

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – October 4, 2019

The 645th Open Board Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by the Chairperson, Christopher Bishop, Psy.D.

Board Members Present:

Crystal Barksdale, Ph.D., MPH, Vice-Chairperson
James F. Gormally, Ph.D., ABPP
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.
Reginald Nettles, Ph.D., CGP
Raj Razdan, Consumer Member
Zeno St. Cyr II, Consumer, Member

Board Members Absent:

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

Staff Present:

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

Interpreters:

Amy McDonald
Leah Moore

Public:

Charla Bishop
Andrea Chisolm, MPA
Lillian Reese, MDH

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on June 28, 2019 were reviewed **A motion was made, seconded and a vote called to accept the minutes as submitted. For – 5; Abstention-2**

B. Announcements

Executive Director - The list of registrants for the October law exam was reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the list and others who may register later.**

Ms. Smith reported that she attended a meeting with representatives from the company Talkspace. Talkspace provides online and mobile therapy services. Communication is asynchronous. The Board received a letter from Talkspace emphasizing the importance of recognizing texting and other nontraditional means of providing psychological services. Currently these modes of delivering services are exempt from the Board's telepsychology

regulations. The Executive Directors of the Board of Professional Counselors and the Board of Social Work also attended the meeting. Ms. Smith will provide additional information as it becomes available.

Dr. Gormally and Mr. Razdan agreed to present information on the telepsychology regulations at the Maryland Psychological Association's meeting on November 1st.

The Board's retreat will be held on December 6, 2019 at Turf Valley Resort. Members will review some frequently referenced regulations such as child custody regulations and supervision of registered psychology associates.

Ms. Smith reported that the office is in the process of pursuing an online application system. Additional information will be forthcoming. Ms. Smith also reported that the criminal history records check will commence with renewals in 2021. The 2021 licensees will be notified during the summer of 2020.

Dr. Bishop announced that Mr. Zeno St. Cyr II will receive the Dr. Benjamin Shimberg Public Service Award recognized by the Citizen Advocacy Center in Washington, DC. Mr. St. Cyr will receive the award in December.

C. Public Comments

Dr. Andrea Chisolm was introduced as one of MPA's new Members at Large and reiterated MPA's annual convention date. The convention will be held at the BWI Airport Marriott in Linthicum Heights, MD.

D. 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 9:50 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.