Advocacy Cabinet

Leadership: The Advocacy Cabinet (AC) is led by a Chair; Vice Chair or Co-Chair; Lobbying Lead; a core group of voting Members; and a Student Member Liaison. Affiliated or Associate (non-voting) members and Consulting members (usually topic specific) may or may not be members of WPA.

- **Advocacy Director (Chair):** Kim Skerven, PhD, ABPP
- **Vice Chair (or option to have Co-Chairs):** OPEN
- **Lobbying Lead:** Bruce Erdmann, PhD
- **Voter Voice Lead: OPEN**
- **Members:** Megahan Fondow, PhD; Brad Grunert, PhD; Jennifer Hoag, PhD; Sarah Nolan, PhD
- **Student Member Liaison:** OPEN
- **Current Non-Member Individuals:** Mike Caldwell, PsyD (non-member)

Term Length and Limits: Members of the core AC group 2-year terms, with no limit on the number of consecutive terms. The AC serves at the pleasure of the WPA Executive Board. The Board of Directors will review the leadership and membership of the AC at least every 2 years and may replace any member of leader.

Purpose: The primary role of the Advocacy Cabinet (AC) is to serve as WPA's interface with government. The AC monitors activities in federal, state, and local government relevant to the mission of WPA. The AC may, as appropriate, register input or positions on topics or issues that arise. The AC may also actively engage in political activity related to legislation relevant to the mission of WPA.

Meetings: The core group holds 1-hour monthly virtual meetings, or more often as needed. Meetings are open to the WPA Executive Board, Affiliated/Associate Members, and Consulting AC members.

Goals:

- Work to make the profession of psychology visible and relevant to legislators, policy-makers, and government officials.
- Provide a voice for WPA regarding issues relevant to the WPA mission.
- Help to apprise members of governmental activities pertinent to psychology and mental health.
- Communicate with WPA members about relevant legislative and administrative issues.

Current Activities: Current activities include exploring the pursuit of prescriptive authority for Psychologists in Wisconsin and actively monitoring and responding to state-level

legislation and changes to the administrative code, and to monitor the proceedings of the Psychology Examining Board.

Deliverables:

- Two (2) newsletter articles annually (Q1-Spring; Q3-Fall)
- Board Reports for each Board meeting (due 10 days prior to each Board meeting)
- Annual Report (due 14 days prior to the Annual Business Meeting)
- Additional Committee specific deliverables to be added by Committee.