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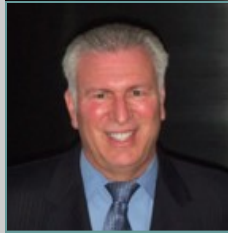
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Chair's Column

Steven A. Sobelman, Ph.D.



This is my last "Chair's Column" as I will be off the Board by the time this is published, June 30, 2015, *more on that in a moment.*

During fiscal year 2015, the Board had some personnel losses and gains. New appointments to the Board include, Dr. Cyndie Buckson and Dr. Linda Berg-Cross who replaced outgoing Board members Dr. Myra Waters and Dr. Jeff Barnett. Additionally, Linda Bethman, (Assistant AG) accepted a full time position with the Pharmacy Board and Brett Felter, (Assistant AG) became the Board's legal counsel. On a personal note, I have missed working with Myra and Jeff, yet I am liking the experience of working with Cyndie and Linda these past months. As for Linda Bethman, she is a "one of a kind" and provided a strong and stable legal voice for all of us on the Board. Yet, with that being said, I know that Brett will continue the tradition of guiding the Board with a whole host of legal challenges and I already enjoy working with him. Brett is no stranger to the Psychology Board as he worked part-time with us for a number of years.

Last year, the Board re-introduced legislation that created a new statute for the registering of Psychology Associates. The Board worked with the MPA leadership to improve upon the previously submitted legislation and the bill passed with the provision that final regulations would be promulgated by the Board. Over the past year, the Board went through the process of creating regulations for registering Psychology Associates. At this writing, the 30-day comment period has concluded and the Board has responded to the public comments that were received.

The creation of new law is sometimes a slow and tedious process, but is necessary in order to make sure the law reads correctly rather than having to go through another legislative process to make changes.

As a quick summary, the current Statute and associated regulations provide for:

- An application process to become a Registered Psychology Associate;
- Supervision for registered psychology associates by a licensed psychologist;
- Continuing Education for registered psychology associates for license renewal; and,
- Adherence to ethical and professional standards of practice by all registered psychology associates and disciplinary fines for violations.

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Each year the Board has a retreat in December. The retreat is open to the public and over the past years the Board has developed themes or topics for the Retreat, which recently has included topics like Psychology Associate Licensing, License Mobility, and Telepsychology. The public is invited to the Retreats and representatives from the Maryland Psychological Association usually attend and ideas are discussed in a collegial manner.

This past fiscal year the Board decided to revisit the Telepsychology topic as it is part of the national discussion among psychology Boards and professional associations. Former Governor O'Malley signed into law, four (4) telemedicine bills:

- SB 496, introduced by Senator Catherine Pugh (D-40,) requires the state-wide coverage of certain telemedicine provided services under the state Medicaid program. The services allowed for reimbursement under this new law are cardiovascular and stroke treatment, emergent care. Telemedicine-provided services are also reimbursable when an appropriate specialist is not available;
- SB 776 establishes a taskforce on the use of telehealth in Maryland;
- HB 934 requires the Commission on Maryland Cybersecurity Innovation & Excellence to study how telemedicine can be used to reduce health care disparities and address primary care and specialty care provider shortages across the continuum of care; and
- SB 798 gives hospitals the authority to rely upon the credentialing and privileging decisions of a physician made by the distant-site hospital or telemedicine entity.

The existing definition, found at Md. Code Ann., Insurance §15-139(a)(1), provides that telemedicine means: as it relates to the delivery of health care services, the use of interactive audio, video, or other telecommunications or electronic technology by a licensed health care provider to deliver a health care service within the scope of practice of the health care provider at a site other than the site at which the patient is located. Under Md. Code Ann., Insurance §15-139(a)(2), telemedicine does not include: (i) an audio-only telephone conversation between a health care provider and a patient; (ii) an electronic mail message between a health care provider and a patient; or (iii) a facsimile transmission between a health care provider and a patient.

Telepsychology is a reality. The Board (and I'm sure MPA) will continue to monitor developments in this area. Certain professional groups have already proposed guidelines and encouraged psychologists to strongly consider a national legislative effort. And now for some personal reflections –

2015 OPEN BOARD MEETING DATES

July 10, Sept. 11, Oct. 2, Nov. 6.

Open meetings begin at 9:00 am

New Continuing Education Regulations for Peer Consultation Groups - 10.36.02.05-1

As of July 1, 2015 Continuing Education hours can be acquired for **Peer Consultation Groups** as long as the following regulatory requirements are met.

“Peer consultation group” means a group of psychologists that meets in person, in a structured and organized manner, and discusses the clinical practice of psychology in order to broaden professional knowledge and expertise.

- A. A psychologist may earn CE credit for participation in a peer consultation group.
- B. A peer consultation group shall:
 - (1) Meet to discuss the clinical practice of psychology;
 - (2) Assign a recording secretary to keep attendance and record a brief summary of what was discussed at the meeting;
 - (3) Meet for no less than 1 hour for every session; and
 - (4) Consist of no fewer than three psychologists and no more than six psychologists.
- C. The recording secretary:
 - (1) Shall provide a copy of the meeting summary to each psychologist in attendance and keep a copy in a file maintained by the recording secretary;
 - (2) Shall complete, sign, and provide to each psychologist member a certificate at the end of the reporting period that verifies attendance and specifies the number of hours the psychologist participated in the peer consultation group;
 - (3) Shall ensure that another peer consultation group participant act as a substitute recording secretary at any group meeting at which the recording secretary is absent; and
 - (4) May be a role fulfilled by different psychologist participants during the life of the peer consultation group.
- D. A psychologist participating in a peer consultation group:
 - (1) Shall provide the certificate of attendance to the Board at the time of renewal to verify participation in the peer consultation group;
 - (2) Shall provide copies of the meeting summaries to the Board in the event of a CE audit;
 - (3) Shall only receive CE credit for hours of peer consultation group meetings actually attended; and
 - (4) May participate in more than one peer consultation group, in which case hours of participation in all peer consultation groups shall be added together to calculate CE credit.
- E. CE hours for participating in a peer consultation group may be earned as follows:
 - (1) One CE hour for 7 to 13 hours of participation in a peer consultation group during the reporting period;
 - (2) Two CE hours for 14 to 20 hours of participation in a peer consultation group during the reporting period;
 - (3) Three CE hours for 21 to 27 hours of participation in a peer consultation group during the reporting period; and
 - (4) Four CE hours for 28 or more hours of participation in a peer consultation group during the reporting period.
- F. Extra hours of participation in a peer consultation group may not be carried over to the next reporting period for CE credit.

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It has been my pleasure to have served on the Board for almost two terms and served as Board Chair for four (4) years and vice chair for one (1). For smiles, I just re-read my first Chair's column from 2011 and in the first paragraph, I was talking about bridge-building and how the Board and MPA can work side-by-side to protect the citizens of Maryland, which is the Board's mission. At the time, I was worrying about how others might perceive someone (me) who became a Board member and wrote,

The sense I was getting and quite frankly had heard from others is that once someone became a member of the Board of Examiners, that person moved over to the "dark side" and morphed into this seemingly anti-psychologist, anti-MPA, anti-being reasonable and rationale person whose sole mission was to hunt down those unethical and unprofessional psychologists who strayed from practicing within ethical and professional standards and boundaries.

Having been an MPA President and now Board Chair, I think I have a unique perspective and feel quite comfortable in stating that there is no "dark side" to being on the Board. There is no anti-psychology or anti-psychologist and certainly no anti-MPA attitude that I've ever felt from the Board. To the contrary, I've enjoyed the professional relationship with my colleagues to a far greater degree than when I was just an MPA member. I have a deeper appreciation for all the good work that psychologists in Maryland provide to the citizens of Maryland in order to create a safe environment for those we serve when they use our services.

I'm a bit of a "policy wonk" so being a Board member and being involved in Board policy and legislative issues was right up my alley. The opportunity for change comes with a great sense of responsibility. With that being said, I'm proud that as the Board Chair we've accomplished the following legislative efforts:

- 1) The Board initiated legislation that was passed and now allows qualified individuals to sit for licensure after the completion of the doctoral degree. As a result, the Board created new applications for applicants for licensure as a psychologist in Maryland. (10.36.01.04)
 - a. Implemented two licensure applications
 - i. Practice Oriented Programs
 - ii. Non Practice Oriented Programs
- 2) Child Custody Evaluations in Family Law Proceedings Authority: Health Occupations Article, §18-206, Annotated Code of Maryland (10.36.09)
- 3) 3) Online Jurisprudence Examination
- 4) Application Required for Licensure (Criminal Background Check) (COMAR 10.36.01.02B)
- 5) Disciplinary Sanctions and Monetary Penalties Authority: Health Occupations Article, §1-606, 18-313, and 18-313.1, Annotated Code of Maryland (COMAR 10.36.08)
- 6) License renewal notification either by mail or now by email (§ 18-309)
- 7) Changes in CEs
 - a. Increased the number of CEs to 20 hours for independent study
 - b. **Credit allowed for "business of practice" workshops or seminars.**
 - c. Mandated three hours of multicultural education, broadly defined as diversity with respect to culture, ethnicity, country of origin, gender, aging, etc.
 - d. Revision of regulations as to who can sponsor CE activities – largely following APA guidelines, to ensure high quality offerings of maximum benefit to the public.
 - e. Up to 15 hours credit for developing a new graduate course in psychology.
 - CEs for peer consultation C
 - g. Clarified wording for online courses (real-time, in-person)
- 8) Registering of Psychology Associates (the promulgation of regulations are completed)

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Newly Licensed Psychologists

March 2014

Ellen G. Connell, Psy.D.
Julia W. Felton, Ph.D.
Melee K. Pal, Psy.D.

April 2014

Alexandra J. Bodden, Psy.D.
Allison Beth Friedman, Psy.D.
Ricky Greenwald, Psy.D.
Michael P. Malone, Psy.D.
Mohamed G.K. Mansaray, Psy.D.
Nausheen Momen, Ph.D.
Megan E. Sipes, Ph.D.
Amanda Mason Trent, Psy.D.
Michael J. Uh, Ph.D.
Carrington R. Wendell, Ph.D.
Tashya Ekechukwu Wilson, Psy.D.

May 2014

Julie Ann Buddensick, Psy.D.
Nicole L. Cammack, Ph.D.
Miles Diller, Ph.D. (Relicensed)
Juliet M. Francis, Psy.D.
Ronald Grace, Psy.D.
Joshua Mark Kefer, Psy.D.
Marquerite Laban, Ph.D.
Shelley M. McDermott, Ph.D.
Kenneth David Oxley, Psy.D.
Jodi M. Pendroy, Psy.D.
Melanie P. Ricaurte, Psy.D.
Rebecca L. Schacht, Ph.D.
Thomas Raymond Theriault, Psy.D.

June 2014

Kelly R. Araujo, Psy.D.
Lindsay A. Borden, Ph.D.
Wesley R. Bowman, Ph.D.
Justine A. Bradshaw, Psy.D.
Christina C. Downing, Psy.D.
Andrea Megan Kamath, Psy.D.
Erica Lee, Psy.D.
Michael S. Leibow, Psy.D.
Lucy R. Leibowitz, Ph.D.
Sara M. Lippa, Ph.D.
Jill Elizabeth Megaro, Psy.D.
LaRay Imani Price, Ph.D.
Sarah Violette Schaffer, Psy.D.
Bradley Schwimmer, Psy.D.
Nathan Sharer, Psy.D.
Damon A. Silas, Psy.D.
Rebecca A. Silver, Ph.D.
Kari Struempfler, Ph.D.

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And there was a host of other pieces of legislation that the Board supported or did not. Board members appeared in Annapolis to voice and represent the Board's position.

By being a member of the Board of Examiners, it is very possible to "make a positive difference" in the lives of the citizens of Maryland. For me, this was probably the most gratifying experience.

Most people think that the bulk of the Board's work is associated with dealing with complaints. Sometimes this is true, but the Board is also involved in a host of other activities, which include: 1) licensing psychologists and registering psychology associates, 2) renewing licenses, 3) reviewing continuing education, 4) promulgating regulations, 5) interpreting the scope of practice, 6) educating licensees and registrants, and 7) investigating & responding to complaints.

If you're thinking that you'd like to "make a difference" and get involved in the Board's activities, I would encourage you to consider applying.

So, as I reflect on my years on the Board, I'm left with a sense of contentment and real satisfaction by having the privilege to work **with** a group of dedicated psychologists and consumer members who volunteer a great deal of time and energy to their appointed position. It was always very collegial, even when we didn't agree. For me, this is one of the most meaningful and gratifying experience in being on the Board. Working as a team member with such a great group of colleagues has me at a loss for words.

I'd certainly be remiss if I didn't let you know about the staff. Yes, the Board has a great professional staff, who, under the leadership and guidance of the Executive Director, Lorraine Smith, provide support to all of us on the Board. And, I've learned a ton of information about many of the legal issues that confront Boards such as ours from the Board's former legal counsel, Linda Bethman, Assistant States Attorney and the current legal counsel, Brett Felter, Assistant States Attorney. So thank you Lorraine, Dot, Sally, Pat, Linda, and Brett.

In closing, it was my initial hope to keep a bridge between the MPA and the Board as one that would remain open and strong for two-way passage between professional psychologists, professional organizations within the profession, and to those they serve. I think that was accomplished. And for that, I believe the citizens of Maryland are just a bit better protected and the practice of psychology in Maryland is more secure. Again, thank you for the privilege to serve you and spend time with wonderful colleagues.

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NEWS FLASH

Registration of Psychology Associates

The Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists (the Board) is in the process of implementing the legislative law that allows the Board to Register Psychology Associates. The following are procedures that have been established and communicated to Psychology Associates and the Psychology Associate supervisors.

Current Psychology Associates

- The Board will begin to accept applications from Psychology Associates (PAs) to become registered starting September 15, 2015.
- PAs whose exemption status will **expire in June, July, August, or September** 2015 have been extended to October 12, 2015. Since applicants for a registration are required to undergo a criminal history check, a registration application must be filed with the Board on or shortly after September 15, 2015 to ensure that the Board receives the results of the history check before October 12, 2015.
- PAs whose exemption status will expire **after September** must submit an application to become a registered Psychology Associate at least one month before their exemption status expires.
- The Maryland jurisprudence examination is waived for current PAs only.
- Current PAs are required to undergo a criminal history background check.

Supervisors

- PA supervisors who renewed their license in 2015 must have three (3) hours of continuing education hours in supervision by their 2017 renewal date.
- PA supervisors who renew their license in 2016 must have three (3) hours of continuing education hours in supervision by their 2018 renewal date.
- Three continuing education hours in supervision is required during each reporting period.

Registration application will be posted on the Board's website at www.dmh.maryland.gov/psych on September 15, 2015. You may call the Board's office at 410-764-4787 if you have specific questions.

Newly Licensed Psychologists

July 2014

Daniel Scott Isenberg, Ph.D.
 Aaron M. Martin, Ph.D.
 Alexis Melissa Melville, Psy.D.
 Julie Michael, Ph.D.
 Malynn Mignone, Psy.D.
 Elizabeth S. Monk, Psy.D.
 Erica Moran Etter, Ph.D.
 David G. Neale-Lorello, Ph.D.
 Amber Elaine Quigley Norwood, Ph.D.
 Rachael Plotkin, Ph.D.
 Shruti P. Rane, Ph.D.
 Michael Segal, Psy.D.
 Emma E. Sholtis, Psy.D.
 Sarah Horsey Simpson, Ph.D.
 Holly Michele VanderWalde, Ph.D.
 Onna R. VanOrden, Ph.D.
 R. Stephen Waters, Psy.D.
 Rebecca Yount, Psy.D.

August 2014

Jessie Alfin, Psy.D.
 Amanda N. Artese, Psy.D.
 Danielle Marie Baran, Ph.D.
 Leah M. Blain, Ph.D.
 Jill Haak Bohnenkamp, Ph.D.
 Jennifer Helene Bozenski, Psy.D.
 Renee B. Carr, Psy.D.
 Lindsay J. Cirincione, Psy.D.
 Howard E. Crumpton, Ph.D.
 Colleen Cummings, Ph.D.
 Chenere I. Evans, Psy.D.
 Irena Morin Fedorovsky, Psy.D.
 Rachel L. Freed, Psy.D.
 Susan G. Goldberg, Ph.D.
 Yael Elena Granader, Ph.D.
 Carly Hoffend, Ph.D.
 Julia Katherine Penwell Hughes, Psy.D.
 Nichole R. Kelly, Ph.D.
 Sandra J. Llera, Ph.D.
 Lauren E. Patton, Psy.D.
 John P. Pistello, Psy.D.
 Alexis Ann Pittenger, Psy.D.
 Aaron Matthew Ramirez, Psy.D.
 Danielle M. Eason Ransom, Psy.D.
 Allison B. Ratto, Ph.D.
 Nancy Holzman Roffman, Psy.D.
 Rachel E. Schmidt, Psy.D.
 Jessica Winkles, Ph.D.
 Kendel M. Wylie-Pugh, Psy.D.
 Aditi Vijay, Ph.D.

Newly Licensed Psychologists

September 2014

Steve Adelmeyer, Psy.D.
Lara E. Conrad, Ph.D.
Stacy Coyle, Psy.D.
Jennifer Cunningham, Ph.D.
Christine DeGraff, Psy.D.
Aila K. Dommestrup, Ph.D.
Tashna Marie Felix, Psy.D.
Patricia Michelle Jones, Psy.D.
Ann E. Kimball, Psy.D.
Alison Kozlowski, Ph.D.
Amanda L. Lannie, Ph.D.
Matthew Malouf, Ph.D.
Theodore Morgan Nnaji, Psy.D.
Alex J. Rodrigues, Psy.D.
Lindsay Alyse Scharfstein, Ph.D.
Nina D. Shiffrin, Ph.D.
Emily A. Silverman, Ph.D.
Jamie L. Spohn, Ph.D.
Leah E. Squires, Ph.D.
Wendy E. Sulc, Ph.D.
Michael A. Turnbull, Ph.D.
Lauren F. Williams, Psy.D.
Kristen L. Wenrich, Psy.D.
Maya M. Zayat, Psy.D.

October 2014

Loredana McCarty, Psy.D.

November 2014

Carol J. Andreassen, Ph.D.
Heather S. Diamond-Fisch, Psy.D.
Jill Wilen Garfinkle, Psy.D.
Rebecca Gloria, Ph.D.
Kathleen R. Toellner, Psy.D.

January 2015

Justin O. Anderson, Psy.D.
Jessica Lyn Benler, Psy.D.
Michael Bombardier, Ph.D.
Elisabeth A. Carlin, Ph.D.
Ronald J. Dahl, Ph.D.
Mollie S. Dee, Psy.D.
Karen P. Egan, Ph.D.
Michelle L. Friedman, Ph.D.
Lenka C. Glassman, Psy.D.
Maria R. Gutierrez, Ph.D.
Natalie A. Gwin, Psy.D.
James Heck, Ph.D.

January 2015

Jennifer Heidler-Gary, Psy.D.
Todd Richard Hiller, Ph.D.
Stella Hongola, Psy.D.
Leila Z. Islam, Ph.D.
Stacy Robyn Johnson, Ph.D.
Summer Lane, Ph.D.
Tamara L. Levin, Psy.D.
Debra Lynn Malfi, Ph.D.
Hilary D. Mandzik, Psy.D.
Rosemary D. Nicolosi, Psy.D.
Danielle Marie Pecherski, Psy.D.
Margaret Rose Perry, Psy.D.
Lindsey Lee Ross-Bailey, Ph.D.
Alexia D. Rothman, Ph.D.
Loreen Rugle, Ph.D.
Mi-Young Ryee, Ph.D.
Christina Elisa Sadak, Ph.D.
Arthur R. Sandt, IV, Ph.D.
Arielle G. Shugoll, Psy.D.
Michelle Alexandra Siegel, Psy.D.
Elizabeth Gayle Smith, Ph.D.
Melissa N. Smith, Ph.D.
Sarah Staley, Ph.D.
Krystal L. Stanley, Ph.D.
Lisa Wendy Strauch, Psy.D.
Rebecca L. Vivrette, Ph.D.
Lynn Wiljanen, Ph.D.
David Alexander Yood, Psy.D.
Rupa P. Zimmerman, Ph.D.
Deborah M. Zlotnik, Ph.D.

February 2015

Ariella Abraham, Psy.D.
Erin M. Adamitis, Psy.D.
Adrienne Anderson, Ph.D.
Sonya R. Clyburn, Psy.D.
Peter J. Ellsworth, Ph.D.
Stephanie G. Park, Ph.D.
Daniel Khairi Phillip, Psy.D.
Ashley Miller Ryan, Ph.D.
Nicole E. Schechter, Psy.D.
Angelica Shiels, Psy.D.
DeVon R. Stokes, Ph.D.

March 2015

Micah S. Brosbe, Ph.D.
Leigh Ann Carter, Psy.D.
Lucy Bategeeza Ddungu, Psy.D.
Matthew E. FitzGerald, Psy.D.
Rebecca E. Gras, Psy.D.
Megan Hosey Mastalerz, Ph.D.

March 2015

Elizabeth Malouf, Ph.D.

April 2015

Jill Berger, Ph.D.
Margaret Julie Farrell, Psy.D.
Michael G. Foertsch, Psy.D.
Antonia J. Girard, Psy.D.
Philip Gloninger, Psy.D.
Sabrina J. Krum, Psy.D.
Salya Namazi, Ph.D.
B. Tova Rubin, Ph.D.
Jennifer M. Serico, Ph.D.
Faith M. Sproul, Ph.D.
Rebecca H. Strauss, Psy.D.

May 2015

Octaviana Imelda Prima Hemmy
Asamsama, Psy.D.
Timothy B. Billings, Ph.D.
Karishma Chengappa, Ph.D.
Thomas G. DiPaola, Psy.D.
Jane Fisher, Psy.D.
Meghan A. Geary, Ph.D.
Kenneth W. Gilstein, Ph.D.
Lisa W. Hill, Psy.D.
Christine L. Martin, Ph.D.
Shawna M. Mowrer, Psy.D.
Carla Drusilla Rhodes, Psy.D.
David G. Songy, Psy.D.

June 2015

Nicole Marie Campbell, Ph.D.
Douglas M. Girard, Psy.D.
Kristin L. Hunt, Ph.D.
Marissa Kaplan, Psy.D.
Erin E. McCurdy, Ph.D.
Robert W. Nagle, Psy.D.
John A. Nelson, Psy.D.
Kristen Lane Sprout, Psy.D.
Deborah A. Williams, Psy.D.
Robert Joshua Wingfield, Ph.D.
Stephanie S. Wolf, Ph.D.
Laura Dover Wandner, Ph.D.
Jennifer L. Wright, Psy.D.

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Ethics Trainer, Peer Supervisor, and Competency Expert: We NEED You!!

The Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists maintains a list that includes names of individuals qualified to serve as ethics trainers, peer supervisors, and competency experts in specific areas relevant to psychology. We urgently need to update this list and are actively recruiting psychologists who are qualified to serve. Here we describe what are the expectations for each category:

Ethics tutorial trainer: From time to time, we refer to a psychologist to provide an ethics tutorial. This is used as a remedy to fill in gaps in a licensee's understanding of laws, standards, and regulations. The licensee is responsible for costs associated with this ethics tutorial provided by the ethics tutorial trainer.

Peer Supervisor: There is a need for psychologists to provide supervision to licensed psychologists. Peer supervisors are often used to provide guidance in cases involving standard of care issues. The licensed psychologist being supervised is responsible for costs associated with peer supervision.

Competency Expert: Competency experts are used in judicial proceedings and submit expert reports and testimony at hearings. The Board will provide compensation for expert services provided.

In order to serve in one of these roles, the psychologist must have an active license in good standing for a minimum of 5 years with no history of adverse disciplinary actions. The Board reserves the right to limit the number of applicants approved. The Board will provide relevant orientation for those applicants whose credentials are approved by the Board. The application form for these roles can be retrieved from the Board's website at <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/psych/pdf/ethicstrainerpeersupervisorandespertapplication.pdf>

By applying for one of these roles, you will be providing a significant service to the State of Maryland. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Maryland Responds Program

The MD Responds Program is the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) for the State of Maryland. The MRC is a Nation-wide network of volunteer programs, who respond to local emergencies and ongoing public health efforts. MD Responds, previously known as the Maryland Professional Volunteer Corps, is administered by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH), Office of Preparedness and Response (OPR).

To become a MD Responds volunteer, visit <https://mdresponds.dhmh.maryland.gov/>, and click the "**Register Now**" button.



Meet the New Board Member Cyndie M. Buckson, Psy.D.

Dr. Buckson is formally trained in the areas of cultural competence and forensic mental health. Her pre and post-doctoral trainings were completed at Boston City Hospital Center for Multicultural Training in Psychology and the University of Massachusetts' Forensic Training and Research - Law and Psychiatry Program, respectively. Dr. Buckson became the first African American woman to receive appointment as a Designated Forensic Psychologist by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services. Across multiple jurisdictions, Dr. Buckson has been extensively called upon as an Expert Witness in various forensic related legal proceedings and she previously served as both an Expert Consultant Trainer and Expert Forensic Evaluator (of forensic psychiatric hospital programs) for the United States Department of Justice relative to Civil Rights for Institutional Persons Act investigations.

In addition to having served on the APA Ethics Committee, Dr. Buckson previously served on the APA Board of Director's Standing Hearing Panel, and as a Supervisor/ Preceptor/Expert for the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists. While serving on the APA Ethics Committee, Dr. Buckson was involved in the 2010 Amendment of the Ethics Code. She was also a Committee reviewer for the revisions of the Specialty Guidelines for Forensic Psychology and the Guidelines for Psychological Evaluation in Child Protection Matters. In addition, Dr. Buckson participated in the development of the Maryland Child Custody Evaluation Regulations for Psychologists. Dr. Buckson provides ongoing clinical and forensic consultation within the child welfare system and in matters concerning child custody/parental capacity/parenting coordination, adult competency to stand trial, and asylum evaluations.

2014 Annual Complaint Report

Total # of Complaints received involving licensed and unlicensed activities	34
Complaints resolved	20
Disciplinary actions taken against licensees, or other actions taken against non-licensees	5
Licenses suspended or revoked	0

Public Orders

- Buehler, Scott – LN: 02691 - 5/17/2014
- Donnelly, Leslie – LN: 03248 - 8/7/2014
- Marcy, Carol – LN:02005 - 03/7/2014
- Stokes, Devon – LN: 05437 - 07/11/2014
- Wise, Matthew – LN: 04448 - 3/25/2014



Meet the New Board Member Linda Berg-Cross, Ph.D.

Linda Berg-Cross is a Professor of Psychology at Howard University. Dr. Berg-Cross received her Ph.D. in 1974 from Teacher's College/Columbia University. She is licensed in Maryland and the District of Columbia and sees families, couples and individuals in her part-time private practice. She is board certified in clinical psychology (ABPP) and behavioral sleep medicine (AASM). Her research focuses on how family dynamics interact with sleep dynamics. Linda lives in Potomac, Maryland with her husband Gary. Favorite activities include long walks, reading, ikebana, grand-parenting, and traveling.



DHHM Secretary Van Mitchel, Ms. Sally Mitchell

**Congratulations to Staff Member Sally Mitchell
DHHM 2015 Customer Service Award**

IT'S THE LAW

LICENSEES OR REGISTRANTS MUST NOTIFY THE BOARD IN WRITING OF ANY CHANGE IN THE LICENSEE'S OR REGISTRANT'S ADDRESS OR ELECTRONIC MAIL ADDRESS **WITHIN 30 DAYS** AFTER THE CHANGE OCCURS.

ADDRESS, EMAIL & NAME CHANGE

Please notify the Board of any changes to your contact information. On-line at www.dhmh.maryland.gov/psych or by contacting Sally at sally.mitchell@maryland.gov

MEET THE BOARD

Steven A. Sobelman, Ph.D. — Chair
Neal Morris, Ed.D., MS, CBSM, ABPP - Vice Chair
Christopher L. Bishop, Psy.D.
Cyndie Buckson, Psy.D.
Linda Berg-Cross—Ph.D.
James F. Gormally, Ph.D., ABPP
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Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member
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