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Welcome to the June 2014 edition of WPS e-News, a publication of the Washington Psychiatric Society. Our intent is to provide members with important news and notices in an easy to read format. **We welcome your submissions. Please send all notices to enews@dcpsych.org.** This publication may also be found online in PDF format for printing at <http://www.dcpsych.org>.

CME COMMITTEE

As many of you know, the DC Council now requires that as a requirement for your medical license, you must demonstrate three hours of CME activity in the area of HIV/AIDS. We have had many requests for HIV education from the CME committee, which we did last year, but it was not well attended. We are looking at other ways to obtain this requirement. APA AIDS Office is working on

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coming up with some online material. Meanwhile the Medical Society of DC is offering a free, self-study webinar on HIV to its members for three hours of CME. All physicians practicing in DC should be members of DCMS for the important work they do for us. In addition, they have offered free access to this program for WPS members. You may contact DCMS at 202-466-1800 or E-mail Pia Duryea at duryea@msdc.org with questions about medical society membership and benefits. To enroll in the course, go to <http://proadc.elmexchange.com> and register.

In addition, AACME also offers an online course that offers three hours of CME credit, and is much broader and more complete, but costs \$45 to obtain credit after taking the exam. You may access it at www.dc.cme.edu.

We will keep searching for more opportunities to help you meet this CME requirement. Please stay posted for an exciting year of CME activities, and let us know if you have suggestions for topics, speakers, or wish to volunteer your home for a salon.

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2015 APA National Election: Call for Nominations

Nominations and letters of recommendation for the following open offices on the APA Board of Trustees can be forwarded to election@psych.org. M/UR Trustee nominations are due **June 15**. The nomination deadline for other Board offices is **October 1**.

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An Important Alert from PRMS Regarding Windows XP Users

Please be advised that Microsoft will no longer maintain Windows XP as of April 8, 2014.* Microsoft will no longer provide security updates, fix bugs, or offer call center support for Windows XP users. What does this mean for you? If you are still using Windows XP in your practice – 28% of all computer users continue to do so – the security of your Protected Health Information (PHI) may be in danger, potentially resulting in liability. In order to secure your PHI, minimize your risk, remain

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HIPAA-compliant, and meet your professional obligation to keep patient information secure, we suggest you to do the following:

1. Review HIPAA! It is important to understand what capabilities are required of your operating system by law. For more information on HIPAA's requirements, contact your risk managers.
2. Do the research. Before utilizing any new program that will manage PHI, assess its strengths, weaknesses, and whether it will be the right fit for your practice.
3. Upgrade your operating systems to ensure that they are up to date and compliant with HIPAA. Windows XP is now being phased out. If you continue to use this operating system, you will open yourself up to elevated risk and exposure over the coming months.
4. For those devices that have yet to be updated, create an implementation schedule and stick to it! It has been reported that Microsoft will continue to maintain the XP malware engine for another year until July 14, 2015. However, they have already had their final public release of security patches.

Sincerely,

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Looking for PT BE/BC Psychiatrist:

Inner City Family Services in Southeast DC is seeking a PT BE/BC psychiatrist to serve an urban adult population with a wide array of social, mental and substance abuse issues. If looking for challenging, meaningful work, forward CV to Medical Director, Cynthia.Turner-Graham@InnerCityFamilyServices.com