

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2014

The 597th Open meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:17 a.m. by the Chairperson, Steven Sobelman, Ph.D.

Board members present:

Neal R. Morris, Ed.D., MS, CBSM, ABPP, Vice-Chairperson
Linda Berg-Cross, Ph.D.
Christopher Bishop, Psy.D
Cyndie Buckson, Psy.D
James F. Gormally, Ph.D.
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member
Harriett Rakes, Consumer Member

Staff present:

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

Public present:

Gregory Chasson, Ph.D. - MPA
Katherine Killeen, Ph.D. - MPA
Kristen Neville - DHMH
Michelle Friedman, Ph.D. Guest

Interpreters:

Justine Garrett and Charmine Johnson

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open meeting held on July 11, 2014 were reviewed. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as submitted and a vote called:**

For: 8; Abstained – 1

B. Announcements

Executive Director – Ms. Smith reported that of the 17 individuals who took the exam in July, 4 failed. Further, of the 29 individuals who took the exam in August, 2 failed. The list of registrants for the September 19, 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 who may register later.**

Ms. Smith distributed a copy of the Board's annual report and asked members to provide comments by the following week. Ms. Smith provided an overview of the Board's Budget and discussed the budget sheets below. It was pointed out that the Board's expenditures continue to be higher than the revenue that is generated. Therefore, carryover funds are used to meet the Board's obligations. The psychology board is required to maintain carryover funds in the amount of 25% of its expenditures. However, the Board is not meeting this requirement. It is projected that if fees are not raised, as recommended by the legislators during the Sunset review, the Board will soon be operating in the red. Ms. Smith explained the proposed fee increases. After some discussion the Board agreed to increase fees.

**FISCAL YEAR 14
BUDGET CLOSEOUT Without Fee increase**

FY 14 Actuals

FY 13 Carryover Funds	FY 14 Revenue	Total Funds	Expenditures	Difference
\$130,602	\$645,436	\$776,038	\$670,913	\$105,125

FY 14 Revenue	Expenditures	Difference
\$645,436 (without carryover)	\$670,436	-\$25,000

FY 15 Budget Projections

FY 14 Carryover Funds	FY 15 Revenue	Total Funds	Expenditures	Difference
\$105,125	\$645,436	\$750,561	\$707,913	\$42,648

FY 15 Revenue	Expenditures	Difference
\$645,436 (without carryover)	\$707,913	\$- 62,477

FY 16 Budget Projections

FY15 Carryover Funds	FY 16 Revenue	Total Funds	Expenditures	Difference
\$42,648	\$645,436	\$688,084	\$732,913	\$- 44,829

FY 16 Revenue	Expenditures	Difference
\$645,436 (without carryover)	\$732,913	-\$87,477

Fee Changes

FEES	PSYCHOLOGISTS		PSYCHOLOGY ASSOCIATES	
	CURRENT	NEW	CURRENT	NEW
Application	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Renewal	\$350.00	\$400.00	\$100.00	\$300.00
Law Exam	\$250.00	Same	-	\$250.00
Reinstatement	\$300.00	Same	-	\$200.00

Chairperson – Dr. Sobelman welcomed Linda Berg-Cross, Ph.D. as a new board member.

Dr. Sobelman distributed and reviewed the list of committee assignments. The Board received a letter from the Maryland Psychological Association (MPA) pertaining to continuing education (CE) requirements for psychology associates (PA). MPA's concerns centered on requiring psychologist who supervise psychology associates to acquire CEs in supervision; PAs should be required to have less CE's than psychologist; supervision requirements should be reduced for PAs with experience; and face-to-face supervision should be expanded to include telephonic and video conferencing. Dr. Sobelman stated that he discussed these concerns with Dr. Patrick Savage, President of MPA, and the issues were resolved. Dr. Sobelman shared a letter from Dr. Savage with the Board.

C. Proposed Regulations

Drafts of the revised regulations COMAR 10.36.01 - 10.36.08 were discussed. The regulations were revised to include information pertaining to psychology associates. Following discussion, **a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the regulations with the amendment to define face-to-face supervision in COMAR 10.36.07 and a vote called:**

For – 8; 1 abstention.

D. Committee Reports

Disciplinary – Dr. Leigh provided a draft of the form to recruit ethics tutorial trainers, expert witnesses, and peer supervisors. After discussion, it was the consensus to accept the form.

Licensing – Dr. Morris stated that the committee continues to review applications for psychologists and psychology associates.

Public Affairs – Ms. McCargo-Redd reported that articles were needed for the winter newsletter.

E. Public Comment

Dr. Killeen stated that MPA held a retreat on September 13, 2014.

F. Adjournment/Closing

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter into administrative session at 11:10 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 1:35 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven A. Sobelman, Ph.D.
Chairperson