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# SAPA Digest

March 2, 2016

## Legislation Alert

### HB2217 Defeated

HB2217 was a bill introduced by Representative Anthony Kern that would have impacted forensic psychologists providing custody evaluations by 1) limiting number of hours for assessments, 2) preference to providers using insurance to pay for mental health evaluations in legal decision making cases, 3) forbids the court to order that the investigator be immune from prosecution for actions taken to comply with a court ordered evaluation, and 4) requires the court to refer any written complaint about an evaluation for criminal investigation. HB2217 would not have helped courts, mental health providers, or families, and has a high potential to hurt Arizona children.

The SAPA board was ready to take action to oppose this bill. However, today, March 2, 2016, in the third reading of the bill in the House of Representatives, the Committee of the Whole defeated the bill, largely due to the emails, letters, etc from psychologists.

### Mental Health in the News

[Take a look at this article in the Tucson Daily Star](#) where republican congresswoman, McSally, rode with the Pima County sheriff's deputies to see how often mental illness plays a role in 911 calls.

## Organization News

### Communications Update

The Communications committee will be redesigning the sapaonline website over the next several months to give it a fresh new look and integrate it better with social media. If you have SAPA event photos that we can use on the website please email them to [sapaweb@gmail.com](mailto:sapaweb@gmail.com).

## Follow Us!

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Also, the Communications committee is looking into options for email discussion lists so that SAPA members can freely share upcoming events, groups, referrals, resources, etc. More info about this coming soon.

Please send any questions or comments to [sapaweb@gmail.com](mailto:sapaweb@gmail.com). You can also continue to send referral requests or information you would like to be included in the digest to this email.

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## Other Events

*(Sapa neither sponsors nor endorses the following events, but provides the information as a service to our members.)*

[March presentation by SPS](#) - Frank Summers, Ph.D. ABPP presents: The Experiencing Subject, Transcendence, and Therapeutic Action: A Contemporary View.

### [Annual Conference on Successful Aging](#)

The 2016 Joan Kaye Cauthorn Annual Conference on Successful Aging will focus on How Technology is Changing the Face of Aging. No CEUs are offered this year, but this half-day conference might be of interest to patients and professionals.

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