



From The Director...

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"Restoring humanity to life"



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I'd like to remind everyone that ISEPP is not affiliated with any political group and we do not support any candidate for political office. But that doesn't mean we can't each stand firm on ISEPP's principles when it comes to federal, state, and local legislation and the implementation of policies by those in executive positions. ISEPP's main message is "Restoring Humanity to Life". As we watch the current presidential campaigns, we can consider this motto as we each make our personal choices through voting. This is one way we fulfill our public education

The Murphy Bill passes the House

On July 6, 2016, the long debated Murphy Bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 422 to 2 (9 abstaining). [Click here](#) to see the 2 representatives who joined us in opposition to the bill. This is clearly an uphill battle for ISEPP, but I think it is nonetheless important to continue vocalizing our opposition! We need people like you to volunteer on our Legislative Working Group in order to maintain an ongoing strategy of fighting legislation like this. To get involved, contact me at docruby@me.com.

This bill is a serious threat to individual dignity and human rights. If it passes the Senate and the President signs it, it will have the following effects:

- 1) Focusing on "mental illness" as a cause of violence, subjecting the millions of people who have been DSM-diagnosed to unwarranted harassment and harmful treatment;
- 2) Eroding privacy protections of those seeking help

mission – we can speak up. All too often, the very heart of humanity is threatened by politicians who value force of violence over human rights, popularity over dignity, and rhetoric over substance. Let's not be shy about entering this fight!

for emotional problems;

3) Allowing the state to force people into harmful treatment programs, euphemistically called "assisted outpatient treatment";

4) Making it easier to involuntarily incarcerate people in mental hospitals;

5) Increasing the prescription of dangerous psychiatric drugs and ECT;

6) Weakening patient advocacy agencies and recovery-oriented programs.

Pre-Conference Membership Drive

There are special benefits to becoming an ISEPP member during these months leading up to our 19th Annual [October conference in Portland](#). In addition to the benefits listed at

<http://psychintegrity.org/joinrenew/>, if you join us during August or September, you will receive a reduced fee for the conference, in addition to 1) extended membership through the end of 2017; 2) all three issues of 2017 (Volume 19) of our peer-reviewed journal, *Ethical Human Psychology and Psychiatry (EHPP)*, published by Springer Publishers; and 3) immediate online access to ALL current and past issues of *EHPP*. Join us now by going to <http://psychintegrity.org/joinrenew/>.

Only a Few Weeks to Go!

There are only a few weeks to go before our 19th annual conference. Hurry and [register](#), and don't forget to [reserve your hotel room](#) and make travel arrangements. We have a stellar line up of speakers

and breakout sessions all focused on the title, "Individuals Matter: Building a Better Science for Psychology and Psychiatry".

The ISEPP Inquiry

The second issue of our video series has been uploaded to the Events & Features section of our [homepage](#). In this issue, our host Michele Paiva interviews Al Galves, Ph.D., past ISEPP Executive Director. Al discusses his book, [*Harness Your Dark Side: Mastering Jealousy, Rage, Frustration and Other Negative Emotions*](#). Again, I ask those of you who have particular expertise in a topic germane to ISEPP's mission to let us know you're interested in being interviewed for the series. To do so, go to <http://www.michelepaiva.com/isepp.html>. Topics can include autism, ADHD, violence, or any other issue that people are being misled about in the public arena.

Looking for Volunteers

As I have in the past, I again ask you to volunteer in our fight against the inhumane mental health industry. Volunteer work is essential as we are a non-profit public education organization with unpaid elected officers and Board members. We have three standing committees that desperately need your assistance. These are the Membership Committee, Research & Public Education Committee, and Conference Committee. We particularly need volunteers who are internet savvy and understand research design, methodology, and analysis. They would be especially helpful in our efforts to increase our public footprint over the internet and help decipher and critique misleading news reports of mental health research. If you are interested, contact me at docruby@me.com or 301-646-6022.

I ask that you all share this newsletter and other ISEPP information through your social networking sites. Also, make sure to visit our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages. Feel free to contact me at docruby@me.com or 301-646-6022 if you have any questions or suggestions.

Best wishes,



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