

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2012

The 575th meeting of the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:14 a.m. by the Chairperson, Steven Sobelman, Ph.D.

Board members present:

Joann Altiero, Ph.D.
Jeffrey Barnett, Psy.D., ABPP
Robert Brown, Ph.D., ABPP
Laurie Friedman Donze, Ph.D.
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member
Harriet Rakes, Consumer Member

Board members absent:

Neal R. Morris, Ed.D, MS, CBSM, ABPP
Myra Waters, Ph.D., Vice-Chairperson

Staff present:

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

Public Present:

Julie Bindeman, Psy.D. - MPA
Sharon Bloom, DHMH
Kristen Neville, DHMH

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open meeting held on May 11, 2012 were reviewed and approved.

B. Announcements

Executive Director – Ms. Smith announced that of the 18 individuals that took the state law exam on May 18, 2012 there were two failures. The list of registrants for the June 15, 2012 exam was distributed and reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the list and to authorize the Licensing Committee to approve others eligible, who may register at a later date, to take the exam.**

Ms. Smith reported that she informed the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (the Department) that the Board will be proposing legislation that will allow the Board to send out license renewal notices to licensees via email or by first class mail. Legislation will also be proposed that will allow the Board to license psychology associates.

Chairperson – Dr. Sobelman reported that meetings have been held to discuss the wording of the proposed legislation. A draft of the language pertaining to electronic notification was distributed and members were asked to submit comments as soon as possible. The proposed legislation states the following:

§18-309 (*italics – new language; [] deletion*)

[a](A) (1) A license expires on the date set by the Board, unless it is renewed for an additional term as provided in this section.

(2) A license may not be renewed for a term longer than 2 years.

[b](B) At least [1 month] *90 days* before the license expires, the Board shall send a *renewal notice* to the license [, by first-class mail to the last known address of the licensee, a renewal notice that states]:

(1) [The date on which the current license expires] *by first-class mail to the last known address of the licensee; or*

(2) [The date by which the renewal application must be received by the Board for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires; and] *if requested by the licensee, by electronic means to the last known electronic mail address of the licensee.*

(3) [The amount of the renewal fee.]

[c](C) *The renewal notice sent under subsection (B) of this section shall state the following information:*

(1) *The date on which the current license expires;*

(2) *The date by which the renewal application must be received by the Board for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires; and*

(3) *the amount of the renewal fee.*

(D) *If a renewal notice sent by electronic means under paragraph (2) of subsection (B) of this section is returned to the Board as undeliverable, the Board shall send to the licensee a renewal notice by first-class mail to the last known address of the licensee.*

(E) *Each licensee is responsible for notifying the Board in writing of any change in address or electronic mail address within 30 days of such change.*

[(c)-(e)] (F) – (H)

Dr. Sobelman reported that the psychology associate committee continues to discuss the specifics for the 2013 legislative bill. There were discussions about supervision, supervision requirements, and the number of associates per licensee. Dr. Sobelman stated that a draft will be presented to the Board for their review.

C. Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB)

Dr. Brown gave a report on ASPPB's Midyear Meeting held in New Orleans in April. Of particular interest was the report on Telepsychology by the joint Task Force of APA and ASPPB. The Task Force concluded that "telepsychology occurs within the context of

existing ethical standards and principles for practice”. The idea at the conference was that any communication across state lines should be considered telepsychology. Based on this premise five options were given.

Option 1 – No license needed to provide interjurisdictional telepsychological practice;

Option 2 – Licensed in all jurisdictions in which telepsychology service is initiated or received;

Option 3 – Licensed in home jurisdiction, but jurisdictional authority based where patient resides/domiciles;

Option 4 – Licensed only in the psychologist’s home jurisdiction; and

Option 5 – Licensed in home jurisdiction but “certified” in telepsychology registry (a privilege model).

Option 5 was discussed as a possible solution. ASPBB will continue this discussion.

D. Committee Reports

Disciplinary - Dr. Barnett reported that the committee reviewed the letter sent dismissing complaints and found it satisfactory. Further, a model liaison report will be furnished to new Board members. The committee suggested developing a training manual for Board approved mentors and supervisors.

Licensing - Dr. Brown stated that the committee continues to review and approve applications. Dr. Brown asked about mobility and it was decided that it would be combined with the telepsychology. An update on behavioral analysts will be presented in the near future. The committee discussed requiring a waiting period before retaking the law exam, but decided that it was not necessary. The committee will meet to review exam questions in July.

Public Affairs – Dr. Donze reported that the summer newsletter is being developed. She stated that a consumer tab will be added to the web site.

E. Elections

Dr. Sobelman was re-elected as Chairperson and Dr. Barnett was elected as Vice-Chairperson.

F. Public Comment

Dr. Bindeman stated that the July 2012 meeting would be her last meeting. Georgia Royalty, Ph.D. will replace her.

G. Administrative Session/Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter administrative session at 11:07 a.m. to discuss disciplinary matters and to consult with Counsel. Unless recused, those attending the open session remained for the administrative session. The Board came out of administrative session at 1:15 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sobelman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steven A. Sobelman, Ph.D.
Chairperson