

Application [Draft 6/22/15] for Volunteers In Psychotherapy Export Initiative

Name of regional group or regional alliance: _____

List of people forming your group: _____

The format of this application can be either an essay that answers each of these questions, or you could list and answer each question separately – whichever is easier for you. We do ask you to explain your thinking on each subject. Please limit the whole submission to roughly 5 pages maximum. Less is fine.

Please tell us what you'd like to achieve, as a group. What service would you like to provide? What problems in current provision of psychotherapy [through insurance-reimbursement or at public clinics] would you like to improve upon or rectify? What parts of VIP's approach do you think you'd incorporate into your plan for the service you'd provide? What parts of VIP's approach would you leave out or modify? Please explain these preliminary choices. Tell us why they are important to you.

Much of your group's potential consultation with VIP staff will involve discussion and guidance about where and how to garner resources to help you to develop your nonprofit service. But, to start with, what resources do you personally have, what experiences can you draw on, or what local help or resources do you feel you can enlist? For instance, do you have relationships with faculty at a local college Psychology, Counseling or Social Work Department, relationships with particular licensed psychotherapists or ex-psychiatric patients, people interested in civil liberties, people with technical skills or knowledge of nonprofit functioning, publicity, nonprofit management, fundraising, accounting, lawyers, etc? What resources or people are you already connected with that might help you with publicity, fundraising, grant writing, provision of services, nonprofit Board governance, accounting, legal, website development, government reporting or other consultation? You're not limited to those examples: let us know of any types of resources, experiences or alliances you feel might help you in this work. Have you had experiences with the psychiatric system which motivate you to improve on it?

If you wish, each person in your group can submit a separate, one page description of their particular or personal interest in forming a nonprofit organization that will provide therapy in your region. Feel free to tell us what aspects of your future organization you are in agreement about, or any ways in which each person's perspective differs within your group.

Please also provide a short vita or resume for each person in your group.