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SSA Commissioner to Address 2013 Forensic Conference

IARP is pleased and honored to announce that acting Commissioner Carolyn W. Colvin of the Social Security Administration will be addressing the IARP Forensic Conference in Charleston, SC on November 8, 2013.



The Social Security Administration (SSA) is headed by the Commissioner and has a staff of almost 66,000 employees. SSA paid retirement and disability benefits to about 61.9 million people in 2012 and the Social Security Office of Disability Adjudication (ODAR) is one of the largest administrative adjudication systems in the world.

On February 14, 2013, Carolyn W. Colvin became the Acting Commissioner of Social Security. Prior to this designation, she served as the Deputy Commissioner, having been confirmed by the United States Senate on December 22, 2010 as President Obama's nominee.

Throughout her career, Ms. Colvin has managed programs that help people with their healthcare and financial needs.

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Legislative Updates

I wanted to provide you with a couple quick, but important Legislative Updates concerning Ohio and New Jersey.



Lynne Tracy
IARP President

Ohio – HB 232

Proposed exemption language allowing CRCs to continue using the title 'counselor' was submitted to the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage & Family Therapist Licensing Board which would read:

4757.41 (11) A vocational rehabilitation counseling professional who is providing rehabilitation counseling services to individuals under section 3304.17 of the Revised Code, or who has a national rehabilitation counseling certification granted by the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification who is providing rehabilitation counseling services consistent with the recognized scope of practice, standards, and ethics of the rehabilitation counseling profession as established and regulated by CRCC.

The prior language in 4757.41 (11) read: A vocational rehabilitation professional who is providing rehabilitation services to individuals under section 3304.17 of the Revised Code.

The proposed language retains the RSC exemption, and also sets the credentialing and regulatory bar with CRCC. We believe this sets an appropriate expectation of professional qualifications for Rehabilitation Counselors.

The Ohio Licensing Board and OCA was to review the language at their September meeting. We have received word that the Ohio Counseling Association (OCA) Legislative Advocacy Committee as well as their Executive Council raised no concerns about the rehab/CORE language.

It appears the proposed language will be submitted to Representative Sears' office for their early October meeting. We should be hearing more soon.

New Jersey - Bill A1529

Welcome Our Newest IARP Members

IARP welcomes more than 70 new members in the month of September, including another large group of new student members. Please help welcome these new members by clicking on their profile and then send them a welcome message.

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Students

[Lailee Badii](#)
[Madeline Bean](#)
[Marvin Bellows, II](#)
[Kelly Blake](#)
[Rolanda Blake](#)
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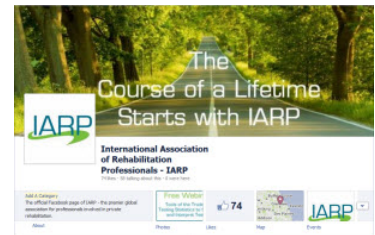
Kim Nortz and I had the opportunity to speak with Dr. Janice Ousler who is the author of the language in A1529 at the NRA Conference in August. We reiterated the need for unconditional grandfathering of all New Jersey LRCs to LPC.

I will be presenting at the New Jersey NRA meeting in December, and will have another opportunity to speak with Dr. Ousler again about the language. We have also gained understanding of NJ LRC's position on this bill from New Jersey NRA. And hopefully their support.

We are currently clarifying which version of the Bill is before the legislature, and we will keep you all posted.

IARP Enters Social Networking Waters

The newly formed IARP Social Media Task Force launched its first activity earlier this month with a [Facebook page](#) officially endorsed by the association. The new task force consisting of a dozen IARP members has as its



[IARP Facebook Page](#)

principal members students many of whom are new to the Association. The task force, headed by Kristi Miller, past president of IARP Alabama, also includes Katherine Dunlap, IARP director of marketing membership, Amy Vercillo another IARP board member with excellent credentials in social media and veteran forensic section member Paulette Freeman from IARP Nebraska.

When asked to comment on the future direction for the social media task force [Michael Duncan](#) of Winston-Salem State University made the following comments.

"First, let me thank you for allowing myself and other student members to join in on the discussion; this shows me that IARP truly is committed to our professional growth and education.

Some things that I would like to see happen for next steps in the social media process is concentrate on one outlet, develop it as a template for the local chapters, and make it the very best that it can be. So many times we try to "spread" ourselves, and resources too thin and often fall short of being the very best that we can be. Branding and consistency is the key to any successful organization. After all, if we go to a McDonalds in Taylorsville, NC and then visit one in Las Vegas, Nevada we expect the same menu items to be prepared the same way.

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[Jessica Martin](#)
[Shanel Melendez](#)
[Kyra Miller](#)
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[Janet Wolfson](#)

IARP Recognizes Supporters of 2013 Forensic Conference

The following organizations
have committed to join us at

Next, I think that we are losing many of our students to other graduate programs due to the feeling of not being a relevant field to most younger people. They really don't understand what our profession is about or the many exciting paths they can choose. Most of the undergrads I have spoken with are in Rehab Studies because they could not get into programs like nursing, OT, PT, etc... I believe if we show them what the path of a lifetime looks like in pictures from real life experiences that it may spark a desire to "help" others and stay in the field.

I hope we follow through with a "member spotlight," or some other program to show what success can look like, how it was achieved, and how we can obtain that dream for ourselves. I feel that we all have much to learn from one another and the best way to do that is to "break the ice" and start a conversation with someone. What better way than to see the pathway of a lifetime right in front of our eyes through social media."

[Marvin Bellows](#), a graduate student at University of North Texas offered his insights for this article. He said, in part, that *"rehabilitation counseling in some states seems to be falling out of being a separate profession and is being picked up by Community or Mental Health Counselors. I hope that we can draw enough attention to the profession to keep this from becoming a trend, but it will be especially hard as CACREP takes on some of the primary roles in directing the professional identity and development of Rehabilitation Counselors.*

The Facebook page was great; one of the main concerns that I have with the state specific pages is in carrying that brand forward. I think that we could do a lot with the "path" or "steps" theme. I know as a Texan I probably have a bit more in way of identification with my state, but I know that I would really attach to a state brand if the main image being used is one that is familiar to my state. For instance, Steps to the state capital building, one of the Dallas metro mix-masters, or something along those lines.

There was also some talk about using the Rehabilitation and Disability Case Management (RDCM) section of the IARP Connect as a springboard for showing professional involvement and career paths. As a student, I didn't sign up for the RDCM section because I'm not really all that interested in case management; I felt that having mentorship opportunities from the forensic side would be more valuable. I don't know how many other students selected the Forensic option for sub-group membership, but I think it may be a mistake to not

the 2013 Forensic Conference this November.

[American Board of Vocational Experts \(ABVE\)](#)

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[Centre for NeuroSkills](#)

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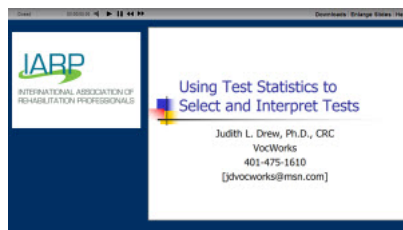
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Free IARP Webinar Replay



To celebrate the launch of the new Rehabilitation and Disability Case Management Section, IARP is offering a

address that group of people."

Marvin also suggests spotlight interview stories were mentioned, and I think that's a great idea, I'm just not entirely sure that keeping it relegated to text is the best path forward. Social work has two popular podcasts and just today one of those podcast's Facebook page linked to the new American Psychological Association Podcast. Counseling has a podcast, but Rehabilitation Counseling has been largely ignored by it. I even have a plan moving forward to develop a podcast series out of my university and should have a sample podcast made up by early spring. Perhaps this is something that IARP would be interested in being involved in, either directly or by serving as an intermediary contact for potential interviewees. "

In a posting to IARP Coffee Talk, [Paulette Freeman](#) made a strong pitch for members *"input as to other ways or things that could be featured to stimulate activity, visits to the Facebook site and open the communication lines for everyone. We would love to have your discussion and ideas! If you are not on FB, you can access the IARP page through the IARP website."*

International Symposium on Life Care Planning a Great Success

By: Lynne Tracy

This weekend's Symposium (ISLCP) was a great success and I want to congratulate all of the organizers on a wonderful job of pulling together a program with great opportunities for unique learning experiences such as the day with Shepherd Center, considered in the top 10 of rehabilitation hospitals.

Many of our own Life Care Planning/IALCP members along with the Foundation for Life Care Planning Research were instrumental once in again pulling off a great educational experience for all in attendance. A special thanks to the Conference Co-Chairs Susan Riddick-Grisham, Steve Yuhas and LuRae Ahrendt.

Also thanks to IARP Life Care Planning/IALCP Section Chair Gerri Pennachio, and other committee members - Barbara Baptiste, Debbie Berens, Harold Bialsky, Cathy Breneman, Paul Deutsch, Elizabeth Davis, Heidi Fawber, Cynthia Haseley, Debbie Marcinko, Francine Mazone, Chris Reid, Ruth Rimmer, Linda Shaw, Dawn Thomas, Dana Weldon and Rusiko Gogoberidze.

As members of IARP, we should all be proud of the hard

free webinar. Webinar is entitled: **Tools of the Trade: Using Testing Statistics to Select and Interpret Tests**

[Click here to learn more about this webinar and how to register for free.](#)

Job Postings on IARP Job Bank

Unum is seeking a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor to work in Portland, Maine. ([View Job](#))

Rehabilitation Consulting Services Inc. is currently seeking a certified rehabilitation counselor to perform vocational evaluations including records review, conduct interviews, vocational and labor market research, create and rebut life-care plans, and testify as an expert witness. ([View Job](#))

UC Irvine Health is looking for a Vocational Rehab Consultant to work in Orange, CA. ([View Job](#))

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work and accomplishments of this team of volunteers and their commitment to people with disabilities and the field of life care planning.

Upcoming Chapter Events

Be sure to Save the Date for these upcoming IARP Chapter Events.

[2013 New York Chapter Fall Training Conference](#)
Syracuse, New York
October 10, 2013

[Fall 2013 IARP New England Conference](#)
Burlington, Vermont
October 25, 2013

[IARP Texas / NTARA Fall All Day Seminar](#)
Plano, Texas
November 1, 2013

[IARP Wisconsin Fall 2013 Conference](#)
Menomonie, WI
November 1, 2013

IARP Webinar Series: The Affordable Care Act: Implications on Rehabilitation

October 30, 2013
12:00 - 2:00 pm Eastern

Carolyn Vogt, Professor, Pfeiffer College
2.0 CEUs applied for: CRCC, CDMS, CLCP, CVE, ABVE

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Dr. Carolyn Vogt will provide an overview of the Affordable Care Act and the implications of insurance exchanges and Medicaid expansion on insurance coverage and access to care. This presentation will explore the history of ACA, including the Supreme Court decision to the challenged constitutionality of the individual insurance mandate and Medicaid expansion by the States. It will also provide insight on potential implications of Medicaid expansion and insurance mandates upon the rehabilitation community.

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- Methods and Models of Empowerment for the Disabled
- The CRCC Desk Reference on Professional Ethics

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At the conclusion of the program participants will be able to:

1. Explain the history of the Affordable Care Act (ACA)
2. Identify the timeline for the rollout of ACA provisions
3. Define the concept of insurance exchanges and their role in providing increased access with Medicaid expansion to the uninsured and underinsured
4. Analyze potential implications of Medicaid expansion and insurance mandates upon the rehabilitation industry.

About the Presenter:

Dr. Vogt has years of clinical, educational, and administrative experience in the health services sector including:

- Administrator of nursing programs
- Director of nursing in long term care
- Oncology Program Director - PA Dept of Health and Pittsburgh Cancer Institute

She is also a legal nurse and private consultant for nursing education programs with curriculum development as a specialty. Dr. Vogt teaches courses that include Contemporary Health Administration, MHA 715 Legal and Ethical Environment of Health Services and MHA 725 Health Services Policy. She is the faculty advisor for Pfeiffer's chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives.



This Webinar is 2 hours in length. Can't make the live broadcast on October 30th? No problem. All IARP Webinars are available for on-demand viewing. Register today and you will receive a link to the replay after the live broadcast.

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