

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – May 03, 2019

The 641st Open Board Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by the Chairperson, Christopher Bishop, Psy.D.

Board Members Present:

Crystal Barksdale, Ph.D., MPH
James F. Gormally, Ph.D., ABPP
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.
Neal R. Morris, Ed.D. MS, CBSM, ABPP
Reginald Nettles, Ph.D., CGP
Raj Razdan, Consumer Member

Staff Present:

Lorraine Smith, Executive Director
Stephanie Coley, Administrative Assistant
Brett Felter AAG, Board Counsel

Board Members Absent:

Linda Berg-Cross, Ph.D. Vice-Chairperson
Zeno St. Cyr II, Consumer Member

Interpreters:

Charmine Johnson
Leah Moore

Public:

Kimberly Lang, MDH
Lillian Reese, MDH
Peter Smith, MDH

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on April 5, 2019 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 May law exam was reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the list and to approve others that meet the requirements who may register at a later time.**

The Boards were asked by the Department to consider implementing SB459 *Medical Records-Compulsory Process Requests-Advisory Protocol and Voluntary Training*, although the Bill did not pass. The bill required the Office of the Attorney General to post on its website a voluntary training webinar for health care providers regarding how to respond to requests for medical

records. Ms. Lang informed the Board that the attorney general's office would be meeting to discuss this matter.

Ms. Reese announced that the Board's telehealth regulations would be printed in the Maryland Register on May 10, 2019 and the implementation date would be May 20, 2019. Ms. Reese also announced that Adrienne Jones was elected as the new speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates. She is the first women ever elected.

Dr. Bishop reported on the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards mid-year meeting. Topics included collaboration between consumer board members and guild board members to protect the public, credentialing standards among states, and the EPPP2.

C. Question

Dr. Bishop reported that the Board received a letter from Robert Rivera, Psy.D., a licensee stating that he was moving to Florida and wanted to know if his psychology associates could continue providing services to his Maryland clients, and he would supervise them from Florida. After a discussion **a motion was made to deny the request citing the situation described did not comply with the intent of the psychology practice act or regulations. Also, the situation would reduce public protection. Vote called: For 6, abstention 1.**

D. Committee Reports

Licensing – The committee continues to review applications.

Operations – Ms. Smith will give a report on the 2019 renewal/budget in June.

Public Affairs – The newsletter was distributed and will be emailed to licensees and posted on the website.

Disciplinary – Nothing to report.

E. Public Comments

Mr. Smith inquired as to whether the Board had received a correspondence from MPA requesting the demographics of licensees. Ms. Smith stated that a request had not been received recently.

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 10:05 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.