Seven Motivators for Interorganizational Collaboration from Chicago Summit Meeting

Motivators for Participating Organizations to Collaborate on Resolution of Difference in Specialty Definitions:

The need/willingness/desire to:

1. Improve the health or welfare of the public through the articulation of the role of specialties and Board Certification in population health management or organizational functioning.
2. Protect the public from risks of harm from incompetent practice.
3. Agree that the creation and maintenance of specialties advance the relevance and vitality of professional psychology.
4. Empower professional psychology to maintain relevancy and to promote growth through specialization and Board Certification.
5. Create a professional psychological workforce that
   a. Improves outcomes for consumers
   b. Improves outcomes for the general population
   c. Provides evidence that the establishment of specialties, specialization, and Board Certification improves the likelihood of 4.a and 4.b.
6. Articulate an agreed-upon value proposition that specialty, specialization, and Board Certification are evidence-based.
7. Create a policy that specialization and Board Certification are integral steps in accomplishing psychologists’ goal of life-long learning.

Discussion:

Do these motivators create sufficient rationale for the organizations to seek consensus on definitions of, policies about, and processes affecting specialty, specialization, and Board Certification?

Task:

1. Identify motivators that support the efforts of organizations to reach consensus on issues where disagreement exists on specialties, specialization, and Board Certification.
2. Craft a consensus statement, to be endorsed by each organization, that articulates agreement for ongoing collaboration regarding unified or complementary positions regarding specialty, specialization, and Board Certification.