

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – September 09, 2016

The 615th Open Board Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:14 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.
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member
Reginald Nettles, Ph.D., CGP
Raj Razdan, Consumer Member

Board Members Absent:

Cyndie Buckson, Psy.D.

Staff Present:

Lorraine Smith, MPH, Executive Director
Stephanie Coley, Administrative Assistant
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 July 08, 2016 were reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to accept the minutes.**

B. Announcements

Executive Director – The list of candidates 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 reported that the new Board member orientation training is scheduled for November 14, 2016 at the University of Maryland Baltimore County, Technology Center. Additional information will be sent to Dr. Nettles and Mr. Razdan.

Ms. Smith reported that the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) annual meeting will be held October 20 – 23, 2016 at the Royal Sonesta Harbor Court hotel located in downtown Baltimore. The theme of the meeting is “Sailing in Rough Waters: Promoting Public Protection in an Anti-Regulatory Climate.” Ms. Smith reported that the Board will pay registration fees for four (4) Board members to attend. Dr. Morris will give the opening remarks at the meeting. Ms. Smith reported that she received a welcome letter from Stephanie C. Rawlings-Blake, Mayor of Baltimore City and is awaiting a letter from Larry Hogan Jr., Governor. Ms. Smith proposed providing door prizes that consisted of a personalized Board of Examiners tote bag and portfolio. Mr. Razdan suggested acquiring something that represented the Orioles or the Ravens.

Ms. Smith reported on a proposed regulation that allows Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) to be reimbursed by Medicaid when services are rendered to children with an autism spectrum disorder. The proposed regulation eliminates licensed psychologists from being reimbursed by Medicaid. A response to the proposed regulation was discussed and modified to include the impact the change would have on the public.

Ms. Smith reported that she attended a Collateral Consequences Work group. The group was formed as a result of legislation that passed this year, the Justice Reinvestment Act. The purpose of the Act is to reintegrate some prison populations into society by removing a number of barriers that may prevent them from reentering society. One of the areas that the Collateral Consequences Workgroup is discussing is how a criminal history impacts an applicant from obtaining a professional license. The workgroup is expected to provide the legislators with a report in December.

Drs. Morris, Gormally, Ms. McCargo-Redd and Ms. Smith, had a conference call with the Department’s Secretary, Secretary Mitchell about the Board’s plan to propose legislation requiring a background check every six (6) years at renewal. Secretary Mitchell suggested that the Board collaborate with the Collateral Consequences workgroup first, if possible.

Dr. Morris reported that the Maryland Psychological Association (MPA) annual convention will be held on November 4, 2016. Drs. Morris and Gormally will present for an hour at the convention. Possible topics that may be discussed are, Registered Psychology Associates, Supervision requirements for Registered Psychology Associate, and continuing education requirements for Registered Psychology Associates and supervisors.

The Board’s annual retreat will be on December 2, 2016. Mobility and reciprocity were mentioned as possible topics.

C. Committee Reports

Licensing – The committee continues to review psychology and psychology associate applications.

Operations – Ms. Smith reported that a budget update will be given in October.

Public Affairs – Ms. McCargo-Redd reported that new Board members will be introduced in the winter newsletter.

Disciplinary – No updates to report

D. Public Comments

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 11:05 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.