

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2017

The 619th Open Board Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by the Chairperson, Neal R. Morris, Ed.D. MS, CBSM, ABPP.

Board Members Present:

James F. Gormally, Ph.D., ABPP Vice-Chairperson
Linda Berg-Cross, Ph.D
Christopher Bishop, Psy.D.
Cyndie Buckson, Psy.D.
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.
Reginald Nettles, Ph.D., CGP
Raj Razdan, Consumer Member

Board Members Absent:

Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member

Staff Present:

Lorraine Smith, MPH, Executive Director
Stephanie Coley, Administrative Assistant
Sally Mitchell, Licensing Coordinator
Brett Felter AAG, Board Counsel

Interpreters:

Sarah Scarborough and Charmine Johnson

Public:

Sharon Bloom, DHMH
Shreya Hessler, MPA

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open meeting held on January 13, 2017 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 February 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 reported that the associations are planning to oppose HB 063- *Health Care Practitioners-Cost Estimate Notice-Required*. The bill requires practitioners to provide patients

with a written estimate of all cost. The Boards have decided to let the associations handle the bill.

HB 0352 *Health Care Practitioners – Use of Teletherapy*, was introduced by Delegate Reznik. The bill is similar to the bill last year, but includes language that requires Boards to issue a license to those that are out of state and plan to provide only teletherapy. The Boards have not discussed the bill as a group yet.

HB 0628 *Secretaries of Principal Departments- Supervision and Review of Decisions and Actions by Units within Departments* is the bill that addresses the NC Dental case of anti-competitiveness. The bill requires health Boards to send cases that might be anti-competitive to the Office of Administrative Hearings for a review. A hearing has not been scheduled.

HB 0180 *Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Renaming*. The bill renames the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to the Maryland Department of Health.

HB 0668 *Health Occupations Boards – Regulations and Policy Interpretations- Notice and Public Meeting Requirements*. The bill requires Boards to notify each licensee of any proposed regulation or policy change and hold a public meeting to address questions.

Ms. Smith also reported that there are three child abuse bills that set penalties for failing to report child abuse and neglect cases. The penalties range from six months in jail to a fine up to \$2,500. The Board submitted Letters of Concerns on all three bills. Hearings are scheduled.

Ms. Smith announced that there will be a Board member training during the March meeting.

C. Committee Reports

Licensing – The committee continues to review psychologist and registered psychology associates applications.

Operations – Ms. Smith reiterated that the renewal season is underway for licensees and registered psychology associates.

Public Affairs – Ms. Smith reported that the newsletter would be coming soon.

Disciplinary – Nothing to report.

D. Public Comments

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. The open meeting was closed at 10:05 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.