

AGENDA FOR THE ALABAMA PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

This agenda outlines priorities for the Association and will guide the Executive Council in deliberations concerning the allocation of human, material and financial resources. When conflicts emerge among members regarding issues or concerns of interest, the Executive Council will attend to higher priorities first.

Priority One

Pursuit of health care reform

- Legislative advocacy at federal and state levels
- Development of relationships with legislators
- Development of relationships with other practice disciplines
- Development of relationships with insurance representatives
- Advocacy for the just enactment of parity in Alabama
- Engage in public policy development for the benefit of human welfare

Priority Two

Improvement of the status and role of psychologists in current and future health care and educational systems

- Pursuit of prescriptive authority
- Advocacy for all forms of practice, teaching and service
- Advocacy for increased funding in state mental health programs and services
- Improved relationship to and collaboration with the Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology
- Enhancements in the Alabama psychology practice act

Priority Three

Improvements in communications to members

- Increasing the efficiency of the Executive Council
- Increasing transparency of Executive Council decision-making and reports
- Active solicitation of member needs and interests
- Enhancements in web, email and print communication tools

Priority Four

Managing conflicts or disagreements with other disciplines or agencies involved in health care or education

- Duality or confusion in practice acts in Alabama
- Insurance coverage and reimbursement issues
- Conflicts in or with state agencies or institutions