

# Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

## Open Board Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2018

The 629<sup>th</sup> Open Board Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by the Vice-Chairperson, James Gormally, Ph.D. ABPP.

### **Board Members Present:**

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

### **Board Members Absent:**

Cyndie Buckson, Psy.D. Chairperson

### **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:**

Peter Smith, MPA

### **A. Minutes**

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on January 12, 2018 were reviewed. **A motion was made, and seconded and to accept the minutes as submitted and a vote called:  
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### **B. Announcements**

Executive Director – The list of registrants for the February 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 a hearing was held on January 30, 2018 on HB 190 – *Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission - Psychological Consultation and Evaluation*. Dr. Nettles provided testimony. The bill proposed repealing the requirement that the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission approve psychologists to conduct psychological evaluations and assessments for police officers and allowed other mental health workers to provide these services as well. The Board offered amendments that acknowledged the different skill levels needed to perform different parts of an evaluation. The Commission amended the final bill by striking the reference to other mental health providers.

HB 288 *Power of Secretary of Health- Boards and Commissions* was introduced. The bill authorized the Secretary of Health to overturn any disciplinary action taken against a licensee by a board or commission. A hearing was held on February 1, 2018. The bill is not expected to pass.

HB 500 *Child Abuse and Neglect – Failure to Report* was introduced. The bill seeks to charge individuals that knowingly fail to report child abuse or neglect with a criminal offense (misdemeanor). The hearing is scheduled for February 8, 2018.

HB 600 *Child Abuse and Neglect – Training*. The bill requires that all health practitioners, police officers, educators, and human service workers in Maryland receive periodic training on the obligation to report child abuse and neglect. The hearing is scheduled for February 8, 2018.

HB 790 *Maryland Program Evaluation Act – Periodic Full Evaluations*. The bill requires the Department of Legislative Services to conduct a full evaluation of government units every 30 years. The hearing is scheduled for February 19, 2018.

Ms. Smith stated that the EPPP 2 is scheduled to be implemented in 2020. The licensee competency committee will discuss the EPPP 2 and provide a report to the Board.

### **C. Committee Reports**

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

*Operations* – Ms. Smith reiterated that the renewal season is underway for licensees and registered psychology associates.

*Public Affairs*- The committee continues to gather articles for the newsletter.

*Disciplinary* – Nothing to report.

### **D. Public Comments**

Mr. Smith restated the question that Ms. Campbell posed last month with regard to registered psychology associates. Ms. Smith provided contact information.

### **E. 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 9:52 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.