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PCA Unit: PCA Public Relations & Advocacy Committee

The following is a quarterly report from the <u>PCA Public Relations & Advocacy Committee</u> (herein referred to as <u>"Committee"</u>) to the PCA Executive Council. It details <u>public relations</u>, <u>advocacy</u>, <u>and administrative</u> activities that have occurred since the last council meeting, as well as financial information, planned future activities, and miscellaneous comments.

I. Activities Initiated Since Last Report

- A. Continued assisting the PCA Webmaster in maintaining the Web pages that are relevant to <u>public relations and advocacy</u>.
 - B. Issued press releases to media outlets in the Philadelphia,

Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Scranton, Allentown, Wilmington (DE), and Dover (DE) markets, as well as to newsletter editors for the PCA,

the ACA, NBCC, CRCC, NACFT, the PASW, and the PPA (plus the PCA

Webmaster), referring them to the following:

- 1. PCA Annual Conf.
- C. Issued member alerts via the Web site's listserv regarding the following:
 - 1. Dave Hall's death
 - 2. PCA Annual Conf.
- D. Acted as point-of-first-contact for 3 PCA members and outside parties (prospective members, media officials, practitioners of other professions, etc.); made attempts to "sell"

membership to all

outside parties who were mental health professionals while responding.

- E. Worked on 0 advocacy case(s).
- F. As part of overseeing inter/intraprofessional relations, ...
- 1) continued collaborating with the PCA Professional Development

Committee on obtaining CEU provider status from the PA state boards of Education (Educational Specialist) and Psychology (Psychologist), and also from the National Academy of Certified Family Therapists (CFT), while simultaneously dropping

Pennsylvania Certification Board (CAC) provider status in favor of National Board for Certified Counselors (NCC, plus CCMHC, NCSC, MAC) provider status—which the PCA already has.

II. Financial Update

A. N/A (the PCA budget does not have a PR/advocacy cost center)

III. Activities Planned for this Next Period

A. N/A

IV. Miscellaneous Comments

A. N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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