

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2015

The 605th Open Board meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:11 a.m. by the Chairperson, Neal R. Morris, Ed.D, MS, CBSM, ABPP.

Board Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

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

Interpreters

Krystal Karpan
Crystal Kenney

Public:

Kristen Neville, DHMH
Gregory Chasson, Ph.D.

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open meeting held on July 10, 2015 were reviewed. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as submitted and a vote called:** For – 6; Abstention – 2

B. Announcements

Executive Director – The list of registrants for the September 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 informed the Board that the updated laws and regulations book was available. Ms. Smith added that the plan is not to reprint the book again, but to access the laws and regulations online because they are always current. Ms. Smith introduced Ms. Swagata Pramanik the Board's new IT person. She also informed the Board that Ms. Paula Hollinger was retiring effective October 1, 2015. Dorothy Kutcherman, the Board's licensing coordinator was said to have retired in August.

Dr. Rivka Olley was announced as Dr. Sobelman’s replacement on the Board. Ms. Smith reminded the Board that on September 15, 2015 the Board would begin accepting applications to register psychology associates. Ms. Smith gave a budget update. The following information was provided.

FY 15 Actuals

FY 14 Carryover Funds	FY 15 Revenue	Total Funds	Expenditures	Difference
\$105,124	\$613,923	\$719,047	\$688,498	\$50,548
FY 15 Revenue		Expenditures		Difference
\$613,923 (without carryover)		\$688,498		-\$74,575

FY 16 BUDGET PROJECTIONS BEGINNING JULY 2015

FY 15 Carryover Funds	FY 16 Revenue	Total Funds	Expenditures	Difference
\$50,548	\$669,586	\$720,134	\$707,913	\$12,221
FY 15 Revenue		Expenditures		Difference
\$669,586 (without carryover)		\$707,913		\$- 38,327

2015 RENEWALS

Total licensees to renew	1451	Revenue Collected
Renewed	1339	Renewed Revenue: \$468,650
Non-renewed	81	Inactive Revenue: \$6,200
Inactive status	31	
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$474,850	

Ms. Smith explained the chart and stated that the raising of the fees will eventually produce enough revenue to cover the expenditures.

Chair – Dr. Morris presented Module 2 of the Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR). The topic was general rules and responsibilities of being on the Board. The three major points discussed were public organization, perception and the Board is a part of Maryland State Government. The CLEAR modules were said to be very informative and Board members were encouraged to review the modules.

Module 3 will be presented by Dr. Gormally and Dr. Buckson will present Module 4.

Dr. Morris mentioned HB 1083 in reference to Parent Coordination. He informed the Board that many of the complaints that the Board receives are about custody evaluations.

Dr. Morris and Ms. Smith spoke about a workgroup that Delegate Reznik held on telehealth. The purpose of the work group was to examine how best to regulate the practice of teletherapy in Maryland. A mixed group of people were said to be in attendance. The next meeting is

scheduled for the end of September. After some discussion a subcommittee of the Board was formed and asked to develop a survey to poll licensees about their views on teletherapy. The subcommittee consists of Drs. Gormally, Berg-Cross and Ms. McCargo-Redd.

Dr. Morris stated that the Board received a letter asking if a licensee facilitated a remembrance group for staff to help them process feelings about deaths that occurred at the facility would result in an ethics violations. After a discussion the Board agreed that additional information was needed. The writer will be advised to contact the Maryland Psychological Association also.

C. Committee Reports:

Licensing – Dr. Bishop and Dr. Berg-Cross reported that they continue to review applications for psychologists and psychology associates.

Operations – Ms. Smith reported on the budget.

Public Affairs – Ms. McCargo-Redd reported that the newsletter was on the website. She asked the Board to begin thinking about ideas for the next newsletter.

Disciplinary –Ms. Smith requested that the disciplinary committee develop a format for peer reviewers and supervisors to use when submitting reports. Dr. Leigh stated that a draft would be available at the next meeting.

D. Public Comment – No public Comment

E. 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 administration session at 11:15 a.m., came out at 2:03 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

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