

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – January 13, 2017

The 618th Open Board Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:06 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.
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member
Reginald Nettles, Ph.D., CGP
Raj Razdan, 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
Kimberly Campbell, MPA

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on November 4, 2016 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 January 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 announced that Dennis Schrader is the new Secretary for the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Ms. Smith reported that the legislative session began on January 11, 2017 and will end on April 10, 2017. The Board's legislative committee consists of Drs. Morris, Gormally, Buckson, and Ms. McCargo-Redd. Delegate Bonnie Cullison from District 19 and

Senator Craig Zucker from District 14 agreed to sponsor the Board's bill that requires criminal background checks every six (6) years. The budget hearing in the Senate is scheduled for February 3, 2017 and in the House on February 8, 2017.

Ms. Smith reported that HB 063 – *Health Care Practitioners-Cost Estimate Notice – Required*, a pre-filed bill that requires health care practitioners to provide a patient with a written estimate of the cost of the health care service, the amount the patient's insurance will pay, and the difference the patient will be responsible for. The committee agreed to submit a Letter of Information.

Dr. Morris reported that the American Psychological Association revised their *Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct* - Ethics standard 3.04- *Avoiding Harm*.

Dr. Bishop attended the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts conference. The topic was child custody evaluations and ethical violations. Dr. Bishop shared some of the highlights of the conference.

Dr. Berg-Cross gave a brief summary of the Board's retreat held in December. The topic of the retreat was mobility/reciprocity and telepsychology. The subcommittee members Drs. Berg-Cross, Nettles, Gormally and Mr. Razdan will continue the work that was started.

C. Committee Reports

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

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

Public Affairs – Ms. Mc-Cargo Redd reported that articles were still being collected for the winter newsletter.

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 10:08 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.