

New Jersey Psychiatric Association Report to Area 3 – September 29, 2018

Member Services:

- Transition to Salesforce for membership data management will be completed this Fall
- Email communication will transition from a monthly newsletter to every other month with the interim months featuring subject specific practice management or risk management alerts and legislative and regulatory updates (recent subject specific emails yielded a 15-20% higher open rate than regular monthly newsletters)
- Dues will not increase in 2019

Diversity: Nothing new at this time

Advocacy:

- NJPA submitted comments to the NJ Higher Education Student Assistance Authority in response to proposed regulations implementing the tuition reimbursement program for residents employed in state hospitals or underserved areas.
- NJPA has hired new legislative representation. The Association will be working with Advocacy and Management Group beginning September 2018.
- The Council on Advocacy and NJPA Board continue to focus on scope of practice issues and marijuana legalization. Parity enforcement will also become a priority this fall.
- New NJPA website will be expanded to host a mini advocacy site

Education:

- November 17, 2018 Conference, 3.5 Category 1 credits, *The Opioid Crisis in 2018: What You Need to Know*
- Council on Education is developing educational material on violence assessment and talking to patients about guns; materials will likely be uploaded to NJPA website
- Spring CME conference will be either April 6 or April 27, 2019, topic TBD

Standards, Quality of Care, Healthcare and Health Economics:

- On April 11, 2018, the Board of Trustees approved the Council on Professional Standards' draft of a position statement on Violence and Mental Illness
- On September 5, 2018, the Board of Trustees approved the Council on Professional Standards' draft of a position statement on Maintaining the Availability of Adequate Mental Health Resources

Strength of Organization/Group:

- Local Chapter officers now meet quarterly with NJPA staff and Executive Committee share best practices and stay current on DB business
- Bylaws were amended September 2018 to incorporate provisions shared with the DBs by the APA at the 2018 Annual Meeting

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