**Clinical Psychology Area Meeting Minutes
Friday, March 14, 2025, at 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm-115 FA & Zoom**

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| **Attendance (**🗶 ✓) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dr. Kristin Reynolds (Chair) | ✓ | Dr. Corey Mackenzie | ✓ | Dr. Nicole Muir (regrets) | 🗶 |
| Dr. Harold Wallbridge | ✓ | Dr. Jen Theule  | 🗶 | Lily Pankratz-CSR  | ✓ |
| Dr. Lorna Jakobson  | ✓ | Dr. Ed Johnson (regrets-on leave) | 🗶 | Erin White-CSR | ✓ |
| Dr. Leslie Roos (regrets-on leave) | 🗶 | Dr. Diane Hiebert-Murphy (regrets) | 🗶 | Andrea Labossiere (recorder) | ✓ |
| Dr. Alicia Nijdam-Jones (regrets-on leave) | 🗶 | Dr. Gabriel Schnerch (Zoom) | ✓ |  |  |

| **Agenda Item** |  **Notes** | **Decision/Action** | **Status** |
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| 1. Approval of agenda | Kristin made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Corey / CARRIED | Agenda approved. | Closed |
| 2. Approval of Feb. 7, 2025 meeting minutes. | Motion to approve the Feb. 7, 2025 meeting minutes was made by Kristin, seconded by Corey / CARRIED. | Meeting minutes approved. | Closed |
| 3. Reports:1. DCT
 | * Thank-you to everyone for supporting the clinical search. Official announcements shortly; hiring for three positions and there have been offers made for 3 associate professor positions, and one offer for an instructor position is in the works.
* Associate DCT position was approved and will start in July 2025 with Corey taking this role, which comes with a course reduction of 3 credit hours. This will position him well to step into position of DCT while Kristin is on her research leave next year. The Associate DCT who steps in then would be trained to take DCT when Kristin’s position ends.
* Fortunately, the collective agreement was ratified so no strike will be necessary at this time.
* 7 out of 8 Residency applicants matched this year on the first round, 8th student currently in phase 2. Wed. March 18th, 2025 is the phase 2 match deadline.
* Please consider if you will need a TA for the courses you will be teaching in the fall. Ed wrote an excellent justification last year that was submitted with his request, which he wouldn’t mind being shared with the group so let Kristin know if you would like that sent to you.

 **Discussion**: Gabe may not be teaching his assessment course this coming year, not sure who will be. Corey will discuss with Hal if a TA is needed in CASE. Lorna does not require one at this time. * Has anyone planned to use funds for an elder this year and do we have a list of elders who are available? The award period is overlapping and has been received twice so $400.00 each to be used up by June or July. Currently we don’t have a fund for next year, but Kristin will follow up with Leslie about that.
* Made 14 admissions offers for 2025-26; 10 have been accepted so far, waiting on 4 more.
 |  | Closed |
| 1. PSC Director
 | * Sandra Dufour is retiring, so we have started the hiring process to replace her. We have over 40 applications so far, with some having university experience.
* Two copies of the WIAT 4 has been purchased.
* Derek Dawda did a seminar on MDMA Assisted Therapy, which outlined the interesting developmental work he is doing in that area. Trish Furer did a presentation on internship application processes and the CHP internship program.
* The CHP practicum application deadlines have changed. April 1 is the new deadline for applying for practica in September of the same year.
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| 1. CSR Report
 | * CSRs have held 1 or 2 two student meetings since their last report. They have started pairing meetings with learning opportunities and recently did a session with students on counting clinical hours and a student who had just applied for internship came in to discuss Time 2 Track. The next student meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2025 and they hope to schedule a student wind up soon as well.
* Planning the April case event, which normally occurs the Monday after case ends which is usually for students applying for internship next year.
* The CSR election coming up in April (Lily is finishing up) so the April meeting will be Lily’s final meeting.
* The CSRs mentioned that an email prompt is needed soon about the dissertation proposal deadline required by students who are interested in applying for internship next fall.
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| 4. Clinical Awards Update & Discussion | * The Welcome event in the fall will be when the clinical awards are presented this coming year and going forward (for both the John Walker Research Award and Wright Clinical Award). Kristin will send out an email announcement soon to the students regarding the John Walker Research Award. Hal will send out an email regarding the Wright Award to practica supervisors and the deadline for submissions will be after the current practicum are wrapped up.
* Development of a new Leadership Award will be put on hold until money is found for the award.
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| 5. Expansion Committee Updates & Discussion (admissions, curriculum, practicum) | * Corey provided an update to the proposed changes to Case Conceptualization. Currently students take Case 3 times. 1st year MA as 7260; 2nd year MA as 7270; and typically, first year PhD as 8080. They are taken as 3-credit courses spread across the full year, with classes meeting every 2nd week. All students across these 3 classes are combined into one class, which will no longer be feasible when we have cohorts of 16. The current proposal would have case taught once in the MA1 year as a 3-credit course with the class meeting every 2 weeks over the fall and winter terms. The first term would cover history of psychology, systems of psychotherapy, and the process-based method of case conceptualization (how it is currently being taught). The second term has more of a practical and clinical focus where students would see senior students conceptualize and present cases (student-led case event during this class, have students writing candidacy exams present, require students in their 6th practicum to present a case). Also, students receive supervision from students in Clinical Supervision (8260) on a single case, with Corey providing group supervision in class specifically about the case conceptualization. Each student presents their own case to their classmates in the winter term.
* The course would be renamed from Case Conceptualization & Presentation to something like History, Systems, and Case Conceptualization. If 7270 and 8080 are removed from the curriculum, space will open up in MA2 and PhD1 for other courses or seminars.
* If this change occurs, there will be 2 cohorts who don’t get the history content, so an interim solution would be needed. Gabe mentioned the possibility of teaching Joe Pear’s history course if it’s still on the books.
* If we teach 7260 students the process-based method of case conceptualization in the MA1 year and expect them to use this throughout their training we could consider requiring process-based visual formulations for clients in our internal PSC practica.
* These changes will first need to go to the department and then to the CPAC meeting, which Corey plans to do soon, including bringing Nicole’s new course forward. If any other changes are required, they should be submitted to Corey soon.
* Following a discussion of these changes, Corey made a motion to move forward with these proposed changes. This motion was seconded by Hal and carried by the group.
 | Motion to change Case Concept. course was carried. | Closed |
| 6. Candidacy Exam Update & Discussion | Currently forming adult and child versions of the upcoming candidacy exam. Choosing a case and article and fine tuning the third component. Guidelines need to be provided to students 1 month prior (April 1 this year).**Discussion:** * Perhaps non-clinical committee members could handle the journal article since the clinical members need to be involved with the case aspect of the exam.
* If there is no clinical person on the committee, perhaps the DCT & PSC Director could become involved in the case component of the exam.
* Kristin did a meeting last year with the students preparing for the exam so perhaps it would be helpful for her to do that again. One option would be for Kristin to attend an upcoming student meeting to discuss the candidacy exam.
* The CSRs were asked to remind students that this format is designed to be less work for our students and should require less prep than the previous format. The feedback from last year indicated that the change was positive.
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| 7. Planning for Upcoming Annual Evaluations | * The number of evaluation meetings are increasing due to the increasing number of students in the program. The requirement is for the students to meet with their committee once within the year. In-person meetings are required at the PHD level only. Hal meets with all the students as well to discuss their clinical work.
* The Clinica Annual Evaluation Forms requires some minor updates.
* Following a discussion, it was agreed by the group that the evaluation meeting would be held on Friday, May 30, 2025.
* It was determined that there may be a need for certain annual reminders be sent out by email to the clinical students, which could be done by the PSC staff. Lily and Erin will come up with a list of reminders that would be helpful for the students to receive.
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| 5. Adjournment | Meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm. |  | Closed |