

# Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

## Open Board Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2012

The 578<sup>th</sup> Open Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by the Chairperson, Steven Sobelman, Ph.D.

### **Board members present:**

Joann Altiero, Ph.D.  
Jeffrey Barnett, Psy.D. ABPP, Vice-Chairperson  
Robert Brown, Ph.D., ABPP  
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.  
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member  
Neal R. Morris, Ed.D., MS, CBSM, ABPP  
Harriet Rakes, Consumer Member

### **Board member absent:**

Myra Waters, Ph.D.

### **Staff present:**

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

### **Public Present:**

Georgia Royalty, Ph.D., MPA  
Paula Hollinger, Liaison, DHMH  
Kristen Neville, DHMH  
Sandra Brown and Justine Garrett, Interpreters

### **A. Minutes**

Open minutes of the meeting held on September 14, 2012 were reviewed and approved as submitted.

### **B. Announcements**

*Executive Director* – Ms. Smith reported that of the 17 individuals that took the law exam on September 28, 2012 five (5) failed. The list of registrants for the October 18, 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 that may register to take the exam later.**

Ms. Smith informed the Board that the 2013 Board meeting dates were included in their packet.

*Chairperson* – Dr. Sobelman stated that he and Dr. Barnett would be presenting at the Maryland Psychological Association's (MPA) annual meeting in Annapolis. The Board's accomplishments and other planned activities will be shared.

Dr. Sobelman stated that the Board's retreat will be held on December 7, 2012 at Loyola Graduate Center in Columbia MD. The topic will be mobility and reciprocity. The Board discussed inviting representatives from psychology boards in other contiguous states to share ideas and representatives from national associations.

The winter newsletter is scheduled to be published in February 2013. Drs. Leigh and Altiero were asked to write an article for the newsletter. Ms. McCargo-Redd and Ms. Rakes were asked to write an article for the spring newsletter.

Dr. Sobelman stated that MPA might request financial assistance with notifying licensees of board member vacancies.

**C. Military Legislative Bill**

A legislative bill entitled Health Occupations - *Service Members and Spouses – Licensure*” was distributed. The bill establishes a process to issue a temporary license or certification to service members, spouses and certain veterans. It was stated that the purpose of the Bill is to expedite the licensing process. The Board supports the intent of the Bill.

**D. Correspondence**

Dr. Sobelman stated that a correspondence was received from Dr. Joseph Snow, National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) seeking clarification pertaining to licensure exception for individuals employed by the federal government. After a discussion, the consensus was to send Dr. Snow a letter stating that the Board does not have jurisdiction over NIMH, a federal agency hiring contractors or persons at the bachelor's level. The Board will also advise Dr. Snow that a bachelor's level person does not meet Maryland's requirements to become a psychology associate and the Board will assume that adequate supervision will be provided.

**E. Committee Reports**

*Licensing* – Dr. Brown stated that he will be attending the ASPPB conference.

*Operations* – Ms. Smith reported that the Department is looking at reconfiguring the conference rooms. A meeting will be held on October 18, 2012 with the Department.

*Public Affairs* – Dr. Morris asked that articles for the Winter Newsletter be submitted to Ms. Smith by the end of December.

*Disciplinary* – No report.

**F. Public Comment**

Ms. Hollinger suggested that representatives from surrounding states and the District of Columbia be invited to attend the Board's retreat.

Dr. Royalty stated that notifying licensees of Board vacancies has become a financial burden on the Association. They are seeking alternative ways to notify those licensees who are not MPA members. Dr. Royalty asked when the association would be able to obtain a copy of the proposed bill on licensing of psychology associates.

**G. Administrative Session/Adjournment**

**A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter into administrative session at 10:50 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 12:50 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven Sobelman, Ph.D.  
Chairperson