

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – March 8, 2013

The 582nd meeting of the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by the Chairperson, Steven Sobelman, Ph.D.

Board members present:

Joann Altiero, Ph.D.
Jeffrey Barnett, Psy.D., ABPP, Vice-Chairperson
Robert Brown, 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
Sally Mitchell, Office Secretary
Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel
Brett Felter, Staff Attorney

Public present:

Paula Hollinger and Sharon Bloom, DHMH
Georgia Royalty, Ph.D. – Maryland Psychological Association (MPA)

Interpreters:

Sandra Brown and Justine Garrett

A. Minutes

The Open Minutes of the meeting held on February 8, 2012 were reviewed. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as submitted and a vote called: For – 7 Abstentions – 2. The minutes were approved.**

B. Announcements

Chairperson - Sobleman

Psychology Associates

Dr. Sobelman reported that SB 345 –*State Board of Examiners of Psychologists – Psychology Associates* received an unfavorable report from the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, primarily because the Maryland Psychological Association had some concerns pertaining to the bill and therefore opposed the bill. In an effort to get the bill passed, Drs. Sobelman, Brown, Waters, and Ms. Bethman met with

representatives from MPA to discuss revising the bill. It was agreed that the language in the legislative bill should be changed to refer to psychology associates as being registered instead of licensed. It was also agreed that a psychology associate would not serve as a Board member. The language will be deleted from the bill and the legislators will be provided with the amendments. After discussion, **a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to accept the amendments to the psychology associate bill.**

Maryland Behavior Analysts Act

Dr. Sobelman reported that he, Dr. Morris, and Kristen Neville (Boards Legislative Representative) met with SungWoo Kahng, Senior Behavior Analyst, and some delegates/legislative aides regarding HB 474- *Health Occupations- Maryland Behavior Analysts Act*. It was stated that if the behavior analysts are licensed as a psychology associate, they do not want to be supervised and they want to be allowed to refer to themselves as behavior analysts. Dr. Sobelman was asked to discuss these requests with the Board. Following discussion, it was the consensus that behavior analysts would need to be supervised, but could refer to themselves as behavior analysts. A letter will be sent to the legislature stating that the Board is willing to continue working with the behavior analysts in this matter. Dr. Kahng and Delegate Kirill Reznik are scheduled to meet with the Board of Professional Counselors on March 18, 2013 to discuss joining the Counselors' Board.

Temporary Exception to Practice form

A copy of a proposed Temporary Exception to Practice form was reviewed. After making some revisions, **a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to implement the new process.**

MPA

Dr. Sobelman stated that ballots distributed by MPA to elicit names for board vacancies omitted names of individuals who were nominated. A letter will be sent to MPA asking for their election process.

Executive Director – Ms. Smith reported that of the nine (9) individuals that took the Maryland State Law Exam on February 22, 2013 two (2) failed. The list of registrants for the March 15, 2013 exam was distributed. **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 at a later time.**

C. **Committee Reports**

Disciplinary – Ms. Smith stated that she received notification from Legislative Services stating that the Board needed regulations to coincide with §18-404 *Penalties for Misrepresentation and Practicing Without a License* that was implemented in 2012. The Board's existing sanctioning regulations will need to be amended to include this category.

Operations – Ms. Smith reported that the 2014 budget report contained language that would allow the legislators to withhold \$50,000 from each Board until the Boards share licensure data with the Child Support division at the Department of Human Services. The two entities were said to be working to fix this situation.

Public Affairs – The winter newsletter was not completed and members were asked to work toward producing a spring/summer newsletter.

D. Administrative Session/Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to enter into administrative session at 11:35 a.m. to discuss disciplinary matters and to consult with Counsel. The Board came out of administrative session at 2:05 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven A. Sobelman, Ph.D.
Chairperson

