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Oct. 13

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Conference – Rising to the
Challenge
New Orleans, LA
Nov. 4-6

IARP CM/DM Conference
– Creating a Culture of
Care
Scottsdale, AZ
Feb. 11-13

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Message from Executive Director

IARP Leadership Conduct Strategic Planning Session

Six members of the IARP Board of Directors and IARP staff members convened in Chicago this month to conduct a two-day strategic planning session. The group reviewed previous plans and the progress made against those plans, and then turned their attention to mapping IARP plans for the future. The resulting draft plan will be reviewed by the full Board at its next in-person meeting in early November.



IARP Representatives Attend Successful Symposium

IARP Executive Director Carl Wangman and a slew of IARP members attended this year's International Symposium on Life Care Planning. Attendance at the Symposium was strong and IARP's booth received a consistent stream of interested attendees. Eight of the attendees joined IARP on the spot. Thanks to all who helped staff the booth and spread the work about IARP and the Life Care Planner section.



Contemporary Challenges
in Life Care Planning
2010 International Symposium on Life Care Planning

IARP Forensic Conference On Record Pace

With the early-bird discount deadline expiring earlier this month, it appears that this year's Forensic Conference is poised to set attendance records. The combination of a very strong program and the perfect location in the French Quarter seems to have spurred interest across IARP's membership. If you have not yet registered, you still have time. [Click here to register](#). Also, remember the cutoff date to receive the conference rate at the hotel is October 2nd.



IARP would also like to acknowledge the support of the following exhibitors:

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Update on OIDAP and the New OIS

By Lynne Tracy, Chair, OIDAP Liaison Committee

Angela Heitzman and I have attended the latest OIDAP quarterly meeting in Boston (September 1-2). Here are the highlights from the meeting and the status of the work of the OIDAP and SSA in developing a new OIS.

- A new member has been appointed to the panel, our own Janine Holloman. Janine is a former IARP President. This is very good news in our opinion. Janine brings a broad perspective working as a vocational counselor, case manager and disability claimant's representative for individuals seeking SSA benefits.
- In an effort to identify the most frequently held jobs by SSA disability claimants, SSA has completed two studies from a review of their claims files. IARP also provided data we had collected from SS-VEs on the jobs they see in claimant's files at the hearing level.
- Our results closely mirror those of one of the SSA studies. The results of the other study were too aggregated in our opinion and not as useful. That study only looked at the last job performed by claimants.
- Of note, based on our preliminary findings in our PRW study and those of the two studies done by SSA, it appeared that there was insufficient data in the files to classify the past relevant work in approximately one-third of the cases (approximately 35% in our preliminary findings and 37% in one of the SSA studies).
- The User Needs and Relations subcommittee for OIDAP supplied a list of all public comments given related to their recommendations on a content model and classification system.
- The SSA staff working on identifying user needs for content model development has drafted a list of OIS data elements for testing. As this list is pre-decisional, we do not currently have access to it, but have requested a copy at the first available date.
- Amy Vercillo set up three employer sites for the job analysis subcommittee. Three teams went out and did job analyses from three different perspectives: voc rehab, physical therapy, and I/O psychology. Each team had an OIDAP member and an SSA staff member. The results will be written up and presented at the December OIDAP quarterly meeting. ***Thank you Amy for providing your time and assistance.*
- The OIDAP in general feels that they are at a pivotal point in the process and is encouraging SSA to move more quickly in their process, i.e., set up a unit to work on the project that takes a more scientific approach.
- Sylvia Karman and Alan Hale from OIDAP & SSA have identified two major sources of occupational data - OES and ACS. They have held meetings with the Census Bureau and BLS to continue discussing what data BLS and Census Bureau have that might be usable for a new OIS and collaborating. The Census Bureau in particular is open to a possible collaboration. SSA is currently working on gaining access to the Census Bureau's data.
- Angela Heitzman and I made public comment during the meeting.
- The next quarterly meeting of the OIDAP will take place in Baltimore on December 8-9, 2010. We will send out details on the exact location and agenda when available. Please try and attend.

IARP OIDAP Liaison Committee

Lynne Tracy, Chair, OIDAP Liaison Committee

Angie Heitzman, Forensic representative to the OIDAP Liaison Committee

Scott Stipe, SSVE representative to the OIDAP Liaison Committee

Ann Neulicht, IALCP representative to the OIDAP Liaison Committee

Pam Warren, CM representative to the OIDAP Liaison Committee

Rick Wickstrom, DM representative to the OIDAP Liaison Committee

*OIDAP (Occupational Information Development Advisory Panel)



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Helping Hands of Rehabilitation – New Orleans Day of Service

Reminder: The Helping Hands of Rehabilitation are proud to offer two volunteer opportunities in New Orleans, LA on Nov. 3, 2010.

Beacon of Hope

Provide manual labor and hands-on assistance painting, planting trees, rehabbing homes and maintaining public parks from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. No volunteer is expected to perform work or labor that they cannot/do not want to do. Specific on-site activity may not be assigned until we arrive in New Orleans.

Please include \$10 with your registration (payable to Beacon of Hope) to further support Beacon of Hope and defray the cost of supplies.

-OR-

Goodwill Industries

Provide administrative support and job seeking skills training such as researching the hidden job market, resume writing, interview role playing, basic skills assessment, etc. from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This activity will take place at the brand new Goodwill office in downtown New Orleans. Activities are in support of a Job Fair taking place the next day.

Free T-shirt for All Volunteers

Each pre-registered volunteer will receive a free Helping Hands of Rehabilitation T-Shirt to readily identify them and serve as a memento. Make sure to indicate your desired shirt size on the Registration Form(s).

Chapter News

Oregon Holds Successful Fall Conference

The Oregon Chapter of IARP had its fall conference September 10th at the Wilsonville Holiday Inn. The full day conference provided an excellent opportunity for Rehabilitation Professionals from a variety of settings around the State of Oregon to meet and network and earn 6.5 CEUs, including 1.5 in Ethics. Many of the vendor service representatives that we work with on a regular basis had tables in the open foyer, giving them the opportunity to discuss their programs and services.

Please Note: SAVE THE DATE MARCH 4th 2011! The Oregon Chapter's Spring Conference date has been set! More details to come!

Questions recently discussed on IARP Connect

Forensic eGroup:

- Use of Rare in Job Analysis
- Worklife Expectancy and Illegal Immigrant
- Tablet PC Technology

SS-VE eGroup:

- Regional SSVE Concerns
- Constant vs. Concentrated

Life Care Planner eGroup:

- LCP Outcome Study

Coffee Talk eGroup:

- Day of Service Update

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Fall Seminar 2010
Friday, October 8, 2010
Stevens Point, WI
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IARP Michigan Fall Conference
New Challenges in Rehabilitation Practice Management
Friday, October 15, 2010
Lansing, MI
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IARP Arizona
Lunch and Learn
Tuesday, October 19, 2010
Phoenix, AZ
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IARP Washington 2010 Fall Conference
Meeting of the Minds
October 22-23, 2010
Tacoma, WA
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Industry News

SkillTRAN Purchases Vertek

Earlier this month, SkillTRAN announced its purchase of Vertek. In announcing the purchase, SkillTRAN's press release states:

SkillTRAN's purchase of Vertek expands SkillTRAN's ability to serve the Rehabilitation, Forensic and Career Guidance markets. "The combination of Vertek with our unique products will provide our customers a full range of tools," said Jeff Truthan, president of SkillTRAN, LLC. "The acquisition will result in greater efficiencies and significantly increase our presence in existing and new markets," added Truthan.

SkillTRAN also states that it will use Vertek's existing personnel, products and distribution channels.

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I am IARP Featured Profile

Meet Karen Black, a Forensic Expert and SSA-VE with more than 20 years experience.

“After focusing on assisting individuals with a return to school as an Adult Basic Education and GED teacher, I was hired by a Vocational Consulting company to assist individuals with disabilities with various vocational issues. This was my first introduction into this career field and I was then able to sit for the CRC exam. I established my own private practice in 1996 and have enjoyed the field ever since.



The moment that has most shaped my career path is when I made the decision to open my own private practice. I have not regretted that decision for one moment.

Given that the beginning of my career was from an educational or teaching perspective, I am always most encouraging of the individuals I work with to continue their education if at all possible in order to broaden choices in the world of work.”

[Read Karen's complete profile](#)

[Read more "I am IARP Profiles"](#)



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IARP Webinar Series

October 13, 2010

9 am Pacific - 10 am Mountain - 11 am Central - 12 pm Eastern

Clinical Judgment

This program addresses the meaning and intent of “clinical judgment” within the context of forensic rehabilitation consulting based on peer-reviewed journal articles regarding this methodology. Ample time will be reserved for questions and comments.

Presenters:

- Timothy Field, PhD, President, Elliott and Fitzpatrick, Inc.
- Anthony Choppa, MEd, CRC, CCM, Co-founder, OSC Vocational Systems, Inc.
- Cloie Johnson, MEd, ABVE/D, CCM, OSC Vocational Systems, Inc.

[Click here for complete event details.](#)

Application has been made for 2.0 CEUs from CRCC, CDMS, CVE, CLCP, MSCC

IARP Webinar Series

Missed one or more of IARP's Webinar Series? No worries. You can still access any of these previous webinars and earn CEUs. IARP's on-demand archive includes:

- Job Numbers and Labor Market Resources for Occupations
- What Works at Work Following TBI
- SSDI Clients' Options for Returning to Competitive Employment
- Adaptive Transportation Safety
- SSA Vocational Experts: The Basics
- Neurofunctional Assessment: How to Find out What You - Really Need to Know to Plan for Your Clients
- Functional Capacity Evaluation: What Can We Get out of It?

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