

# Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

## Open Board Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2015

The 606<sup>th</sup> Open Board Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:19 a.m. by the Chairperson, Neal R. Morris, Ed.D. MS, CBSM, ABPP.

### **Board Members Present:**

Linda Berg-Cross, Ph.D.  
James F. Gormally, Ph.D., Vice-Chairperson  
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.  
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member  
Rivka Olley, Ph.D.  
Harriett Rakes, Consumer Member

### **Board Members Absent:**

Christopher Bishop, Psy.D.  
Cyndie Buckson, Psy.D.

### **Staff Present:**

Lorraine Smith, MPH, Executive Director  
Sally Mitchell, Administrative Assistant  
Brett Felter, AAG, Board Counsel

### **Interpreters:**

Krystal Karpan and Charmine Johnson

### **Public:**

Jerome Rubin, Ph.D.  
Gregory Chasson, Ph.D.

### **A. Minutes**

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on September 11, 2015 were reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to accept the minutes as submitted.**

### **B. Announcements**

*Executive Director* – The list of registrants for the October 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 provided the 2016 Board meeting dates. During the winter months if State Government is closed or liberal leave is authorized the Board meeting is cancelled.

*Chair* – Dr. Morris introduced Dr. Rivka Olley as the new Board member. Dr. Morris stated that he attended a second telehealth workgroup facilitated by Delegate Kirill Reznik. Delegate Reznik announced that he is planning to introduce a legislative Bill during the 2016 legislative session. The Boards were asked to submit information that they would like to see in the Bill. The Board's subcommittee on telehealth distributed a draft of a survey they developed to poll licensees about their interest and activities on telehealth. After some discussion it was agreed that once some changes are made, the licensees will be asked to complete the survey.

Dr. Morris recommended that during the December 4, 2015 retreat the Board work on specific language for the Bill. There was said to be mainly three components of telehealth,

1. Maryland licensed psychologists providing telehealth services to their patients in Maryland.
2. Maryland licensed psychologists providing telehealth services to patients in other states.
3. Psychologists not licensed in Maryland, but licensed in another state, providing telehealth psychological services to Maryland citizens.

For the third component having a compact with contiguous states could be beneficial. The Board began this process before without much success. It is not clear which component/s the delegate will focus on.

### **C. CLEAR – Module 3**

Dr. Gormally presented Module 3 of the new Board member training sponsored by the Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR). The topic was “Rule Making”. The module discussed three major components to rule making; specify procedures, creating standards and clarifying language. Board members were encouraged to review all modules.

Module 4 will be presented by Dr. Cyndie Buckson.

### **D. Committee Reports**

*Operations* – Ms. Smith stated that the office was ready to process psychology associate registrations and had received a few.

*Public Affairs* – Mrs. McCargo-Redd encouraged the submission of articles for the next newsletter.

*Disciplinary* – Drs. Leigh and Berg-Cross distributed a draft reporting form for Board approved supervisors to use when submitting reports to the Board.

*Licensing* - Dr. Berg-Cross reported that the committee continues to review applications for psychologists and psychology associates.

**E. Public Comment** – Dr. Rubin expressed his interest in doing volunteer work for the Board.

### **F. 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. Unless recused, those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session. The Board entered into administrative session at 12:05 p.m., and came out at 2:05 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Neil R. Morris, Ed.D., MS, CBSM, ABPP*  
Chairperson