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The combination of increased mobility, changes to the health care system, and the rise of telehealth has highlighted the need for clinicians to have the ability to practice across jurisdictional boundaries with minimal barriers. As such, various licensed professions such as Medicine, Nursing, Physical Therapy, and EMS have worked in recent years to enhance license portability and reciprocity. Interstate compacts are one solution that can address licensure portability and reciprocity, as well as allow for the provision of telemedicine across state lines.

The Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) is working with the Council of State Governments' (CSG) National Center for Interstate Compacts (NCIC) to enact the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT). PSYPACT is an interstate compact that facilitates the practice of psychology using telecommunications technologies (telepsychology) and/or temporary in-person, face-to-face psychological practice.

In pursuit of this goal, ASPPB and CSG will be convening a legislative briefing on PSYPACT to educate key policymakers about this important initiative. This briefing will take place in Washington, D.C. on November 8th, 2017, and a welcome reception will be held on the evening of November 7th. ASPPB will provide funding for one representative from your Board to attend this briefing. Additional details regarding hotel and meeting information will be provided.

You have been recognized as a key stakeholder in your state, and as such, ASPPB and CSG would like to invite you to attend this briefing. It will be the first formal opportunity for state policy makers to learn about PSYPACT, telemedicine and the professional landscape for the psychology profession. Additionally, you will be briefed on interstate compacts, the growing use of professional licensure compacts, and affected communities who would benefit from PSYPACT.

PSYPACT allows licensed psychologist to meet the growing demand for psychological services via electronic means (telepsychology). PSYPACT increases access to care, especially for rural populations and traditionally underserved populations. PSYPACT also protects consumers by certifying that psychologists have met acceptable standards of practice and promoting cooperation among PSYPACT

states in the areas of discipline and regulation. To learn more about PSYPACT, please visit our website at www.psypact.org or email us at info@psypact.org.

For questions about the briefing, please contact Lisa Russo at 678-216-1191 and lrusso@asppb.org or Dan Logsdon at 859-244-8226 and dlogsdon@csg.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet Orwig". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "O".

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