

# Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

## Open Board Meeting Minutes – April 6, 2018

The 630<sup>th</sup> Open Board Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by the Chairperson, Cyndie Buckson, Psy.D.

### **Board Members Present:**

James Gormally, Ph.D., ABPP  
Linda Berg-Cross, Ph.D.  
Christopher Bishop, Psy.D.  
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.  
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member  
Neal R. Morris, Ed.D. MS, CBSM, ABPP  
Reginald Nettles, Ph.D., CGP  
Raj Razdan, Consumer Member

### **Staff Present:**

Lorraine Smith, MPH, Executive Director  
Stephanie Coley, Administrative Assistant  
Sally Mitchell, Licensing Coordinator  
Brett Felter AAG, Board Counsel

### **Interpreters:**

Charmine Johnson  
Leah Moore

### **Public:**

Kimberly Campbell, MPA  
Kimberly Lang, MDH  
Peter Smith, MPA

### **A. Minutes**

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on February 2, 2018 were reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to accept the minutes as submitted.**

### **B. Announcements**

Executive Director – The list of registrants for the April law exam was reviewed. **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.**

Ms. Smith reported that the legislative session will end on Monday April 9th.

HB 190 – *Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission - Psychological Consultation and Evaluation* passed with amendments. The bill proposed repealing the requirement that the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission approve psychologists to conduct psychological evaluations and assessment for police officers and allowed other mental health workers to provide these services as well. The bill was amended to strike the reference to other mental health providers.

HB 1096 – *Veteran Employment and Transition Success Program* passed with amendments. This bill proposed establishing a Veteran Employment and Transition Success Pilot Program among mental health boards. The amended bill allocates funds to the Department of Veteran Affairs to assist veterans with licensure expenses.

SB 1028 – *Conversion Therapy For Minors- Prohibition (Youth Mental Health Protection Act)*-passed. This bill prohibits mental health or child care practitioners from engaging in conversion therapy with individuals who are minors.

HB 1597 -*Application Determinations-Use of Criminal History-Reports* passed. This bill prohibits certain departments from denying a license or certificate based solely on the applicant's criminal history if at least 10 years have passed since the applicant completed serving the sentence for a crime. This bill does not apply to applicants convicted of a violent crime or a crime that requires registration as a sex offender.

SB 1212- *Expungement-Expansion (Maryland Record Expungement Designed to Enhance Employment (REDEEM) Act of 2018)* failed. This bill would have required the automatic expungement of records associated with specific crimes.

*The above bills that passed were not enrolled at the time of the discussion.*

Mr. Felter reported that the public comment period ended for the proposed regulations pertaining to the 2017 legislative bill *Secretaries of Principal Departments-Supervision and Review of Decisions and Actions by Units within Departments*. The regulations require all health Boards to forward all complaints of an anti-competitive nature to the Office of Administrative Hearings for review.

Dr. Buckson reported that Dr. Crystal Barksdale and consumer member Zeno St. Cyr will be members of the Board on July 1, 2018.

Dr. Bishop announced that Dr. Buckson was appointed to APA's ethics task force.

### **C. Telepsychology**

The telepsychology committee reported that the Board received two public comments pertaining to the Board's proposed telepsychology regulations. The main comment was to modify the technological requirements language to state "in a timely manner" as opposed to "immediately" The Board discussed the comments and responses. **A motion was made, seconded, and**

**unanimously carried to approve the responses with the revision to modify the technological requirement language.**

**D. Committee Reports**

*Licensing* – The committee continues to review psychologist and registered psychology associates applications.

*Operations* – Ms. Smith reported that renewals ended Monday April 2, 2018. A full report will be provided at May's Board meeting.

*Public Affairs*- The committee distributed a rough draft of the spring Newsletter. Ms. Smith asked for comments to be provided within the next few days.

*Disciplinary* – Nothing to report.

**E. Public Comments**

Ms. Campbell stated that MPA sent a letter of support for HB 902 and SB 1028.

**F. Administrative Session/Adjournment**

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter into closed session to discuss disciplinary matters and to consult with Counsel. The open meeting was closed at 10:20 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.