

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – November 2, 2012

The 579th Open meeting of the Maryland State Board of Psychology was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by the Chairperson, Steven Sobelman, Ph.D.

Board members present:

Jeffrey Barnett, Psy.D., ABPP, Vice-Chairperson
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member
Neal R. Morris, Ed.D., MS, CBSM, ABPP
Harriet Rakes, Consumer Member
Myra Waters, Ph.D.

Board members absent:

Joann Altiero, Ph.D.
Robert Brown, Ph.D., ABPP
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.

Staff present:

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

Public Present:

Robert Cohen, Ph.D., MPA
Paula Hollinger, DHMH
Sharon Bloom, DHMH

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on October 12, 2012 were reviewed and approved as submitted.

B. Announcements

Executive Director – Ms. Smith reported that of the 20 individuals that took the law exam on October 18, 2012 two (2) failed. The list of registrants for the November 16, 2012 law exam was reviewed and a **motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the list and to authorize the Licensing Committee to approve others that may register for the exam later.**

Chairperson – Dr. Sobelman reported that the presentation at the Maryland Psychological Association’s annual conference, presented by Drs. Barnett and Sobelman went well. Highlights of the Board’s activities and accomplishments were presented.

Dr. Sobelman informed the Board that the Board’s retreat would be held at Loyola University’s Graduate Center in Columbia on December 7, 2012. Representatives from psychology boards in Delaware, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia, Virginia, and West Virginia were invited. To date only PA has confirmed their attendance.

C. Correspondence

Dr. Sobelman stated that a letter was received from MPA thanking the Board for its presentation at their meeting and requesting copies of the Board’s 2013 proposed legislation. It was agreed that copies of the proposed legislative bills would be sent to them.

D. Committee Reports

Disciplinary – Dr. Barnett stated that an announcement was placed in the Maryland Psychology Association’s newsletter advertising for Board approved mentors/supervisors. The committee will review the current list for relevancy.

Licensing – Dr. Morris gave a brief report on the issue of behavior analysts. He stated that the Behavior Analysts Certification Board has revamped its model practice language to include psychologists. The Ohio Psychology Board was said to have requested an opinion from their Office of the Attorney General concerning the statement “. . . *any person who offers or renders applied behavior analysis in the treatment of a person with autism spectrum disorders is engaged in the practice of psychology.*” No additional information was available.

Public Affairs - Dr. Morris reported that he was continuing to collect articles for the newsletter.

E. Public Comment

Ms. Hollinger suggested that the Board consider getting information from the Nursing Board concerning their interstate compact agreement.

F. Administrative Session/Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter into administrative session at 10:15 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 12:55 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Steven A. Sobelman, Ph.D.