

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – November 7, 2014

The 599th Open Meeting of the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:19 a.m. by the Chairperson, Steven Sobelman, PhD.

Board members present:

Neal R. Morris, Ed.D., MS, CBSM, ABPP, Vice-Chairperson
Linda Berg-Cross, Ph.D.
Christopher Bishop, Psy.D
James F. Gormally, Ph.D.
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member
Harriett Rakes, Consumer Member

Board member absent:

Cyndie Buckson, Psy.D

Staff present:

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

Interpreters:

Sandra Brown and Justine Garrett

Public present:

Kathleen Killeen, Ph.D., MPA
Kristen Neville, DHMH

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on October 10, 2014 were reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as submitted.**

B. Announcements

Executive Director – Ms. Smith reported that due to the State's change in software vendors the law exam was not given in October and may not be available in November. The list of candidates for the November exam was distributed. **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 stated that Joshua Sharfstein, MD, DHMH Secretary, announced his resignation at the end of December. Therefore a new Secretary will be appointed in 2015.

Chairperson – Dr. Sobelman reported that he would be meeting with the Maryland Psychological Association's (MPA) Board of Director's on November 14, 2014 to address MPA's concerns about requiring psychology associate supervisors to take three (3) continuing education hours in supervision. Dr. Sobelman reported that the Board would discuss submitting legislation during the 2016 legislative session on requiring background checks at renewal. Legislation passed during the 2014 session requiring other health boards to complete a background check every six years.

Dr. Sobelman announced that the Board's retreat will be held on December 5, 2014 at Loyola University, Columbia campus. The topic will be virtual psychology. The committee composed of Drs. Gormally, Morris, Sobelman, and Ms. McCargo-Redd, will meet telephonically on November 18 at 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Sobelman reported that starting in January 2015, the Board will once again implement the online Board member training offered by the Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR). Dr. Sobelman stated that he will facilitate the first session. It was also announced that the new board member training will be held November 17, 2014.

C. Reports

Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) - Dr. Morris and Ms. Smith reported on the ASPPB annual meeting held October 22 – 26, 2014 centered primarily on tele-health. They provided the following feedback. ASPPB presented their idea of forming a compact with states in order to allow psychologists to provide services across state lines; eighteen states were said to have regulations pertaining to behavior analysts; as of July 2014 the National Register and ASPPB no longer designate educational programs (the Board will need to address this change in the law) and current designated programs have four years to become approved by the American Psychological Association; and ASPPB would like to become the depository for licensing documents.

Citizens Advocacy Center (CAC) – Ms. McCargo-Redd reported that she attended the CAC meeting in October. The theme of the training was “*Effective Regulations through Collaboration.*” The sessions included collaboration between sister boards regarding disciplinary matters and collaboration with law enforcement.

D. Committee Reports

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

Operations – Ms. Rakes reported that the renewal period will commence on January 1, 2015.

Public Affairs – Ms. McCargo-Redd reminded the members that the deadline for articles to be included in the winter newsletter is December 1, 2014.

E. Public Comment

Dr. Killeen asked about the 2015 Board meeting schedule.

F. Closed 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 administrative session at 11:20 a.m., came at 2:00 p.m., and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven A. Sobelman, PhD
Chairperson