May with quite a scare as his sodium levels dropped dangerously low. He is home and improving but it was not the way Kathleen and Terry wanted to spend the beginning of their retirement. We saw them both several weeks ago and he is much improved.

*For updated
Planning
Calendar, please
go to regional
website
www.eneacpe.org.*

2009 Grant Recipients

Robert Wood Johnson
University Hospital
\$7000 for a Bilingual
Supervisory Education
Student/Chaplain

Albany Medical
Center
\$5000 to address the
Pastoral Care needs of
the African American
community

Sharing Resources in
Theory
Development for
Supervisory Education
\$3200 for the deans of
the supervisory
education groups in the
Eastern Region

Congratulations!

And Paul Steinke is doing well after his recent knee surgery. We stayed in touch during his hospital stay and have already heard stories of life on the orthopedic unit! I bet the staff is ready to take CPE and we are glad he is doing well.

We have ambivalent feelings in response to the news that Kitty Garlid is re-locating to Maine in order to become the new Director of Pastoral Care at Maine Medical Center in Portland. We are excited for her joy in the new responsibility and sad at our loss. She has contributed much to the Eastern Region and we are sorry to bid her goodbye. Thank goodness for bi-regional meetings so we will see her often!

Other items of interest which you can read about in this edition of our newsletter is the celebration of Robert Woods Johnson University Medical Center's 25th Anniversary of CPE, the recipients of the 2009 Regional Grants and a call for names from the nominations committee! Please take note of the upcoming Fall Bi-Regional EastXNE Conference Oct 12-14, 2009 in Stony Point, NY. Also, Steve Dutton gives us the latest anticipatory news from Accreditation and what to expect with the new manual coming out in January 2010! We look forward to hearing from you all - please note the new phone number for the regional office and have a great summer - hopefully **with** sunshine.

Jo Clare and Nancy

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Celebrates 24 Years of Clinical Pastoral Education



On May 27 I traveled to New Brunswick, NJ to join in the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the CPE program. The program began in 1983 with The Rev. John DeVelder appointed as the first Chaplain and Director of CPE. Candidacy accreditation was granted in 1984 and the first summer and extended unit were held that year. In 1987 The Rev. Cathy Bickerton was appointed Associate Director and accreditation was granted to provide programs of CPE on all levels. After Bickerton left, The Rev. Tiina Nummela was

appointed Associate Director and today she and John together supervise interns, residents and supervisory students.

The evening was a wonderful dinner and the sharing of reflections about the CPE program from former students, including one from the very first unit! John and Tiina have much to be proud of as the center has educated so many students from such a variety of backgrounds and religious diversity. We salute you both on a job well done!



[View the photo album.](#)

What's New in the 2010 Accreditation Manual?

Steve Dutton, Chair Regional Accreditation

I send greetings to all Eastern Region colleagues from the Accreditation Commission of ACPE, Inc. Now, I know, you don't normally like to hear from me, your regional accreditation chair, but I have good news that I bring to you, news that I hope will help you know before hand the changes that are coming our way with the 2010 Accreditation Manual. I will highlight the changes topically which hopefully will aid your reading. In addition I also want to immediately point you to the next ACPE e- Newsletter in which you will find an article by our Accreditation Commission Chair, Rev. Karrie Oertli that will bring to you more detail especially about the changes on the way for Ten Year Reviews. These changes will make the job of the review easier for regional accreditation committees, who by the way are a group of dedicated, hard working volunteers that serve you. These changes in the review process will also aid individual centers preparation for Ten Year Reviews. What do you need to be aware of?

Checklists Remain and New Checklists are Added

The checklists that were introduced in the 2005 Accreditation manual have been well received as useful. These checklists remain as guides to Centers about reviews and processes. In addition the Commission added two checklists to the 2010 edition of the manual. They are:

- Addition of Satellite Program
- Addition of a Program of Supervisory CPE

National Site Team Chairs

I will simply speak briefly to national site team chairs, see Karrie

Oertli's article I mention above. As an outcome of the Presidential Taskforce on Accreditation and beginning in January of 2010, the Accreditation Commission will use National Site Team Chairs to chair all ten year review on-site visits, as well as on-site visits for newly accredited member centers (satellite to accredited member or Candidacy Centers.) The National Site Team Chairs will receive specialized training in the process of accreditation and will be responsible to ensure that the Site Team members, who will be assigned from the region, will provide competent, consistent collegial on-site reviews.

Two steps have been deleted from the review process.

1. The regional accreditation committee will no longer assign a regional reviewer to look through Center material.
The regional accreditation committee will no longer vote on the recommendations of the regional reviewer. Instead, the National Site Team Chair and
2. The Site team members will make recommendations directly to the Chair of the Commission, who will assign a national reviewer to bring those recommendations to the Commission.

The use of National Site Team Chairs also frees the regional accreditation committee to provide better consultation and mentoring to Centers as they prepare for accreditation reviews. Consolidation of Appendices and Revision of Appendix 19
The number of appendices in the 2010 edition has been reduced from 19 to 9.

Appendix 19 has been changed to Appendix 5, Parts I and II, which describe the Standards that are expected to be addressed in the Student Handbook and Curriculum (Part I) and those that are expected to be addressed during the on-site visit (Part II). Further, the bullets (or descriptions) of what has been expected as Standard compliance in Appendix 19 have been removed. This action was taken because the Accreditation Commission recognized that, unintentionally, it had added or re-interpreted Standards through these descriptions in ways that were not helpful, and that these descriptions had limited creativity and uniqueness between Centers. Beginning in January 2010, instead of having to adhere to the ways in which the Accreditation Committee expected compliance, Centers will be expected to demonstrate how and where they are meeting Standards in the Student Handbook(s) and during the on-site review. The National

Site Team Chair and the Site Team members will work with Centers to discover how the Center is meeting Standards.

Accreditation Review Request and Facesheet

Instead of having to use separate facesheets for different accreditation reviews, Centers now will use one "Accreditation Review Request and Facesheet" for all Commission reviews, with the exception of the annual report.

Clarification of Processes

The processes of removal of notations and called reviews have been clarified.

Addition of "Inactive Status"

In response to the growing number of centers that are having difficulty filling supervisory positions, with the resulting numbers of those centers voluntarily withdrawing their accreditation due to these vacancies, the Accreditation Commission has instituted a new status for Accredited Member Centers "Inactive Status." Information about this new category and a check list for requesting inactive status, as well as a process for reactivation of full accredited member status, are included.

Employment Opportunities:

CPE Supervisor/Senior Staff Chaplain - Meriter Hospital and Health Services, Madison, WI

Contact: Rev. Jeff Billerbeck, ACPE Supervisor, Meriter Hospital, 608-417-6688 or visit www.meriter.com.

Pediatric Chaplains - Children's Hospital - Boston, MA

(2 full time) to join our multi-faith chaplaincy staff, interested in Spanish speaking and familiarity with Hispanic and Latino culture - Boston Children's Hospital - contact Robyn Avery, phone 857-218-3029 or email robyn.avery@childrens.harvard.edu.