

# Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

## Open Board Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2012

The 577<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Maryland State Board of Psychology 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, Ed.D, 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:**

Robert Cohen, MPA  
Georgia Royalty, MPA  
Sharon Bloom, DHMH

### **Interpreters**

Sandra Brown and Justine Garrett

#### **A. Minutes**

Open minutes of the meeting held on July 13, 2012 were reviewed and approved as submitted.

#### **B. Announcements**

*Executive Director* - Ms. Smith reported that of the 23 individuals that took the law exam on August 24, 2012, four (4) failed. The list of registrants for the September 28, 2012 exam was distributed and reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the list and authorize the Licensing Committee to approve others that may register to take the exam later.**

Ms. Smith distributed the annual report for FY 2012 and a copy of the legislative report due to the Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee and the Health and Government Operations Committee by October 1, 2012. Ms. Smith stated that the legislative report contained information pertaining to psychology associates and a five-year financial plan. Members were asked to review the documents and to provide comments by September 21, 2012.

**Chairperson** – Dr. Sobelman distributed a copy of the Board’s proposed legislative bill that will authorize the board to license psychology associates. He reported that the committee recommends exempting current psychology associates from the education requirements and taking a national examination only. Current psychology associates will need to meet all of the other requirements for licensure. The Board will need to develop and enact regulations before people can be licensed. It was suggested that the committee could now begin to develop regulations. October 1, 2013 is the tentative implementation date for the legislation. Following a discussion, **a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the bill.**

**C. Correspondence**

Dr. Sobelman read an inquiry asking if providing brainwave optimization services encroached on the practice of psychology. After discussion it was agreed that the individual would be sent the definition of the practice of psychology and informed that the Board of Physicians and Board of Professional Counselors would be notified of her inquiry.

**D. Committee Reports**

**Disciplinary** – Dr. Barnett reported the following, an announcement for mentors/supervisors was placed in the *Maryland Psychologists*; the committee developed guidelines for Board-Approved Ethics and Professional Practice Educators; created two model liaison reports for new board members; the committee is working on drafting letters to the public pertaining to complaint resolution; and the committee is planning to develop guidelines for board approved supervisors and psychotherapists. In addition, the committee recommended that letters to complainants reference the complaint process chart on the Board’s website.

**Licensing** – Dr. Brown reported that the committee met in September topics discussed included mobility, webinars/webcasts as continuing education, behavioral analyst, and exam questions. The committee will have a conference call with the Board counsel to discuss the interpretation of “online” continuing education. ASPPB was said to have developed new continuing education guidelines and the Board was encouraged to look at them. Dr. Morris will continue to follow the activities of behavioral analyst. The law exam will be changed to include the new test questions. In addition, the committee discussed allowing applicants to take the law exam independently online and the exam would be open book. After discussion, **a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the concept and develop the details.**

**E. Application for Licensure – Jennifer Cameron**

Dr. Cameron graduated from American University in the year 2000 with 1500 hours of internship and Maryland requires 1750. Dr. Cameron is credentialed as a Health Service Provider by the National Register and meets all of Maryland's other requirements for licensure. Dr. Cameron application for licensure will be reviewed by the licensing committee.

**E. Public Comment**

Dr. Cohen reported that Joshua Cohen, Ph.D. was recently elected president of the Maryland Psychological Association.

**F. Closed Session/Administrative Session/Adjournment**

**A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter into closed session at 11:25 a.m. to engage in medical review of confidential matters contained in the applications for Catherine Dempsey, Benjamin Nolan, and Carla Rhodes. The Board came out of closed session at 11:40 a.m.**

**A motion was then made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter into Administrative Session at 11:57 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 2:30 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven Sobelman, Ph.D.  
Chairperson