

## **Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists Open Board Meeting Minutes – June 5, 2015**

The 603<sup>rd</sup> Open Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:18 a.m. by the Chairperson, Steven Sobelman, Ph.D.

### **Board Members Present:**

Neal Morris, Ed.D., MS, CBSM, ABPP, Vice-Chairperson  
Linda Berg-Cross, Ph.D.  
Christopher Bishop, Psy.D.  
Cyndie Buckson, Psy.D.  
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.  
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member  
Harriett Rakes, Consumer Member

### **Board Member(s) Absent:**

James F. Gormally, Ph.D.

### **Staff Present:**

Lorraine Smith, Executive Director  
Sally Mitchell, Executive Assistant  
Brett Felter, AAG, Board Counsel

### **Public:**

Gregory Chasson, Ph.D. - MPA  
Sloan Brown

**Interpreters:** Krystal Krpan and Charles Griego

### **A. Minutes**

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on May 1, 2015 were reviewed. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as submitted and a vote called: For – 7, Abstention – 1**

### **B. Announcements**

Executive Director – Ms. Smith reported that 13 applicants took the Maryland Law Exam in May and everyone passed. The list of candidates for the June exam was distributed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the list and to authorize the licensing committee to approve others who may register at a later date.**

Ms. Smith reported that the Psychology Associate regulations have been promulgated and they are being implemented. Psychology Associate registration applications will be accepted beginning September 15, 2015. Ms. Smith also discussed the required three (3)

continuing education hours required for psychology associate supervisors in supervision every two years.

Chair – Dr. Sobelman announced that the June Board meeting would be his last meeting as a Board member. He thanked the Board and staff for their support during his tenure on the Board.

Dr. Sobelman reported that the Board received an email stating that a licensee was issued a public order approximately 10 years ago and even though the licensee satisfied the order, when a search of his name is performed, Google displays the public order. The writer wanted to know if the Board could contact google and ask them to stop this from happening. After some discussion it was decided that the Board does not have any control over Google searches. Ms. Smith reminded the Board that in 2010 a legislative bill passed that required the Board to post public orders on the website.

Dr. Sobelman also reported that a second inquiry was received asking if an associate professor of psychology at Salisbury University, whose primary role is teaching and research needed to be licensed in order to provide research on campus. After some discussion it was agreed that a license is not required because Salisbury University is exempted from licensure.

**C. Committee Reports**

Licensing – Dr. Morris reported that the committee continues to review new applications.

Operations – Ms. Smith reported that a budget report will be presented during the September Board Meeting.

Public Affairs – Ms. McCargo-Redd reported that the newsletter will be released in July. It was also reported that the Board is in the process of hiring a new IT person.

Disciplinary – Dr. Bishop reported that he attended an expert training sponsored by the Physical Therapy Board and the Office of the Attorney General.

**D. Executive Director** – Ms. Smith announced that Dr. Morris will hold the position of Board chair and Dr. Gormally will hold the position of vice-chair of the Board.

**E. Public Comment(s)**

Dr. Chasson stated that the Maryland Psychological Association has completed the interview process for the Executive Director position at MPA. Ms. Judy Divito is retiring at the end of June.

**F. Administrative Session/Adjournment**

**A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter into the Administrative session to discuss disciplinary matters and to consult with counsel.**

Unless recused, those attending the open session remained for the administrative session.

The Board entered into administrative session at 10:48 a.m., and came out at 1:17 p.m.

and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steven A. Sobelman, Ph.D.  
Chairperson