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Chair's Column	1, 2	<p style="text-align: center;">Chair's Column</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cyndie M. Buckson, PsyD.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Happy Spring!</p> <p>It is my pleasure and privilege to write to you as the Chair of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists (the Board) where I served as a member for three (3) years prior to being elected Chair. Before I joined the Board, I consulted on behalf of the Board as both an Ethics Tutorial Trainer and Competency Expert. As a Trainer, I provided structured ethics tutorials that were tailored to the needs of the licensee based upon the nature of the violation and demonstrated knowledge gaps pertaining to the ethical practice of psychology. As a Board Expert, I was tasked to review complaints and to analyze fact patterns relative to Maryland laws, regulations, and ethical standards governing the practice of psychology. In each of these roles, including that of Board member and Chair, it has been my observation that consumers, other involved collateral providers, and representatives of the court, have become increasingly knowledgeable about the regulatory, legal, and ethical standards that serve in some measure as indicators of competent practice. It is also my observation that this seems to be especially true in the particularly complex and high stakes arena of forensic practice and child custody litigation, specifically. Even so, professional competence in any area within professional psychological practice calls for foundational and functional psychological knowledge and dictates the need for, in part, the effective integration of both the general and area-specific practice standards established via the laws, state regulations, ethical requirements, and arguably, relevant practice guidelines.</p> <p>While we are each individually responsible for the ethical and competent delivery of care and service to the public, the Board also recognizes its need to periodically engage in a process of self-reflection and examination to ensure the competent execution of its duties on behalf of the public, its licensees, and associates.</p> <p>To this end, rather than hosting its customary annual retreat, the Board took the road less traveled this winter and opted to participate in an in-house training that was established to support the work of the Board in key areas. Thus, in December, the Board gathered for a day of training that focused attention upon the topic of Competence. Against the backdrop of the Board's mission to ensure public safety, Competence and its determinants at foundational and functional levels, as well as in the specialized practice area of child custody evaluations, served as springboards into rich discussions. Considerations concerning the various definitions of competency and standards, how they are measured, as well as how continued competency is ensured as established by accredited graduate school psychology programs, licensing bodies, and professional boards and related entities. <i>Continued on page 2</i></p>
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Additionally, because the area of forensic practice carries with it a greater than average degree of risk (trust, ethics and the law; complications in communication with clinical and forensic clients, continuing education training), specific factors that bear upon the understanding and application of definitions, requisite specialized knowledge of relevant laws and evidentiary standards that pertain to testing, and the role of relevant empirical research and professional guidelines in determinations of competent forensic practice in child custody evaluations were also given attention.

The direction of Board members' discussions resulted in contemplation of the Board's role and method for ensuring the provision of clearly articulated competence standards for all licensees and associates and specifically for those practicing within the arena of forensic/child custody litigation. To this end, the Board has established internal work group initiatives to assess these areas.

Stay tuned for future updates!

PROPOSED 2018 LEGISLATIVE BILLS OF INTEREST

SB 1028 - Health Occupations - Conversion Therapy for Minors - Prohibition (Youth Mental Health Protection Act)

The Bill "prohibits certain mental health or child care practitioners from engaging in conversion therapy with individuals who are minors; providing that a certain mental health or child care practitioner who engages in conversion therapy with a minor shall be considered to have engaged in unprofessional conduct subject to disciplinary action; defining "conversion therapy" as a practice or treatment by a mental health or child care practitioner that seeks to change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity". You may read the entire bill at www.mgaleg.maryland.gov

NEW 2018 REGULATIONS

MOBILITY (Abbreviated Application) - The new mobility regulation establishes an expedited licensure process for psychologists who hold an active license to practice psychology in good standing in another state and is certified by the American Board of Professional Psychology or credentialed as a Health Service Psychologist by the National Register of Health Service Psychologists may apply for licensure with the Board using an abbreviated application. Full regulations can be found in COMAR 10.36.01.02 L.

CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK – The new regulations requires licensees that did not submit to a criminal history records check upon initial licensure with the Board submit to a criminal history records check upon the licensee’s first renewal after January 1, 2019. The regulations also require that every 6 years following the initial submission of a criminal history records check, a licensee applying for renewal shall submit to a criminal history records check. Full regulations can be found in COMAR 10.36.01.08 A, 6, 7.

Note - Information obtained in background checks including identifying information (name, licensee number/registration address, etc.) is confidential and is not routinely shared with board members. However, if a background check suggests that a violation of the practice act has occurred identifying information may be revealed to board members.

TELEPSYCHOLOGY - The new regulations require that an individual be licensed with the Maryland Board as a psychologist or registered with the Board as a psychology associate in order to provide psychological services using telepsychology to a client that is physically located in Maryland. Standards of practice for telepsychology for licensed psychologists and registered psychology associates are also established. Full regulations can be found in COMAR 10.36.10.

2018 OPEN BOARD MEETING DATES

May 4, June 1, June 29, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2.

Open meetings begin at 9:00 am

Thoughts on Wrapping up Your Practice

James F. Gormally, Ph.D., ABPP

Psychologists are practicing, even full-time, well beyond when Social Security benefits could be taken. In fact, 42% of psychologists who are age 65+ are working full-time compared to 25% of the general population of US senior citizens. Much professional wisdom can be gained with years of experience, and that can lead to a very satisfying work experience. However, we all have our “bucket-lists”, including travel, hobbies, and spending more time with the grands. And of course, there are other reasons besides aging that would lead to wrapping up your practice: a move, infirmity or a career change.

This article briefly describes some issues to consider when you decide to close your psychological practice. Since most licensed psychologists in Maryland run a solo practice, it is particularly important to plan so that the proverbial “ducks are in a row.” The business side of ending a practice (e.g. referral sources, contracts, selling the practice, leases) is important, but will not be discussed as it is beyond the scope of this article. Legal issues (such as how to wrap up a practice that is incorporated) would involve a consultation with an attorney. And, if the practice involves third-party payers, there may be procedures to follow, but that will not be discussed here.

It is obvious, I am sure, that sudden incapacity or death is quite a different situation than moving or retirement. More and more psychologists are using professional wills that enable the executor of the will to help in the process of wrapping up, if you are no longer living. See the Spring-Summer 2017 BOE newsletter for more detail on professional wills. <https://health.maryland.gov/psych/Pages/newsletters.aspx>

- 1) Think through the issues about records (e.g. who will keep your records? where will the records be kept?). There are Maryland regulations for record retention and the destruction of records. See §4-403 entitled “Destruction of medical records”, especially (b) and (c). Page 173 (yellow book) specifies 5 years for adult records for record retention. For minors, it is 3 years after reaching the age of majority, or 5 years after the record was made, whichever is later. Note there are exceptions to the regulation for minors that are specified in this section. In this same section, [see subsection (e)] there are regulations to follow after the license is surrendered or the practice is discontinued due to death. Before records are destroyed or transferred, notice needs to be given to the BOE of Psychology, **or** a notice published in a daily newspaper for 2 consecutive weeks. Also note that the APA guideline for record retention is to keep records for 7 years after the last date of service. But this guideline clearly specifies this standard applies **in the absence of State regulations**.
- 2) Consider whether to put your license on an inactive status, if you are unsure about your future plans.
- 3) The end of a therapeutic relationship with a patient can be a complicated issue, as you well know. Depending on your situation, consider the use of a consultation with a trusted colleague. The purpose of the consultation would be to clarify your thoughts and feelings about ending the relationship. This will help you prepare for the range of reactions to your decision to end the practice, including understandable feelings of loss. You also need to give thought to how you will handle contacts from former patients after you have terminated treatment, since that is likely to happen.
- 4) There is literature on the termination of a therapy relationship in an ethical manner. Give some thought to deciding how much advance notice to give to patients. Four months? Six months? Longer? Decisions need to be made about referrals, which is likely to vary from patient to patient. *Cont. on page 5.*

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- 5) Consider contacting other professionals who might be involved in your patients life (e.g.MD's, attorneys)
- 6) Make a note in your records about how the patient was informed, names of professionals contacted, referrals given, and releases for the transfer of records.
- 7) Consult your malpractice carrier (e.g. learn about a "tail" for your coverage if you are retiring).

And the "bottom line" for those who are retiring...give some thought to your adjustment to a major change in your life. To quote one of my colleagues, Dr. Allan Leventhal.."There are easily identifiable gains from retirement, but there are significant losses that need to be anticipated, not all of them obvious. Planning needs to take place for what will be done to replace that stimulation or to find such a reinforcing replacement."

APAIT has a webinar on retirement <https://www.trustinsurance.com/Risk-Management/Online-Webinars>

**This article describes the authors thoughts and should not be taken as official BOE policy nor is it legal advice.*

RECRUITMENT FOR EXPERTS

The Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists is recruiting for Experts in the area of forensic, child custody or standards of care. Competency experts are used in judicial proceedings and submit expert reports and testimony at hearings. The Board will provide compensation for expert services provided. If you have the training and skills in one of the specialties and are interested in assisting the Board in its mission to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public, we invite you to complete the application that can be found on the Board's website at <https://health.maryland.gov/psych/pdfs/expertapplication.pdf>. In order to serve the psychologist must have an active license in good standing for a minimum of 5 years with no history of adverse disciplinary actions.

We look forward to hearing from you.

CONGRADULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT!

Wishing you a Retirement that lifts you to new heights of happiness!

Thank you for your service!

2018 Retirees

Robert W. Balentine, Ph.D.

Karen I. Bolla, Ph.D.

Beverly K. Celotta, Ph.D.

Barbara Ensor, Ph.D.

Susan Fishbein, Psy.D.

Pamela P. Griffin-Smith, Psy.D.

Sabine Himmelfarb, Ph.D.

Natalia M. Hoenigmann-Lion, Ph.D.

Susan P. Riordan, Ph.D.

Jerome Rubin, Ph.D.

Joan M. Starr, Ph.D.

Susan Straus, Ph.D.

2017 Retirees

Carla H. Clavelle, Ph.D.

Henry Holt Emurian, Ph.D.

C. David Haltiwanger, Ph.D.

Anthony L. Hill, Ph.D.

Sandra G. Rosswork, Ph.D.

Daniel Roderick McLeod, Ph.D.

Walter G. Schneider, Ph.D.

Bonnie B. Tyler, Ph.D.

Ursula Weide, Ph.D.

Lawrence Donner, Ph.D.

Happy Retirement Bob!

Served as Chair, Vice Chair and a member of the Board from 2005 - 2013.



Robert A. Brown, Ph.D., ABPP

Please inform the Board's office when you retire.

Newly Licensed Psychologists

April 2017

Kauten, Rebecca, Ph.D.
 Clinton, David, Ph.D.
 Vogel, Kiara, Psy.D.
 Uram, Nicholas, Psy.D.
 Travia, Tara, Ph.D.
 Odera, Lilian, Ph.D.
 Nortey, Angelina, Ph.D.
 Greenberg, Samuel, Psy.D.

May 2017

Graham, Cindy, Ph.D.
 Capps Umphlet, Kristen, Ph.D.
 Benicewicz, Anthony, Psy.D.
 Todd, Briana, Ph.D.
 MacLean, Katherine, Psy.D.
 Smith Jacobs, Deondra, Psy.D.
 Kamel, Kelly, Psy.D.

June 2017

Sanchez, Amy, Ph.D.
 Ali, Mana, Ph.D.
 Meinzer, Michael, Ph.D.
 Hager, Amber, Ph.D.
 Hung, Natalie, Ph.D.
 Arge, Lisa, Psy.D.
 Murphy-Oswalt, Jillian, Ph.D.
 Oglesby, Monique, Psy.D.
 Reidler, Esther, Ph.D.
 Robinson, Tricia, Psy.D.
 Smith, Frederick, Psy.D.
 Yares, Ari, Ph.D.
 Soliman, Niveen, Ph.D.
 Savage, Shelley, Psy.D.

July 2017

Wong-Holland, Lee, Ph.D.
 Evans (Brown), Amanda, Ph.D.
 Greenstone, Robert, Psy.D.
 Blum, Lisa, Ph.D.
 Morgan, F. Tavia, Psy.D.
 Murphy (Knight), Jennifer, Psy.D.
 Schvey, Natasha, Ph.D.
 Girio-Herrera, Erin, Ph.D.
 Eisen, Ethan, Ph.D.
 Moise (Davarya), Sahar, Psy.D.
 Garrett, McLendon, Psy.D.
 Samuelson, Jessica, Psy.D.
 Essien, David, Psy.D.
 Handelsman, Pamela, Psy.D.
 Seal, Danielle, Psy.D.
 DeMizio (Tropiano), Heather, Psy.D.

Stratis, Elizabeth, Ph.D.
 Dorsey, Tasha, Psy.D.
 Moxley, Reisha, Ph.D.
 Van Eck, Kathryn, Ph.D.

August 2017

Mastan, Sulaiha, Ph.D.
 Velasquez (Richardson), Ashley, Ph.D.
 Shah, Chandni, Ph.D.
 Love (Eguizabal), Christina, Psy.D.
 Watson, Candice, Ph.D.
 Chang (Krehbiel), Veronica, Psy.D.
 Robinson, Cendrine, Ph.D.
 Goddard, Andrea, Psy.D.
 Dardis, Christina, Ph.D.
 Bartolini, Ellen, Psy.D.
 Lubing, Pamela, Psy.D.

September 2017

Thomas (Smith), Sharon, Ph.D.
 Jones, Lara, Psy.D.
 Hinojosa, Sara, Ph.D.
 Luk, Jeremy, Ph.D.
 Ryan, Arthur, Ph.D.
 Kistenmacher, Barbara, Ph.D.
 Coleman-Cowger, Victoria, Ph.D.
 Armstrong, Bridget, Ph.D.
 Azad, Gazi, Ph.D.
 Yoon, Jeung Eun, Ph.D.
 Pawluk, Lesley, Ph.D.
 McHugh Dillon, Melissa, Ph.D.
 Popivker, Lyubov, Psy.D.
 Thompson, Caitlin, Ph.D.
 Greaves, Austin, Psy.D.

October 2017

Edelstein, Matthew, Psy.D.
 Workman, Gloria, Ph.D.
 Young (Brians), Krystal, Psy.D.
 Epstein, Adam, Psy.D.
 DeLonga, Kathryn, Psy.D.
 Belizaire, Lonette, Ph.D.
 Bennett, Kourtney, Ph.D.
 Sparks, Anna, Psy.D.
 Dub (Lefever), Christine, Ph.D.
 Jung, Kyoung Rae, Ph.D.
 Bailey, Kelly, Ph.D.
 Bennett, Markisha, Psy.D.
 Gloth, Chelsea, Ph.D.
 DeLapp, Ryan, Ph.D.
 Erichsen, Luke, Ph.D.
 Bernard, Rebeccah, Psy.D.

November 2017

Castelhano, Andrea, Psy.D.
 Chango-James, Joanna, Ph.D.
 Jacoby, Aaron, Ph.D.
 Kovner, Yvette, Psy.D.
 Lee, Kelly, Ph.D.
 Lewin, Clinton J., Psy.D.
 Lynne, Shauna, Ph.D.
 McElligott, James, Psy.D.
 McGuire, Joseph, Ph.D.
 Mulloy, Maura A., Ph.D.
 Rau, Sristi, Ph.D.
 Richards, Jennifer, Psy.D.
 Suzuki, Staci, Psy.D.
 Tunney, Margaret, Psy.D.
 Vanen, Tanisha, Psy.D.
 Weltz, Samantha, Ph.D.

December 2017

DeArmas, Christine Psy.D.
 Katibian, Jonathan, Psy.D.
 Kern, Aneta L., Ph.D.
 William, Katrina, Psy.D.
 Amarando (Porfiryeva), Ekaterina, Ph.D.
 Ricks, Amber, Psy.D.
 Sullivan, Alicia, Ph.D.
 Pelton, Courtnee, Psy.D.
 Robinson, Kimberly, Ph.D.
 Leone, Sarah, Ph.D.
 Kirsh, Tsila, Ph.D.
 Hodgkinson, Stacy, Ph.D.
 Groft, Laura, Ph.D.
 Alexander, Danielle, Psy.D.
 Williams, Bridget, Psy.D.
 Williams, Sarah, Ph.D.

January 2018

Casey, Jenna, Psy.D.
 Olarte, Stephanie, Ph.D.
 Bellow, Shana, Ph.D.
 Berman, Amy, Ph.D.
 Bulger, Lynn, Ph.D.
 Cavuoto, Jessica, Psy.D.
 Clawson, Ann, Ph.D.
 Davis, Alan, Ph.D.
 Nava, Khristina, Ph.D.
 Roberts, Miguel, Ph.D.
 Sabintsev, Adelia, Psy.D.
 Howard, Andrea, Ph.D.

February 2018

Vargas, Gray, Ph.D.
 Posner, Stephanie, Psy.D.
 Perkel, Marc, Psy.D.
 Palma, Steven, Psy.D.

Feb. cont,

Ormand, Hailey, Ph.D.
Nickie, Ariel, Psy.D.
Jones, Ann, Psy.D.
James, Kimberly, Psy.D.
Lewkowicz, Corinne, Ph.D.
Pinto-Coelho, Kristen, Ph.D.
Abhilash, Reji, Ph.D.
Miller, Moshe, Psy.D.
Nail, Jennifer, Ph.D.
Frew, Douglas, Psy.D.

March 2018

Gray, Joshua, Ph.D.
Temple, Jessica, Psy.D.
Raciti, Gina, Ph.D.
Doyle, Meaghan, Psy.D.
Colston, Lauren, Psy.D.
Chan, Rachel, Psy.D.
Bickart, William, Ph.D.
Mattern-Roggelin, Alexandra,
Psy.D.
Darby, Jacqueline, Psy.D.
Morra, Lindsay, Ph.D.
Djamil, Tarik, Psy.D.
Miller, Tammy, Psy.D.

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2017 PUBLIC ORDERS

Mark Palmisano, Ph.D. - Termination of Probation –January 13, 2017
Devon Stokes, Ph.D. - Termination of Probation – March 3, 2017
Carol Marcy, Ph.D. - Termination of Probation – April 7, 2017
Erin Burns, Ph. D. - Surrenderance of license - June 2, 2017
Linda E. Bessett, Ph.D. - Termination of Probation – June 30, 2017
Jonathan Lasson, Psy..D. (psychology associate) – Public Consent Order – October 3, 2017

REQUIREMENT

Licensees and registrants must notify the board in writing of any change to home address or email address within 30 days of the change.

ADDRESS, EMAIL & NAME CHANGE

Use change form found on the Board’s website at www.health.maryland.gov/psych and Fax to 410-358-7896

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