

# Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

## Open Board Meeting Minutes – April 1, 2016

The 611<sup>th</sup> Open Board Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:09 a.m. by the Chairperson, Neal R. Morris, Ed.D. MS, CBSM, ABPP.

### **Board Members Present:**

Linda Berg-Cross, Ph.D  
Christopher Bishop, Psy.D.  
James F. Gormally, Ph.D., Vice-Chairperson  
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.  
Rivka Olley, Ph.D.  
Harriett Rakes, Consumer Member

### **Board Members Absent:**

Cyndie Buckson, Psy.D.  
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member

### **Staff Present:**

Lorraine Smith, MPH, Executive Director  
Sally Mitchell, Licensing Administrator  
Stephanie Coley, Administrative Assistant  
Brett Felter, AAG, Board Counsel

### **Interpreters:**

Krystal Krpan and Charmine Johnson

### **Public:**

Gregory Chasson, Ph.D, MPA

#### **A. Minutes**

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on March 4, 2016 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 April 12, 2016 law exam was reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the list and to authorize the licensing committee to approve other candidates who may register later.**

Ms. Smith reported that Delegate Reznik withdrew HB 1103 – *Health Care Practitioners- Use of Teletherapy* because of unresolved issues, such as addressing training in the bill instead of in regulations; requiring an initial face to face meeting; and the consent order requirements. Ms. Smith stated that perhaps the Board's regulations could be modified to allow some aspects of telepsychology. Also, the Board could submit their own legislation regarding telepsychology in the future.

No updated information was said to be available on HB 885 - *Behavioral Health Administration – Creation and Maintenance of Mental Health Professional Profiles (Patient Protection Provider Information Act)* and HB 944 - *Criminal Law – Professional Counselors and Therapists – Misconduct (Lynette’s Law)*.  
SB 1083 - *Secretaries of Principal Departments – Supervision and Review of Decisions and Actions by Units within Department* - passed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reader and is currently in 3<sup>rd</sup> reader.

Ms. Smith reported that the renewal period ended March 31, 2016. A report will be provided during the May meeting.

*Chair* - Dr. Morris reported that he spoke with Stefanie Reeves, Executive Director of the Maryland Psychological Association (MPA), and Joann Altiero, President of MPA in regards to encouraging MPA members to submit an application to be a Board approved Expert. Ms. Altiero suggested that the Board create a policy in reference to the legal risks that might be involved. In the past the Board provided training to those interested and agreed to continue this practice.

Dr. Morris reported that Dr. Gormally and he would attend the Mid-Atlantic Telehealth Regional Conference. Dr. Morris will also attend the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards mid- year conference.

**C. Committee Reports**

*Licensing* – Dr. Bishop reported that the committee continues to review psychology and psychology associate applications. The committee also reviews continuing education audits.

*Operations* – Ms. Smith stated that a license renewals report will be presented in May.

*Public Affairs* – No report.

*Disciplinary* – No report.

**D. Public Comments**

No public comments.

**E. 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 10:07 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.