

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – April 7, 2017

The 621st Open Board Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:12 a.m. by the Chairperson, Neal R. Morris, Ed.D. MS, CBSM, ABPP.

Board Members Present:

James F. Gormally, Ph.D., ABPP Vice-Chairperson
Linda Berg-Cross, Ph.D.
Christopher Bishop, Psy.D.
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member
Reginald Nettles, Ph.D., CGP
Raj Razdan, Consumer Member

Board Members Absent:

Cyndie Buckson, Psy.D.
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.

Staff Present:

Lorraine Smith, MPH, Executive Director
Stephanie Coley, Administrative Assistant
Sally Mitchell, Licensing Coordinator
Brett Felter AAG, Board Counsel

Public:

Kimberly Campbell, MPA

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on March 3, 2017 were reviewed. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as submitted and a vote called: For – 6, Abstention – 1.**

B. Announcements

Executive Director – The list of registrants for the April law exam was reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the list and to authorize the licensing committee to approve others who may register later.**

Ms. Smith reported that the legislative session ends on April 10, 2017.

HB 0912- State Board of Examiners of Psychologists – Criminal History Records Check-Renewals and Reinstatements is expected to pass. This bill requires licensees to undergo background checks every six (6) years at renewal and requires a background check to reinstatement a license beginning in 2019.

HB 0628 *Secretaries of Principal Departments- Supervision and Review of Decisions and Actions by Units within Departments (anti-competitive bill)* is expected to pass. The bill requires health Boards to send anti-competitive cases to the Office of Administrative Hearings for review.

HB 0352 *Health Care Practitioners – Use of Teletherapy* is expected to pass. The bill allows Maryland licensed psychologists to provide telehealth services. An amendment was made to delay the bill until 2018 to allow Boards time to promulgate regulations.

SB 0988 *Health Occupations – Maryland Community Health Worker Act* establishes a Board for Community Health Workers. The bill is proceeding and has passed in the House.

SB 0986 *State Board of Social Work Examiners – Revision* - passed with multiple amendments. Social workers licensed at the bachelor level are not allowed to provide treatment or assessments.

HB 0180 *Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Renaming (DHMH)* passed. This bill renames the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to the Maryland Department of Health.

Dr. Morris reported that Idaho passed legislation giving licensed psychologists prescriptive authority.

C. Committee Reports

Licensing – The committee continues to review psychologist and registered psychology associates applications.

Operations – Ms. Smith reported that the renewal period has ended and a full report will be provided.

Public Affairs – Ms. McCargo-Redd and Ms. Smith issued a draft of the newsletters. Additions and deletion need to be received by April 14.

Disciplinary – Nothing to report.

D. Public Comments

Dr. Campbell inquired about disciplinary actions for individuals who practice telehealth in Maryland without a Maryland license. Dr. Campbell was informed that the Board currently has regulations in place regarding practicing without a license. Therefore, additional regulations are not needed at this time.

E. Administrative Session/Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter into closed session to discuss disciplinary matters and to consult with Counsel. The open meeting was closed at 10:16 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.