

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – July 10, 2015

The 604th Open Board meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:12 a.m. by the Chairperson, Neil 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
Harriett Rakes, Consumer Member

Board members absent:

Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member

Staff present:

Lorraine Smith, Executive Director
Dorothy Kutcherman, Licensing Coordinator
Brett Felter, AAG, Board Counsel

Public:

Kristen Neville, DHMH

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open meeting held on June 5, 2015 were reviewed. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as submitted and a vote called:**
For – 5; Abstention - 1.

B. Announcements

Executive Director - The list of registrants for the July 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 Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) has assembled a Competency Assessment committee and the committee is considering amending the current Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) to include a section that will test competency. The EPPP is designed to assess one aspect of competence, such as the foundational knowledge. The new exam will focus on the skills needed for competent practice.

Ms. Smith reminded the Board that the current law pertaining to the designation of programs approved by the National Register/ASPPB needed to be changed since the two

groups have dissolved their agreement. ASPPB was said to have developed a telepsychology program that jurisdictions can join and ASPPB would manage. The 2016 ASPPB annual meeting will be held in Baltimore.

Ms. Smith reported that Delegate Kirill Reznik, formed a workgroup for the purpose of examining how best to regulate the practice of teletherapy in Maryland. In preparation for the meeting Ms. Smith and Drs. Buckson, Gormally, and Morris will meet telephonically to discuss the Board's position. Dr. Morris and Ms. Smith will attend Delegate Reznik's work group meeting.

Chair – As the new Chair of the Board, Dr. Morris expressed his appreciation to serve. He also mentioned of the discussions that took place at the Board's December 2014 retreat on telepsychology.

Vice-Chair – Dr. Gormally expressed his willingness to serve as vice chair and thanked the members for his appointment.

C. Committee Reports

Licensing – Dr. Morris reported that the committee continues to review applications.

Operations – Ms. Smith reported that a presentation of the budget would be provided during the September meeting.

Public Affairs – The summer issue of the newsletter was distributed for review. Members were asked to review and submit any changes to Ms. Smith by July 14th.

Disciplinary – A report was not provided.

D. Public Comment – No public comment.

E. Administrative Session/Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter into administrative session to discuss disciplinary matters and consult with counsel. Unless recused, those attending the open session remained for the administrative session. The Board entered into administrative session at 10:28 a.m., came out at 1:50 p.m., and the meeting was adjourned.

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