

# Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

## Open Board Meeting Minutes – November 6, 2015

The 607<sup>th</sup> Open Board Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by the Chairperson, Neal 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  
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.  
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member  
Rivka Olley, Ph.D.  
Harriett Rakes, Consumer Member

### **Staff Present:**

Lorraine Smith, MPH, Executive Director  
Sally Mitchell, Administrative Assistant  
Brett Felter, AAG, Board Counsel

### **Interpreters:**

Krystal Krpan and Crystal Kenney

### **Public:**

Shreya Patel Hessler, Psy.D. (MPA)  
Tali Shokek, Psy.D.  
Kristen Neville, DHMH

### **A. Minutes**

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on October 2, 2015 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 November 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 Delegate Resnick is planning to file a legislative Bill on teletherapy during the 2016 legislative session. The Bill will include the following:

- (1) Define teletherapy, specifically, mental health diagnosis and treatment; different from the practice of telemedicine.
- (2) Create general parameters around the activity of teletherapy, such as the technology used for teletherapy and accompanying concerns of security; privacy; emergency protocol; etc.

(3) Authorizing individuals that hold a Maryland license and demonstrated education and training requirements to practice teletherapy in Maryland.

The health Boards will be responsible for developing regulations to carry out the mandates. After some discussion it was decided that the topic of the Board's retreat in December would be developing telepsychology regulations. Ms. Smith stated that the retreat would be held at Turf Valley Conference Center.

### **C. Committee Reports**

*Telehealth subcommittee* – The telepsychology subcommittee generated a survey for the purpose of gathering information from licensees about their views on telepsychology. Since Delegate Resnick will be introducing legislation on teletherapy, it was decided that the survey as written was no longer needed. However, a survey that gathered information pertaining to the practice of telepsychology would be useful. Dr. Gornally and his committee members will work on revising the survey during the retreat.

*Licensing* - Dr. Berg-Cross reported that the committee continues to review psychologists and psychology associates applications.

*Operations* - Ms. Smith reported that license renewals would begin January 4, 2016. There are 1544 licensees up for renewal. Board members were reminded that their continuing education hours would be audited.

*Public Affairs* – Ms. McCargo-Redd reported that the committee is accepting articles for the spring newsletter.

*Disciplinary* – Drs. Leigh and Berg-Cross distributed draft forms to be used by ethics supervisors. The purpose of the forms is to enhance service delivery and reporting.

### **D. Public Comments**

Dr. Shokek asked the Board questions pertaining to the complaint process.

### **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. Unless recused, those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session. The Board entered into administrative session at 10:45 a.m., and came out at 1:05 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

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