

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Meeting Minutes – June 14, 2013

The 585th Open Meeting of the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:12 a.m. by the Chairperson, Steven Sobelman, Ph.D.

Board members present:

Robert Brown, Ph.D., ABPP
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.
Neal R. Morris, Ed.D., MS, CBSM, ABPP
Harriet Rakes, Consumer Member
Joann Altiero, Ph.D.
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member
Myra Waters, Ph.D.

Board members absent:

Jeffrey Barnett, Psy.D., ABPP, Vice-Chairperson

Staff present:

Lorraine Smith, Executive Director
Dorothy Kutcherman, Licensing Coordinator
Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel
Brett Felter, Staff Attorney

Public present:

Sharon Bloom - DHMH
Kristin Neville - DHMH
Judy DeVito - MPA
Georgia Royalty, Ph.D. - MPA

Interpreters: Sandra Brown and Justine Garrett

A. Minutes

The Open minutes of the meeting held on May 10, 2013 were reviewed. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes and a vote called:**
For – 7; Abstention – 1 (Brown) Minutes were approved.

B. Announcements

Executive Director – Ms. Smith reported that of the 18 individuals who took the law exam on May 17, 2013, one failed. The list of registrants for the June 21, 2013 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 for the exam at a later date.

Ms. Smith reported that a bill placeholder for the 2014 legislative session was submitted to the Department for the Board's psychology associate bill. Ms. Smith added that regulations would soon be submitted pertaining to penalties and civil fines; temporary exception fee; and electronic renewal notification.

Chair – Dr. Sobelman reported that the 'Lynette's Law' bill and the Behavior Analyst bill would more than likely be resubmitted during the 2014 legislative session. Therefore the Board should be prepared to respond. Dr. Sobelman praised the committees for their work and encouraged them to continue. Outgoing members Drs. Altiero and Brown were thanked for their contributions to the Board over the years.

C. Committee Reports

Licensing - Dr. Brown suggested that the issue of mobility be reassigned to the licensing committee. Dr. stated that there is a move to evaluated licensees based on competency.

Dr. Brown drafted a document that would allow continuing education hours for peer consultation. Discussions ensued as to whether peer consultation met the definition of continuing education. It was the consensus of the Board to continue to further study the concept.

The following proposed language redefining the terms "course" and "independent study" was discussed:

COMAR 10.36.02.02 Definitions

A. – B. (6) unchanged

B. (7) *Course.*

(a) *"Course" means an activity:*

(i) *With one or more instructors who are experts in the topic and impart knowledge or professional skills by a systematic presentation to participants;*

(ii) *That may be offered in person at a face-to-face meeting or in real-time through electronic means; and*

(iii) *That allows for interaction between the leader and the participant or among the participants.*

(b) *"Course" includes seminars, symposiums, and workshops.*

(8) *"Independent study" means an activity requiring the study of print or electronic materials approved by an authorized sponsor specified in Regulation .06 of this Chapter that is not a "course" as defined in §B(7) of this regulation.*

Members were asked to review the document and to have their comments/suggestions for the July meeting.

Operations – Dr. Waters stated that a budget report would be provided in July.

Public Affairs – Ms. Smith stated that the newsletter would be completed by July.

D. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Drs. Sobelman and Barnett were re-elected to the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair.

E. Public Comments

Ms. Neville thanked staff and the board for responding to her frequent requests during the legislative session.

F. Closed Session/Administrative Session/Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter into closed session to engage in a medical review deliberation regarding confidential information contained in the licensing application of Rebecca Silver. The Board entered into closed session at 10:40 a.m. and came out at 10:49 a.m. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter into administrative session at 11:08 a.m. to discuss disciplinary matters and to consult with Counsel.** The Board came out of administrative session at 1:14 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven A. Sobelman, Ph.D.
Chairperson