

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2012

The 573rd Open meeting of the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by the Chairperson, Steven Sobelman, Ph.D.

Board members present:

Laurie Friedman Donze, Ph.D.
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member
Neal R. Morris, EdD, MS, CBSM, ABPP
Harriett Rakes, Consumer Member
Myra Waters, Ph.D., Vice-Chairperson

Board members absent:

Joann Altiero, Ph.D.
Jeffrey Barnett, Psy.D, ABPP
Robert Brown, Ph.D., ABPP

Staff Present:

Lorraine Smith, Executive Director
Dorothy Kutcherman, Licensing Coordinator
Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel
Brett Felter, Staff Attorney

Public Present:

Julie Bindeman, Psy.D, MPA
Paula Hollinger, DHMH
Kristen Neville, DHMH

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open meeting held on March 9, 2012 were reviewed and approved as submitted.

B. Announcements

Executive Director – Ms. Smith announced that of the 16 individuals that took the state law exam on March 23, 2012 there were 4 failures. The list of registrants for the April 27, 2012 exam was distributed and reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the list and to authorize the licensing committee to approve others eligible to take the exam that may register at a later date.**

Ms. Smith reported that the 2012 legislative session ended. The Board's bill HB 276/SB 262 *State Board of Psychologists – Penalties and Fines* passed with the

amendment that the Board would develop regulations to address the concern of penalties being applied to licensees that provide services on an expired license.

Ms. Smith reported that a memorandum was received from the Office of the Attorney General (AG) stating that the AG's office would begin criminally prosecuting unlicensed individuals for unauthorized practice.

Ms. Smith reported that during the 2012 renewal period 1403 licensees were scheduled to renew their license, 1255 renewed, 25 went inactive, and 123 were non-renewed; 1099 renewed online and 156 renewed via paper. For the next 2012 renewal cycle the drop-down box will include presentations, articles, and others as CE activities. A total of \$444,250 was collected (renewals - \$439,250; inactive status - \$5000). A full budget report will be provided in July.

Dr. Sobelman acknowledged Dr. Waters' receipt of an award for being a legend in women's basketball. The Board was informed that Dr. Altiero's sister had died. It was agreed to send a gesture of sympathy.

Dr. Sobelman stated that a letter was sent to all licensees clarifying the CE requirements since some licensees had questions pertaining to the new CE reporting period.

Dr. Sobelman reported that the psychology associates' committee would be meeting on April 24, 2012 to begin drafting regulations on certifying/licensing psychology associates.

Both Dr. Sobelman and Ms. Rakes were reappointed to the Board. Dr. Irene Leigh was appointed to the Board and will begin serving on July 1, 2012. Dr. Leigh is a professor at Gallaudet University. Dr. Donze will be leaving the Board on June 30, 2012.

B. SungWoo Kahng, Ph.D., BCBA-D

Dr. Morris gave a brief synopsis on behavior analysis and introduced Dr. Kahng. Dr. Kahng is a Senior Behavior Analyst at Kennedy Krieger. Dr. Kahng provided background information on the origin of behavior analysis, training, professional certification, and how behavior analysis work with people with autism. Across the United States state insurance laws were said to be changing to allow private health insurance policies to cover the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders. Further, behavior analysts have been practicing for years without any oversight. Legislation was submitted in Maryland during this session, but the bill did not pass. Dr. Kahng stated that BAs did not see themselves housed with the psychology board, but instead, working with several other occupations as well.

C. Correspondence

Dr. Sobelman stated that a question was received from Robert Katz, Ph.D. asking whether the organization *Psychological Trauma Solutions* could use the term 'psychological' when there is not a psychologist on staff. The owner of the organization is a licensed professional counselor. After discussion, it was agreed that a letter would be

sent to the group informing them that using the term “psychological” may be misleading to the public. A copy of the letter will be sent to the Board of Professional Counselors. Dr. Katz will also be advised.

D. Committee Reports

Public Affairs – Dr. Donze reminded the members to submit articles for the Spring/Summer Newsletter. She stated that she is working on the FAQ section of the website. Dr. Donze stated that the committee would be meeting to work on a proposal for MPA’s fall meeting.

E. Public Comment

Dr. Bindeman asked how the new legislative bill would affect a licensee whose license expired? Dr. Bindeman was told that regulations would address differences between the two groups.

F. Administrative Session/Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter into administrative session at 11:10 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 1:25 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven Sobelman, Ph.D.
Chairman