

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2014

The 590th Open Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by the Chairperson, Steven Sobelman, Ph.D.

Board members present:

Jeffrey Barnett, Psy.D, ABPP, Vice-Chairperson
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member
Neal R. Morris, Ed.D., MS, CBSM, ABPP
Harriet Rakes, Consumer Member
Myra Waters, Ph.D.

Board members absent:

Christopher Bishop, Psy.D.
James F. Gormally, Ph.D., ABPP
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.

Staff present:

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

Public present:

Kathrine Killeen, Ph.D., MPA

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on November 8, 2013 were reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as submitted.**

B. Announcements

Executive Director – Ms. Smith reported that of the 14 individuals who took the Maryland Law Exam on December 13, 2013, four failed. The list of registrants for the January 31, 2014 exam was distributed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the list and to authorize the licensing committee to approve others that register for the exam later.**

Ms. Smith reported that the 2014 legislative session began on January 8, 2014. The Board's psychology associates bill was filed in the House by Delegate Hubbard. The bill is HB 113 – *State Board of Examiners of Psychologists – Psychology Associates – Registration*. The bill is the same bill that the Board and MPA amended during the 2013 legislative session with one exception. The current bill does not allow psychology associates to place their registration on inactive status.

Ms. Smith reported that HB 91 – *Sexual Orientation Change Efforts – Prohibited* - Prohibits certain mental health professionals from engaging in specified sexual orientation change efforts with a patient who is a minor.

Chair – Dr. Sobelman reviewed the Board’s response to MPA’s letters concerning their solicitation and balloting process to fill board vacancies. After a brief discussion, a **motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the letter to MPA.**

Dr. Sobelman reported that the Office of Appointments informed the Board that the constitutional provision, that governs board members appointments, states that no appointments or re-appointments may be made between the primary election, June 24, 2014 and the inauguration of the new Governor in January 2015. As a result current appointees may continue to serve until they are replaced or reappointed (if eligible) by the incoming governor. The appointments office also stated that they will begin requesting nominees in preparation for the incoming Governor's consideration next fall.

Dr. Sobelman stated that the Board’s legislative committee is composed of himself, Drs. Barnett, Gormally, and Morris. However, other board members were encouraged to become involved.

C. Committee Reports

Licensing – Dr. Waters reported that the committee continues to review applications and continuing education documentation.

Operations – Ms. Smith reported that the legislative budget hearings are scheduled for February 19th in the House and February 24th in the Senate. Ms. Smith also stated that the Operations committee will need to submit regulations for psychology associates fees as well as other fees will need to be increased.

Public Affairs – Dr. Barnett reported that the winter edition of the Board’s newsletter will be published soon.

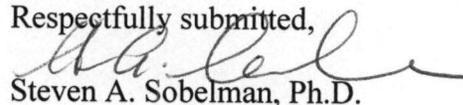
D. Public Comment

Dr. Killeen stated that MPA has also reviewed HB 91 and have the same concerns as the Board.

E. Closed Session/Administrative Session/Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter into closed session to engage in medical review deliberation regarding information in the licensing application of Michael Malone, Psy.D. The Board entered into closed session at 10:42 a.m. and came out at 10:44 a.m. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter into executive session to discuss disciplinary matters and to consult with Counsel.** The Board entered into administrative session at 10:45 a.m., came out at 1:05 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven A. Sobelman, Ph.D.