

MASTER COMMITTEE REPORT

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Welcome! As many of you know, MAPP has merged with MPA, and is now a chartered committee:

The MPA Master Committee

We want to welcome all LLPs!

The reason this merger happened is that MAPP learned that APA has initiated a committee which has the goal of

1. Setting a national standardized curriculum for Master Clinical Psychology graduate programs
2. Setting a national title for all Master-level psychology practitioners
3. Setting a national scope of practice for Master-level psychology practitioners

LPs have these nationally standardized settings—curriculum, title and scope of practice. As a result, they can set up processes for inter-state reciprocity for their licenses. Also, they are working on a [PSYPACT](#), which will allow telehealth services between the states. Right now, a psychologist in Michigan cannot do telehealth with a patient in Florida unless that psychologist is also licensed in Florida. When both Michigan and Florida are part of PSYPACT, they will be able to do inter-state psychology services. Eventually, when all other states are part of the PSYPACT system, LPs will be able to conduct telehealth anywhere. This cannot happen for Master-level psychology people because

- not all states license master-level practitioners
- even in states where master-level psychology practitioners are licensed, it is a hodgepodge of titles, scopes of practice, supervision or not.
- Master-level psychology curricula are also greatly varied in Michigan and in other states

Until there is some national standard for Master-level licensing, we cannot participate in reciprocity of practice or PSYPACT or anything else that happens in the various states.

By merging with MPA, the LLPs will have the opportunity to have a voice in this whole process with APA. It puts our feet under the table. MPA's Master Committee has already participated in a meeting with APA's Chief of Professional Practice, and we are excited about the fact that he stated clearly that he wants LLPs to "be at the table," especially LLPs from Michigan, since we have more Master-level practitioners than any other state. 2024 is a tentative date to roll out national accreditation standards for master's programs, but the model licensing law and uniform nomenclature may be rolled out as soon as next year.

Keep tuned to this link for on-going information. We will also be sharing other information pertaining to the practice of LLPs in Michigan.

Below is the list of the current Master Committee members. Feel free to contact any one of us with questions/issues: