

# ASPA e-Conference - Fall 2020

## Monday September 14, 2020

11:00 am - 12:00 pm (all times Eastern)

### Governance and Operations

Accreditation staff conduct day-to-day activities to monitor and support the accreditation of programs and support the Board/Council in making high-level accreditation decisions. Sometimes the roles of staff and decision-makers can become blurred.

- What is governance and what is staff's role?
- What are the roles of the Board/Council and staff in operations?
- What kind of decisions do Boards/Councils make?
- Strategic decision-making versus day-to-day operations.

**Rayane AbuSabha**, Executive Director, Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics

**Craig S. Little**, President/CEO, Council on Chiropractic Education

**Mollie Mulvanity**, Deputy Director, Council on Education for Public Health

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Break

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

### Student/ Program Perspectives on Responses to the Pandemic

With the necessity for social distancing in response to the pandemic, programs were faced with the challenge of quickly converting in-person education to remote learning. Students and instructors will discuss their experiences with the conversion and opportunities for improvement going forward.

**Deanna Cheatham**, Clinical Dietitian, West Florida Hospital, Recent Graduate, Nutrition and Food Systems (Dietetic Practice), The University of Southern Mississippi

**Roxanne Kingston**, Lecturer/ Director, Dietetic Internship, School of Kinesiology and Nutrition, The University of Southern Mississippi

**Reuben B. Cheeks**, Graduate Student, School of Architecture Prairie View A&M University

**Ikhlas Sabouni**, Dean, School of Architecture, Prairie View A&M University

2:00 pm - 2:15 pm

### Student Reviewers Enrich Accreditation

**Kevin Connell**, Assistant Director of Accreditation, Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs

2:15 pm - 2:30 pm Break

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

### Update on Changes to Accreditation for Recognition

**Diane Auer Jones**, Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Delegated the Duties of Under Secretary for the Department of Education

## Tuesday September 15, 2020

11:00 am - 12:00 pm (all times Eastern)

### Staff Development

Accreditors face challenges in retaining talented individuals, assuring they remain engaged, and building an institutional memory to ensure effective oversight of programs.

- Initial training - standards, policies, and procedures
- Ongoing education
- Professional development

**Kelly A. Velasquez**, Associate Director of Accreditation - Research and Quality Management, Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

**Laura Rasar King**, Executive Director, Council on Education for Public Health

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Break

1:00 pm - 1:45 pm

### Risk Reduction/Management

Key considerations for engaging / implementing IT services:

- Dos and don'ts when contracting for third-party services.
- Managing implementation, ongoing support, and training for technology.
- Ensuring mechanisms for verifying backup of critical agency data.

**Inger Hatlen**, Accreditation Program Administrator, Global Accreditation Center for Project Management Education Programs, Project Management Institute

**Christin Cohen**, Manager, Procurement, Project Management Institute

**Jeff Reiter**, CEO, RWK IT Services

**Thomas Smalling**, Chief Executive Officer, Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care

1:45 pm - 2:00 pm Break

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

### Strategic Planning

An effective strategic plan should provide for growth and development in support of accreditors' missions and goals.

- Who drives the process—staff, Boards/Councils, both?
- Who provides input—internal, external, a combination?
- Should a consultant lead the process?

**Loretta C. Waldron**, Director of Accreditation Services, Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant Inc.

**Barbara Ostrove**, Assistant Director of Accreditation, Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education

**Jesmarie Johnson**, Executive Director, Planning Accreditation Board

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm ASPA Awards

