

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2016

The 614th Open Board Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by the Chairperson, Neal R. Morris, Ed.D. MS, CBSM, ABPP.

Board Members Present:

James F. Gormally, Ph.D., ABPP Vice-Chairperson
Linda Berg-Cross, Ph.D.
Cyndie Buckson, Psy.D.
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member
Reginald Nettles, Ph.D., CGP
Raj Razdan, Consumer Member

Board Member and Board Counsel Absent:

Christopher Bishop, Psy.D.
Brett Felter, AAG

Staff Present:

Lorraine Smith, MPH, Executive Director
Sally Mitchell, Licensing Coordinator
Stephanie Coley, Administrative Assistant
Grant Gerber, AAG, Board Counsel

Interpreters:

Sarah Scarborough and Carl DuPree

Public:

Sharon Bloom, DHMH

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on June 10, 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 July law exam was reviewed. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the list and to authorize the licensing committee to approve others who may register later.**

Dr. Morris and Board members welcomed new members Reginald Nettles, Ph.D. and Mr. Raj Razdan.

Ms. Smith reported that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) chose not to sponsor the Board's proposed bill for the 2017 legislative session. The bill requires licensees to undergo a background check every six (6) years upon renewal. Ms. Smith reported that she was advised by the Director of Governmental Affairs that a meeting could be requested to meet with Secretary Van T. Mitchell about the matter. After a discussion the Board agreed to request a meeting with Secretary Mitchell to discuss the matter. Ms. Smith, Drs. Morris, Gormally, and Ms. McCargo-Redd will meet with the Secretary.

Ms. Smith reported that the Office of Appointments and Executive Nominations asked if the Board was interested in being included in legislation that would change how members of the Board are nominated. After a discussion the Board agreed not to participate, but would examine the process in the future.

Dr. Morris spoke briefly on telehealth and upcoming events related to telehealth. The book *A Practitioner's Guide to Telemental Health: How to Conduct Legal, Ethical, and Evidence-Based Telepractice* was highlighted as a resource on telehealth.

Dr. Gormally suggested that The Board explore topics to discuss at the Maryland Psychological Association meeting in November.

C. Committee Reports

Licensing – The committee continues to review psychologist and registered psychology associates applications.

Operations – Ms. Smith reported that a budgetary closeout report will be provided in the fall. Ms. Smith also reported that the PIN for the Office Secretary position was eliminated by the Department.

Public Affairs – Ms. McCargo-Redd reported the Board's summer newsletter is currently online and stated that the Board's new members will be introduced in the winter newsletter.

Disciplinary – No updates to 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 10:51 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.