

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2012

The 576th Open Meeting of the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by the Chairperson, Steven Sobelman, Ph.D.

Board members present:

Joann Altiero, Ph.D.
Jeffrey Barnett, Psy.D, ABPP, Vice-Chairperson
Robert Brown, Ph.D., ABPP
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member
Neal R. Morris, EdD, MS, CBSM, ABPP
Harriet Rakes, Consumer Member
Myra Waters, Ph.D.

Staff present:

Lorraine Smith, Executive Director
Dorothy Kutcherman, Licensing Coordinator
Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel
Brett Felter, Staff Attorney

Public Present:

Julie Bindeman, Psy.D., MPA
Robert Cohen, Ph.D., MPA
Paula Hollinger, DHM H
Kristen Neville, DHM H

Interpreters

Sandra Brown and Justine Garrett

A. Minutes

Open minutes of the meeting held on June 8, 2012 were reviewed and approved.

B. New Board Member

Dr. Sobelman and Board members welcomed Irene Leigh, Ph.D.

C. Announcements

Executive Director – Ms. Smith stated that 13 individuals sat for the June 15, 2012 state law exam and all passed. The list of registrants for the July 20, 2012 exam was distributed and reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the list and to authorize the Licensing Committee to approve others eligible, who may register at a later date, to take the exam.**

Chairperson – Dr. Sobelman announced that Dr. Barnett was appointed the new Vice-Chair and thanked Dr. Waters for her assistance during the past year.

Dr. Sobelman distributed a draft of the Board's bill that would license psychology associates. The Board discussed adding a psychology associate to the Board; requiring psychology associates to take the EPPP; requiring continuing education; and educational requirements. Members were asked to review the draft legislation and provide comments.

D. Committee Reports

Disciplinary – Dr. Barnett reported that the committee will be developing a model liaison report to aid new Board members when presenting a case and writing guidelines for Board approved ethics educations. The committee will also review letters sent to the complainant when a case is closed without any formal actions. The documents will be distributed at the September meeting.

Licensing – Dr. Brown reported that the committee met telephonically on June 6, 2012 and discussed license mobility, law exam questions, the number of times a test can be taken, behavior analysis, and a continuing education (CE) broker system. The committee agreed that a CE broker system would be more in line with the Maryland Psychological Association's mission and not to change the number of times a test could be taken. Dr. Morris will continue to monitor the activities of the behavior analysis. The renewal form for the upcoming renewal cycle will include an intended area of practice section.

Operations – Dr. Waters reported that the committee would meet in August and discuss the legislative report that is due by October 1, 2012.

Public Affairs – Dr. Morris is the new Chair and Ms. McCargo-Redd is the Vice-Chair. A draft of the newsletter was distributed for review. Members were asked to email any comments to Ms. Smith.

E. Public Comments

Dr. Bindeman reminded the Board that this was her last meeting.

F. Administrative Session/Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter administrative session at 11:15 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 2:45 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven A. Sobelman, Ph.D.
Chairperson