

# MARYLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

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## Chair's Column

**Neal R. Morris, Ed.D. MS, CBSM, ABPP**

Hello Licensees and Registrants,

It is an honor to serve as the Chair of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists (the Board) and tell you about the work of the Board. Board members are appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary and the advice and consent of the Senate to do the "people's work" of regulating our profession so that Maryland citizens have access to high quality, ethical professional psychologists. The Board performs its mission by:

- Licensing psychologists and registering psychology associates;
- Receiving and resolving complaints from the public, courts, employers, insurance companies, and other licensees; and by
- Setting standards for the practice of psychology that reflect new and emergent developments in the practice of psychology through legislation and regulations.

Board membership consists of seven (7) licensed psychologists and two (2) public members. As licensed psychologists you can assist the Board with carrying out its' mission by participating in the Board's approved Ethics Trainer, Peer Supervisor and Expert program. The Board especially needs expert psychologists with a specialty in forensic family practice, competence, and clinical psychology (see page 4 for more information).

In December the Board held a public retreat at Turf Valley in Ellicott City. The topic was teletherapy. This was the third retreat for the Board on this particular topic and underscores the importance of this topic for the future. Many psychologists are aware of the amount of work and discussion going on about the teletherapy concept. For many years psychologists have provided some work by telephone as needed for their clients and patients when some emergent situation arises. The concept of teletherapy is somewhat different and indeed telephone contact may not be a part of the teletherapy process. What is being considered is encrypted video conferencing in which direct-to-consumer consultation and psychotherapy services are provided. Topics discussed at the retreat included current and future telepsychology practices, such as security and technology; the scope of practice/practice limitations/location requirements; and operations and competency. *Continued on page 3*

## Psychology Associate Registration

The Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists (the Board) now registers Psychology Associates. Psychology Associates that are working under the old exemption status must submit an application to become a Registered Psychology Associate at least **one month before** the exemption status with the psychologist the Board has on file expires. Psychology Associates in this category are required to undergo a criminal history background check and the Maryland jurisprudence examination will be waived. If an application to become a registered psychology associate is NOT received prior to the expiration of the exemption status, the applicant must meet all existing requirements to become a registered psychology associate.

### **Registered Psychology Associates (COMAR -10.36.02.04 B)**

A registered psychology associate shall complete a minimum of 20 CE hours during each reporting period with a:

- (1) Maximum of 10 CE hours in independent study;
- (2) Minimum of 3 CE hours in activities whose content area is:
  - (a) Laws pertaining to the practice of psychology;
  - (b) Ethics and professional conduct in the practice of psychology; or
  - (c) Managing risks associated with the practice of psychology; and
- (3) Minimum of 3 CE hours in activities designed to enhance competence in the provision of psychological services to culturally diverse populations.

### **Supervisors**

PA supervisors are required to have three (3) continuing education hours in supervision during each reporting period. PA supervisors who renewed their license in 2015 must have three (3) hours of continuing education hours in supervision by their 2017 renewal date. PA supervisors who renewed their license in 2016 must have three (3) hours of continuing education hours in supervision by their 2018 renewal date.

A complete description of CE requirements can be found on the Board's website at <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/psych> under laws and regulations.

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Mary Alvord, Ph.D., Psychologist and Director at Alvord, Baker & Associates in Rockville and Silver Spring, Maryland presented information at the retreat on teletherapy.

During the 2016 Maryland legislative session, Delegate Kirill Reznik introduced a bill to address teletherapy. However, the bill was withdrawn to allow more time for stakeholders to reach a consensus on certain aspects of the bill. If passed, the legislation would have defined teletherapy, created general parameters around the activity of teletherapy, and authorized individuals with a Maryland license to practice teletherapy in Maryland.

The Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) has developed an interstate compact program called *Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT)*. The purpose of the program is to assist states with providing teletherapy across jurisdictional boundaries (visit [ASPPB.net](http://ASPPB.net) for more information about PSYPACT). As you can see, there have been several initiatives to address teletherapy. The Board will continue to make telepsychology a priority.

The Board and I wish to thank Harriet Rakes for her service on the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists. Harriet has served as a consumer member since 2010. Harriet has been a dedicated and contributing Board member and has helped to ensure that Maryland citizens were protected and received quality psychological services. Harriet's last day on the Board will be June 30th. Harriet's presence will be missed. She will now have more time to devote to the things that she enjoys, like serving on civic organizations and in her church where she serves on the Board of Trustees. Thank you Harriet, we wish you well! The Board and I would also like to thank Rivka Olley, Ph.D., *Supervisor of Psychological Services for Baltimore City Public Schools* for her work on the Board. For the past year Rivka has held an interim board member position. She has been an invaluable member of the Board. On a personal note, Rivka and I attended the same psychologist training program (Illinois State University) at the beginning of our graduate educations. I was particularly pleased to welcome her to the Board and to learn of some of the things that happened at our mutual alma mater after I left (slightly before Rivka) as she stayed in contact with the program. I am grateful to Rivka for her energy and input. She added a great deal and has been a terrific resource for the Board. In particular, she gave a great perspective on delivery of psychological services to school age children. We will miss her and wish her well. Thank you Rivka!

Again, I am honored to write to you as Chair of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

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## **2016 OPEN BOARD MEETING DATES**

**June 10, July 8, Sept. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 4.**

**Open meetings begin at 9:00 am**

## **Ethics Trainer, Peer Supervisor, and Competency Expert: We NEED You!!**

The Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists maintains a list that includes names of individuals qualified to serve as ethics trainers, peer supervisors, and competency experts in specific areas relevant to psychology. We urgently need to update this list and are actively recruiting psychologists who are qualified to serve. Here we describe what are the expectations for each category:

**Ethics tutorial trainer:** From time to time, we refer to a psychologist to provide an ethics tutorial. This is used as a remedy to fill in gaps in a licensee's understanding of laws, standards, and regulations. The licensee is responsible for costs associated with this ethics tutorial provided by the ethics tutorial trainer.

**Peer Supervisor:** There is a need for psychologists to provide supervision to licensed psychologists. Peer supervisors are often used to provide guidance in cases involving standard of care issues. The licensed psychologist being supervised is responsible for costs associated with peer supervision.

**Competency Expert:** Competency experts are used in judicial proceedings and submit expert reports and testimony at hearings. The Board will provide compensation for expert services provided.

In order to serve in one of these roles, the psychologist must have an active license in good standing for a minimum of 5 years with no history of adverse disciplinary actions. The Board reserves the right to limit the number of applicants approved. The Board will provide relevant orientation for those applicants whose credentials are approved by the Board. The application form for these roles can be retrieved from the Board's website at <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/psych1/pdfs/ethicstrainerpeersupervisorandespertapplication.pdf>

By applying for one of these roles, you will be providing a significant service to the State of Maryland. We look forward to hearing from you.

## ***The Maryland Responds Program***

The MD Responds Program is the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) for the State of Maryland. The MRC is a Nation-wide network of volunteer programs, who respond to local emergencies and ongoing public health efforts. MD Responds, previously known as the Maryland Professional Volunteer Corps, is administered by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH), Office of Preparedness and Response (OPR).

To become a MD Responds volunteer, visit <https://mdresponds.dhmh.maryland.gov/>, and click the "**Register Now**" button.

*In Fond Memory of Marvin (Marv) A. Hoss, J.D., Ph.D.  
Former Board Member 2005 – 2009*



*May 10, 2016*

*Your Kindness and Words of Wisdom will live on...*



## 2015 Complaint Report

Total # of Complaints received involving licensed and unlicensed activities	30
Complaints resolved	23
Disciplinary actions taken against licensees, or other actions taken against non-licensees	6
Licenses suspended or revoked	0

### Public Orders

Linda E. Bessett – LN: 01974 – 03/09/2015

Spencer Cooper – LN: 01170 – 04/10/2015

Dennis Hilker – LN: 01027 – 09/11/2015

Ricardo Lagrange – LN: 04481 – 01/09/2015

Deborah Ann Walls–LN – N/A – 02/06/2015

Patricia Webbink – LN: 00810 – 01/07/2015

### IT'S THE LAW

**LICENSEES OR REGISTRANTS MUST NOTIFY THE BOARD IN WRITING OF ANY CHANGE IN THE LICENSEE'S OR REGISTRANT'S ADDRESS OR ELECTRONIC MAIL ADDRESS WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE CHANGE OCCURS.**

## **Newly Licensed Psychologists**

### **July 2015**

Alyssa Danielle Austern, PsyD  
Meghan L. Beier, PhD  
Herb Bilick, PhD  
Elizabeth Halsted Connors, PhD  
Laura Schaffner Gray, PhD  
Joy K. Harrington, PsyD  
Danielle Renee Jahn, PhD  
Rachel A. Kalbeitzer, PhD  
Morgan Krumeich, PsyD  
Stacey Larson, PsyD  
Sean Kevin Logie, PhD  
Tatiana V. McDougall, PhD  
Anjana Muralidharan, PhD  
Arianna E. Apelgren Perra, PsyD  
Duane Edward Thomas, PhD  
Jonna von Schulz, PhD  
Crystal Willoughby, PsyD

### **August 2015**

Tara Acevedo, Psy.D.  
Michael Baly, Ph.D.  
Jennifer Colton, Psy.D.  
Nelli El-Ghazal, Ph.D.  
Ashley Greer, Ph.D.  
Sarah Hornack, Ph.D.  
Tammy Mintz, Ph.D.  
Kelli Rugless, Psy.D.  
Latrice Vinson, Ph.D.

### **September 2015**

Mumta Purohit, Psy.D.  
Alison R. Burns, Ph.D.  
John V. Danna, Ph.D.  
Kate Chowpaknam, Psy.D.  
Christina M. Danko, Psy.D.  
Kate M. Schruppf, Psy.D.  
Michael D. Clark, Psy.D.  
Alysia M. Powers, Psy.D.  
Danielle M. Ploetz, Ph.D.  
Nicole L. Kreiser, Ph.D.  
Elizabeth A Klingaman, Ph.D.  
Shalena L. Heard, Ph.D.  
Sharon F. Gorenstein, Ph.D.  
Michelle S. Garvin, Ph.D.

### **October 2015**

Nicole M. Albrecht, Psy.D.  
Denise H. Bike, Ph.D.  
Michelle R. Blumenthal, Psy.D.  
John Donahue, Psy.D.  
Bianca Fetherson, Ph.D.  
Jaime Kaplan, Psy.D.  
William P. Keeton III, Psy.D.  
Erin Leichman, Ph.D.  
Shoshana Lewin, Psy.D.  
Margaret Liftik, Ph.D.  
Marjorie McCalla, Ph.D.  
Jason Moehringer, Psy.D.  
Shawn S. Nelson Schmitt, Ph.D.  
Tracey Phillips, Ph.D.  
Emily Scordellis, Psy.D.  
Laytrayal Simmons, Ph.D.  
Rick Stephan, Ph.D.  
Kristin Hogan, Psy.D.

### **November 2015**

Kirsten Thomas, Psy.D.  
Crystal Taylor-Dietz, Psy.D.  
Andrea Young-Ryan, Ph.D.  
Catherine Pilotte-Mullins, Ph.D.  
Richards, Jessica, Ph.D.

### **December 2015**

Matthew Sacks, Ph.D.  
Shauna Pollard, Ph.D.  
Daniel Nead, Ph.D.  
Rachel Menditch, Psy.D.  
Tiffany Love Longman, Psy.D.  
Melissa H. Lean, Psy.D.  
Anna Crisologo, Ph.D.  
Ana Buenaventura, Psy.D.  
Celena Bryant, Psy.D.  
Alicia Abell, Ph.D.  
Tyler Rickards, Ph.D.  
TyWanda McLaurin-Jones, Ph.D.  
Laurie B. Paul, Ph.D.  
Davin E. Maijala, Psy.D.  
Marissa R. Kushner (Tolep), Ph.D.  
Laura A. Frazier (Kuhn), Ph.D.  
Taryn M. Allen, Ph.D.  
Soonhee Lee, Ph.D.  
Joan R. Kaufman, Ph.D.  
Alexey Tolchinsky, Psy.D.  
Nicole L. Hausman (Buell), Ph.D.

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**ADDRESS, EMAIL & NAME CHANGE**

Please submit to the Board of any changes to your contact information. Change form are located at [www.dhmh.maryland.gov/psych](http://www.dhmh.maryland.gov/psych) under forms.

***MEET THE BOARD***

Neal Morris, Ed.D., MS, CBSM, ABPP — Chair  
James F. Gormally, Ph.D., ABPP - Vice Chair  
Christopher L. Bishop, Psy.D.  
Cyndie Buckson, Psy.D.  
Linda Berg-Cross—Ph.D.  
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.  
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member  
Rivka Olley, Ph.D.  
Harriet Rakes—Consumer Member

***MEET THE STAFF***

Lorraine Smith, M.A., MPH, Executive Director  
Stephanie Coley, Administrative Assistant  
Sally Mitchell, Licensing Coordinator  
P. Morris English, M.S., Investigator  
Brett Felter, Staff Attorney