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The Penn State York Advisory Board Grant for 2018-2019 was appreciated and supported my growth in scholarship and service as a new tenure-track professor. The grant funds supported me in attending the 2018 American Psychological Association (APA) National Convention. At this convention, I began working with the Men and Masculinities mentorship committee. This committee was newly forming and looking to promote a mentoring relationship between students/new professionals and professionals. I began working with this committee here at the convention and became a co-chair. Providing a service within a professional division is key in that I have built collaborative relationships within my profession and provided a service to our new members.

With this Advisory Board Grant, I was also able to present my research and gain valuable feedback in my developing scholarship. I presented my independent research in a poster session for the Division 51: Men and Masculinities section, *The Vulnerabilities and Resiliencies Model: Contextualizing the Process of Fathering.* I also presented with a team of fatherhood researchers as part of a symposium focused on paternal mental health, *Postpartum Depression-A Risk Factor for Men Too: Implications for Future Research and Practice.* Finally, at this conference, I was able to have multiple collaborative meetings with a team of researchers from multiple institutions. This team continues to pursue the latest research in fatherhood and father’s mental health and well-being.