

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – March 3, 2017

The 620th Open Board Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:09 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
Reginald Nettles, Ph.D., CGP
Raj Razdan, Consumer Member

Board Members Absent:

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

Staff Present:

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

Interpreters:

Valencia Nicholls and Charmine Johnson

Public:

Kimberly Campbell, MPA

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on February 3, 2017 were reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to accept the minutes as submitted and a vote called: For – 7, Abstention-1.**

B. Announcements

Executive Director – The list of registrants for the March 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 a hearing for the Board HB 0912- *State Board of Examiners of Psychologists – Criminal History Records Check-Renewals and Reinstatements* bill is scheduled for March 8, 2017. This bill requires background checks at renewal every six (6) years and to reinstate a license. Ms. Smith and Ms. McCargo-Redd will testify at the hearing.

HB 063- *Health Care Practitioners- Cost Estimate Notice- Required* failed. This bill required practitioners to provide patients with a written estimate of all costs.

HB 0352 *Health Care Practitioners – Use of Teletherapy* is proceeding. The requirement for Boards to issue a license to those out of state that plan to provide only teletherapy was deleted from the bill.

HB 0628 *Secretaries of Principal Departments- Supervision and Review of Decisions and Actions by Units within Departments (anti-competitive bill)* is moving and is expected to pass. Several amendments have been made to clarify which cases go to Office of Administrative Hearing (OAH) and the role of OAH.

HB 0180 *Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Renaming (DHMH)* proposes renaming the DHMH to the Department of Health. A hearing has not been scheduled.

HB 0668 *Health Occupations Boards – Regulations and Policy Interpretations- Notice and Public Meeting Requirements – Failed* - Required Boards to notify each licensee of any proposed regulation or policy change and hold a public meeting to address questions. The Board submitted a Letter of Concern.

SB 0986 *State Board of Social Work Examiners – Revision* This bill appears to do a number of things including renaming the “graduate social worker license” to be the “master social worker license; limiting the number of terms a specified licensed social worker member of the Board may serve; requiring a specified licensed bachelor social worker or licensed master social worker to submit specified information to the Board to obtain approval by the Board to engage in independent practice. The bill has had several amendments and the hearing is scheduled for March 9 2017. Ms. Smith will talk with the executive director about the bill.

C. Committee Reports

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

Operations – Ms. Smith reported that renewals were taking place. A report will be given once renewal ends.

Public Affairs – Ms. Smith reported that the newsletter is fore coming.

Disciplinary – Nothing to report

D. Public Comments

There was no public comment to report.

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 10:25 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.