

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – June 7, 2024

The 719th Open Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Brenda L. Terry-Leonard, Ph.D.

Board Members Present:

Shelley M McDermott, Ph.D., Vice-Chairperson
Raj Razdan, Consumer Member
Samantha Rukert, Psy.D.
Kimberly A. Sanschagrin, J.D., Ph.D.
Zeno St. Cyr. II, MPH Consumer Member
Sybil Smith-Gray, Ph.D.
Stephen Bono, Ph.D.
Reginald Nettles, Ph.D. CGP

Staff Present:

Lorraine Smith, MPH, Executive Director
Tamika Davis, Licensing Coordinator, Deputy Director
Patricia Morris English, Board Investigator
Brett Felter AAG, Board Counsel

Public Present

Lillian Reese- Legislative MDH
Zakiyyah Homles-MDH
Kimberly Link-MDH
Rachel Singer- MPA member at large

Board meeting was held via teleconference.

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on May 3, 2024, were reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and a vote was called to accept the minutes: For- 7: Abstention - 1**

B. Announcements

The list of applicants for the June jurisprudence exam was reviewed. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the list and others who register later.

Ms. Smith provided the following 2024 Renewal and Budget report.

Total Licensees to Renew Active License - 1786

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| Active Renewed | 1677 |
| Non-renewed | 109 (32 went inactive) |

Total Inactive Status to Renew - 72

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| Renewed | 34 |
| Non-renewed Inactive | 38 |

Renewal Funds Collected

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| Licensees | \$670,800 |
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| Inactive | <u>\$13,200</u> |
| Total | \$684,000 |

Total Psychology Associates to Renew 238

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| Renewed | 146 |
| Non-renewed | 92 (10 became licensed) |

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| PA Renewal Funds Collected | |
| Renewed | \$43,800 |

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| GRAND TOTAL | <u>\$727,800</u> |
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OTHER – New Licenses and PAs during FY 24 - July 1, 2023 – May 2024

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| FY 24 New Licensees | 167 |
| 167 x \$300 = | \$50,100 |

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| FY24 New Psychology Associates | 90 |
| 90 x \$200 = | \$18,000 |
| | \$68,100 |

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| FY 24 Renewals, new licenses, PAs Revenue | <u>\$795,900</u> |
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Ms. Smith reported that the Board has money allocated for the purchase of a new licensing system that will be comprehensive, integrated, and interactive and increasing fees is not necessary.

C. Committee Reports

Licensure – Dr. Sanschagrin stated that the committee met before today’s meeting and continues to assess ways to improve the licensure application. The committee also intends to propose deleting the non-practice application.

Legislation/Regulation – Dr. Smith-Gray stated that the committee met before today’s meeting and continues to finalize changes to the telehealth regulations and will present a proposal to the Board in the fall.

Disciplinary – Dr. Rukert stated that the committee continues to make changes to the complaint form and will present a proposal in the fall.

Public Relations – Dr. McDermott stated that the newsletter will be released in early July.

D. Public Comment

Dr. Singer asked if demographic information of licensees was provided to the public, and the answer was no. Another question was whether the pre-doc supervised experience hours met regulatory requirements. The response was that each application is reviewed and compared to the regulations for compliance. The licensing committee is currently reviewing the regulatory language to ease confusion.

E. Administrative Session/Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter into administrative session at 9:35 a.m. to discuss disciplinary actions and consult with Counsel. Unless recused, those

attending the open session remained for the administrative session. The Board came out of administrative session at 11:51 a.m. and the meeting was adjourned.