

# Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

## Open Board Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2016

The 609<sup>th</sup> 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:**

Linda Berg-Cross, Ph.D  
Christopher Bishop, Psy.D.  
Cyndie Buckson, Psy.D.  
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.  
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member  
Rivka Olley, Ph.D.  
Harriett Rakes, Consumer Member

### **Board Member Absent:**

James F. Gormally, Ph.D., Vice-Chairperson

### **Staff Present:**

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

### **Interpreters:**

Krystal Krpan and Charmine Johnson

### **Public:**

Gregory Chasson, Ph.D, MPA

### **A. Minutes**

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on January 8, 2016 were reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to accept the minutes as submitted.**

### **B. Announcements**

Executive Director – The list of registrants for the February 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 introduced Stephanie Coley who was hired to fill Sally Mitchell's position as an Administrative Aide. Ms. Smith attended the Federation of Association of Regulatory Boards (FARB) conference in January. The topic was on mobility, relating to people being able to move around easily. There were over 200 people in attendance from different professions. The legislative session was said to be moving slowly and currently there were no bills that impacted the Board. However, the legislative committee has reviewed a few bills and has taken no position. Delegate Reznik's teletherapy bill has not been released. Ms. Smith will send the bill to the committee once the bill is released. Delegate Reznik is no longer on the Health and

Government Operations Committee; he is now the Chair of the House Appropriation Subcommittee on Health and Human Resources.

Ms. Smith reported that the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards will be holding its annual conference in Baltimore in October. Ms. Smith stated that perhaps several Board Members could attend. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene was said to be modifying its website, as a result some information is not available.

Mr. Felter reported that a few bills have been released that may affect the Board. These bills are a bill that makes small changes to the Public Information Request; a bill that would require Board members to take an open meetings training; and a bill that would give Board members state email addresses.

Dr. Morris stated there is new language in Title IX- Family Law regarding custody evaluations. The new language can be found in Section 205.3. The new rules and standards became law on January 1, 2016. Dr. Morris stated that Dr. Gormally and he are planning to attend a telepsychology conference on April 10, 2016 in Cambridge, MD. Dr. Morris asked board members if they had any ideas or resources regarding teletherapy that he could share at the conference. Dr. Morris suggested that Board members visit Annapolis to watch the legislative process sometime. The hearings were said to also be available by streaming them on online.

### **C. Committee Reports**

*Licensing* – The committee continues to review psychologist and psychology associate applications. The committee will soon review CEs.

*Operations* - Ms. Smith reported that budget hearings would be held on February 17th in the House and on the 18th in the Senate. There are no budget cuts proposed for the Board. Ms. Smith is the fiscal liaison for all of the small and midsize health boards. Ms. Smith will give a budget update once the renewal period is over.

*Public Affairs* – Articles for the newsletter continue to be accepted.

*Disciplinary* – The committee did not have anything to report.

### **D. Public Comments**

The representative from MPA stated that the chair of the legislative committee, Joshua Cohen is conducting a data analysis on telehealth and will send the results to the Board once it is completed.

### **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 9:51 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil R. Morris, Ed.D, MS, CBSM, ABPP  
Chairperson