

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – May 9, 2014

The 594th Open Board Meeting of the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by the Chairperson, Steven Sobelman, Ph.D.

Board members present:

Christopher Bishop, Psy.D
James F. Gormally, Ph.D.
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member
Neal R. Morris, Ed.D., MS, CBSM, ABPP
Harriet Rakes, Consumer Member
Myra Waters, Ph.D.

Board member absent:

Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.
Jeffrey Barnett, Psy.D, ABPP, Vice-Chairperson

Staff present:

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

Public Present:

Tara Simpson, Psy.D., MPA
Michelle Friedman, Ph.D.

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on April 11, 2014 were reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as submitted.**

B. Announcements

Executive Director – Ms. Smith reported that five (5) individuals took the law exam in April and all passed. The list of registrants for the May 16, 2014 law exam was distributed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the list and to authorize the licensing committee to approve others that may register later.**

Ms. Smith also reported that 1476 licensees were scheduled to renew their license during this renewal cycle and 1386 renewed. Thirty one licensees placed their license on inactive status and 59 licenses were non renewed. The total renewal revenue collected was \$497,500. Ms. Smith stated that the majority of the Board's funding comes from license renewal. More than 600 licensees were said to have waited until March to renew their license.

Chair – Dr. Sobelman reported that the May Board meeting was Dr. Waters' last meeting, because she would not be attending the meeting in June. Dr. Waters was applauded for her years of service as vice-chair and board member.

Dr. Sobelman reported that additional information was received pertaining to the question from Kennedy Krieger Institute asking whether a master's degree person that is not registered as a psychology associates could provide psychological testing for research.

After discussion, it was decided the administration of psychological tests constitutes the practice of psychology and must be performed by either a licensed psychologist or a Board-approved psychology associate.

Dr. Sobelman also reported that the following inquiry was received. "*Given the geographical area many of the psychologists conduct evaluations for children in their MD office while the child lives in either VA or DC. For example, a MD licensed psychologist that conducts an evaluation for a District of Columbia Public School (DCPS) student. The question comes when this psychologist conducts a school observation and attends an IEP meeting for the DCPS student when they are not licensed to practice in DC...* Following discussion, it was agreed that the Board's counsel would contact the counsel for the State Department of Education to get additional information.

The Psychology Associate (PA) committee continues to work on drafting PA regulations and plans to have a draft to share at the July meeting.

C. Committee Reports

Disciplinary – Dr. Gormally reported that the committee was working on modifying the format used to recruit board approved supervisors, experts and ethic tutors.

Licensing – Dr. Gormally distributed guidelines for the Peer Consultation Project. Members were asked to review and provide comments.

Public Affairs – Ms. Smith asked the members to think about articles for the next newsletter.

D. Closed Session/Administrative Session/Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter into closed session to engage in medical review deliberations regarding an application for a temporary exception to practice. The Board entered into closed session at 10:47 a.m. and came out at 10:54 a.m. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to immediately enter into executive session 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 the administrative session at 1:30 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven A. Sobelman, Ph.D.
Chairperson