

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Open Board Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2016

The 608th Open Board Meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by the Chairperson, Neal R. Morris, Ed.D. MS, CBSM, ABPP.

Board Members Present:

Christopher Bishop, Psy.D.
Cyndie Buckson, Psy.D.
James F. Gormally, Ph.D., Vice-Chairperson
Irene W. Leigh, Ph.D.
Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member
Rivka Olley, Ph.D.
Harriett Rakes, Consumer Member

Board Member Absent:

Linda Berg-Cross, Ph.D

Staff Present:

Lorraine Smith, MPH, Executive Director
Sally Mitchell, Administrative Assistant
Brett Felter, AAG, Board Counsel

Interpreters:

Krystal Krpan and Angela Conant

Public:

Shreya Patel Hessler, Psy.D. (MPA)
Kristen Neville, DHMH

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Open Meeting held on November 6, 2015 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 January 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 announced that the license renewal period opened on January 4, 2016. Board members scheduled to renew their license were reminded to submit documentation of their continuing education hours to the licensing coordinator. Ms. Smith stated that Stephanie Coley was hired to fill Sally Mitchell's position of Administrative Aide and would begin work on January 20, 2016. Recruitment for Charism Bowman's office secretary position was said to be underway as well, since Ms. Bowman moved to Pennsylvania. It was announced that Board members now have the option of receiving their expense reimbursement via direct deposit by completing form X-10 that can be found on the Comptroller's website.

Ms. Smith reported that the 2016 legislative session would begin on January 13, 2016. The health board's legislative/regulatory liaison Kristen Neville was introduced. Ms. Neville keeps the boards abreast of legislative bills that might impact the boards. The Maryland Psychological Association was said to have also been very helpful in the past keeping the Board informed of bills that might influence the practice of psychology. The Board's 2016 legislative committee will consist of Drs. Morris, Gormally and Buckson, Mr. Felter and Ms. Smith. The Board will discuss submitting a bill in 2017 to address requiring background checks every six years. Delegate Reznik has not released his bill on teletherapy yet, however a bill is expected.

Dr. Morris reported that the Chair of MPA's Educational Affairs Committee has invited members of the Board to present at its 2016 Convention on November 4, 2016 in Annapolis. A possible topic will be on telepsychology. Dr. Morris will plan to attend as well as one other person.

C. Committee Reports

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

Operations - Ms. Smith reported that a budget report will be given in May once renewals were over.

Public Affairs – Ms. McCargo-Redd reported that the committee is accepting articles for the spring newsletter.

Disciplinary – The committee's form for ethics supervisors was said to be completed and can be distributed. The purpose of the forms is to enhance service delivery and reporting.

D. Public Comments

The representative from MPA asked if psychology associates that were grandfathered were exempted from having to acquire 20 continuing education hours. The regulations only exempt those that were grandfathered from having to take the law exam and meeting the current educational requirements.

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. Unless recused, those attending the open session remained for the Administrative session. The Board entered into administrative session at 10:45 a.m., and came out at 1:05 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Neil R. Morris, Ed.D, MS, CBSM, ABPP
Chairperson