

# Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

## Open Board Meeting Minutes – October 11, 2013

The 588<sup>th</sup> Open Board Meeting of the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:19 a.m. by the Chairperson, Steven Sobelman, Ph.D.

### **Board members present:**

Jeffrey Barnett, Psy.D, ABPP, Vice-Chairperson  
Christopher Bishop, Psy.D.  
James F. Gormally, Ph.D., ABPP  
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.  
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member  
Neal R. Morris, Ed.D., MS, CBSM, ABPP  
Harriet Rakes, Consumer Member  
Myra Waters, Ph.D.

### **Staff present:**

Lorraine Smith, Executive Director  
Dorothy Kutcherman, Licensing Coordinator  
Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel  
Brett Felter, Staff Attorney

### **Public present:**

Sharon Bloom, DHMH  
Tara Simpson, Psy.D., Maryland Psychological Association (MPA)  
W. Lee Steelwright, Psy.D.

### **Interpreters**

Sandra Brown and Pat Beardsley

#### **A. Minutes**

Open Minutes of the meeting held on September 13, 2013 were reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.**

#### **B. Announcements**

*Executive Director* – Ms. Smith reported that of the 18 individuals who took the law exam in September, three failed. The list of registrants for the October exam was reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the list and to authorize the licensing committee to approve others that may register for the exam later.**

Ms. Smith distributed the list of board meeting dates for calendar year 2014.

Ms. Smith stated that she was informed that a legislative bill in 2014 may be introduced that would place behavior analysts under the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists. Ms. Smith will provide the board with a copy of the bill once it is introduced.

*Chairperson* – Dr. Sobelman announced that the Board's training and orientation meeting will take place on December 6, 2013 at 801 Key Highway. The training will be closed to the public.

Dr. Sobelman ask board members to consider serving on the legislative committee during the 2014 legislative session. Committee members may read and provide comment on legislative bills and/or provide testimony at hearings. Those interested were asked to send Ms. Smith an email.

**C. Committee Reports**

*Licensing* – Dr. Waters reported that the committee continues to review applications and will conduct audits during the renewal period. The committee will also review the proposed changes to continuing education regulations and provide a report in November.

*Operations* – Nothing to report.

*Disciplinary* - Nothing to report.

*Public Affairs* - Dr. Barnett asked board members to submit articles for the winter newsletter. Ms. Rakes and Ms. McCargo-Redd will provide an article on the consumer's perspective. Ms. Smith also has an article on cultural awareness from the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities.

**D. Public Comment**

Dr. Simpson stated that MPA would be accepting nominations for the 2014 board membership until October 31, 2013.

**E. Administrative Session/Adjournment**

**A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter into Administrative Session to discuss disciplinary matters and to consult with Counsel.** The Board entered into administrative session at 10:30 a.m., came out at 12:58 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven A. Sobelman, Ph.D.  
Chairperson