

# Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

## Open Board Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2014

The 593<sup>rd</sup> Open Meeting of the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by the Chairperson, Steven Sobelman, Ph.D.

### **Board members present:**

Jeffrey Barnett, Psy.D, ABPP, Vice-Chairperson  
Christopher Bishop, Psy.D  
James F. Gormally, Ph.D.  
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.  
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member  
Neal R. Morris, Ed.D., MS, CBSM, ABPP  
Harriet Rakes, Consumer Member

### **Board member absent:**

Myra Waters, Ph.D.

### **Staff present:**

Lorraine Smith, Executive Director  
Dorothy Kutcherman, Licensing Coordinator  
Patricia Morris English, Board Investigator  
Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel  
Brett Felter, AAG, Board Counsel

### **Interpreters:**

Sandra Brown and Justine Garrett

### **Public Present:**

Sharon Bloom, DHMH  
Paula Hollinger, DHMH  
Kristen Neville, Boards & Commission Legislative Liaison  
Kathleen Killeen, Ph.D. - MPA  
Tara Simpson, Psy.D. - MPA

#### **A. Minutes**

Open Minutes of the meeting held on March 7, 2014 were reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.**

#### **B. Announcements**

*Executive Director* – Ms. Smith reported that of the 14 applicants who took the law exam in March, three failed. The list of registrants for the April 25, 2014 law exam was distributed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved as well as to authorize the licensing committee to approve others that may register later.**

*Chair* – Dr. Sobelman reported that the legislative session ended April 8, 2014. The Board's bill to register psychology associates passed. The Maryland Psychological Association bill known as the psychology protection law also passed.

Kristen Neville, Legislative Liaison for the Boards & Commission, stated that the Boards fared very well during the legislative session. A number of bills introduced by various boards passed. The bill, the Maryland Behavior Analysts Act passed. The Behavior Analysts will be an advisory committee under the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists. A bill to regulate naturopathic doctors, under the Board of Physicians, also passed. HB 841 *State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists and State Board of Social Work Examiners*, known as "Lynette's Law," failed as did SB 607 *Health Occupations – Child Abuse and Neglect - Training*.

**C. Question**

Dr. Sobelman reported that correspondence was received from a person at Kennedy Krieger Institute asking "who can give psychological testing for research purposes?" After a brief discussion, it was the consensus that more information was needed. Dr. Sobelman agreed to contact the individual and will provide an update at the May meeting.

**D. Committee Reports**

*Disciplinary* – The committee was asked to modify the Boards' expert program in order to identify more supervisors and mentors that have the expertise that the Board needs.

*Licensing* – The committee continues to review applications and the committee is developing guidelines for peer consultation continuing education credit. License renewals was said to be over and Ms. Smith will provide a report during the May meeting.

*Operations* – The committee will soon meet to develop long term budget needs.

*Public Affairs* – Dr. Barnett thanked those who contributed to the Fall/Winter Newsletter and stated that the committee will soon begin to work on the next issue.

*Psychology Associate Subcommittee* – Dr. Sobelman reported that the subcommittee was actively working on developing regulations to coincide with the new psychology associate registration bill. The committee will meet on April 29, 2014.

**E. Public Comment**

Dr. Killeen stated that she's heard nothing but great reviews about the Board's newsletter and would like to see an article on "coaching" in a future edition. She will ask the MPA's Communication Committee to entertain the idea of writing such an article.

**F. 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 Dana Gold. The Board entered into closed session at 10:40 a.m. and came out at 10:47 a.m. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter into executive 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., came out at 12:45 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,



Steven A. Sobelman, PhD  
Chairperson