

# Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

## Open Board Meeting Minutes – October 7, 2016

The 616<sup>th</sup> Open Board Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:10 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  
Christopher Bishop, Psy.D.  
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.  
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member  
Reginald Nettles, Ph.D., CGP  
Raj Razdan, Consumer Member

### **Board Members Absent:**

Cyndie Buckson, Psy.D.

### **Staff Present:**

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

### **Interpreters:**

Sarah Scarborough and Charmine Johnson

### **Public:**

Sharon Bloom, DHMH  
Shreya Hessler, MPA  
Kristen Neville, DHMH

### **A. Minutes**

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on September 9, 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 October 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.**

Ms. Smith reported that the Board's retreat will be held on December 2, 2016. The retreat will be held at the Marriott Convention Center in Towson, Maryland. The topics will be mobility and

reciprocity. The retreat committee will be composed of Drs. Berg-Cross, Morris, Nettles, and Mr. Razdan.

Ms. Smith gave a report on the budget closeout for Fiscal year (FY) 2016. Ms. Smith reported that revenue increased in FY 2016. The increase was mainly due to current Psychology Associates becoming Registered Psychology Associates. Ms. Smith explained that the Board began FY 2017 with carryover funds of \$156,353 and projected revenue of \$196,353 for FY 2017.

Ms. Smith reported that Medicaid amended their proposed regulations to continue to allow psychologists to bill for services provided to children with an autism spectrum disorder and to allow Applied Behavior Analyst to be reimbursed by Medicaid as well.

Ms. Smith reported that she attended the Council on Licensure Enforcement & Regulation (CLEAR) conference and the focus of the conference was transparency, competency, and collaboration.

Ms. Smith reported that she received a call from Johns Hopkins asking if psychologists were allowed to write orders to restrain patients. After a discussion it was decided that Mr. Felter would provide a response.

Drs. Morris and Gormally will be present at the Maryland Psychological Association's Annual Convention on November 4, 2016 and be available to answer questions during the last hour of the conference.

### **C. Committee Reports**

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

*Operations* – Ms. Smith presented on the FY16 budget closeout.

*Public Affairs* – Ms. McCargo-Redd asked for newsletter articles by December 2016.

*Disciplinary* – No updates to report.

### **D. Public Comments**

There was no public comment to report.

### **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 10:50 a.m. unless recused those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session.