

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2014

The 598th meeting of the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:09 a.m. by the Chairperson, Steven Sobelman, Ph.D.

Board members present:

Neal R. Morris, Ed.D., MS, CBSM, ABPP, Vice-Chairperson
Cyndie Buckson, Psy.D.
James F. Gormally, Ph.D.
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member
Harriett Rakes, Consumer Member

Board members absent:

Linda Berg-Cross, Ph.D.
Christopher Bishop, Psy.D

Staff present:

Lorraine Smith, Executive Director
Dorothy Kutcherman, Licensing Coordinator
Brett Felter, AAG, Board Counsel

Interpreters:

Sandra Brown and Justine Garrett

Public present:

Gregory Chasson - MPA
Kristen Neville - DHMH
Paula Hollinger, DHMH
Sharon Bloom, DHMH

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open meeting held on September 12, 2014 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 31 individuals who took the exam in September, five (5) failed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the list and to authorize the licensing committee to approve others who may register later.** The 2015 Board meeting dates were distributed.

Chairperson – Dr. Sobelman reported that the Board will hold its annual retreat in December instead of a Board meeting. After some discussion it was agreed that the topic would be on tele-psychology. The need for regulations continues to be great.

Dr. Sobelman reported that he was asked to speak at the Maryland Psychological Association's (MPA) Board of Director's meeting on October 15, 2014. Dr. Sobelman will address MPA's concern of requiring psychology associate supervisors to take three (3) continuing education hours in supervision.

C. Committee Reports

Disciplinary - Dr. Leigh reported that the Board Approved Ethics Trainer, Peer Supervisor, and Expert application was posted on the Board's website.

Licensing – Dr. Morris reported that a license renewal notice was sent to all licensees that are up for renewal in 2015. A notice was also sent to current psychology associates and their supervisors, to inform them of the new Psychology Associate Registration legislation bill that passed.

Operations – Ms. Rakes reported that she is the Chair of the Operations committee. She reported that the 2015 renewal period will begin in January; Dr. Morris and Ms. Smith will be attending the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) conference and Ms. McCargo-Redd will attend the Citizens Advocacy Center's conference.

Public Affairs – Ms. McCargo-Redd asked for newsletter articles by December 1, 2014.

D. Public Comment

Dr. Chasson reported that MPA was concerned that requiring licensees that supervise psychology associates to obtain CEs in supervision might discourage them from doing so.

E. Closed Session/Administrative Session/Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter into closed session to engage in medical review deliberations regarding confidential information in applications for licensure. The Board entered into closed session at 10:23 a.m. and came out at 10:34 a.m. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter into administrative session to discuss disciplinary matters and consult with Counsel.** Unless recused, those attending the open session remained for the administrative session. The Board came out of administrative session at 1:50 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven A. Sobelman, PhD
Chairperson