

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES: *November 21, 2014*
APPROVED: January 16, 2015

The Long Range Planning meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was called to order by Dr. Culross, Chair, at 9:13 a.m., Friday, November 21, 2014, in Meeting Room #1 at the Louisiana Municipal Association, 700 N. 10th Street, Baton Rouge, LA, 70802. Present were Board Members, Drs. Rita Culross, Marc Zimmermann, Darla Burnett, Phil Griffin, Joseph Comaty; and, Executive Director, Kelly Parker. The following public members were also in attendance: Julie Nelson, Ph.D., Joseph Tramontano, Ph.D., Kim VanGeffen, Ph.D. and Darlene Nemeth, Ph.D.

Dr. Zimmermann moved to approve the November 21, 2014 agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Louisiana Licensing Law for Psychologists Discussion:

- a. Revisions – R.S. 37:2353 – The Board introduced proposed changes to Section 2353 State Board of examiners; organizations; duties; meetings; fees. The changes include: removing any reference of the Louisiana Psychological Association from Section 2353(2); requiring that a candidate for Board seat must be licensed 5 years in Louisiana before being eligible ; and, requiring that any nominee for Board membership not be eligible if they hold or held within the past 12 months a current position or contract for services with the Board.

The group discussed the revisions. No oppositions were noted. Dr. Burnett inquired with Dr. Tramontano whether LPA would oppose being removed from the language. Dr. Tramontano confirmed that LPA would support the proposed changes.

- b. Revisions – R.S. 37:2354 – The Board introduced proposed changes to Section 2354. Fees. Specifically, the Board suggested changing 2353(E)(1) as related to the title “Emeritus” . The revision would state “Any licensed psychologist who is over the age of 65, may be eligible for a reduction in the annual fee...”. The Board suggested that there no longer be an “Emeritus” designation but the discounted fee would still be granted upon approval. The group reviewed the proposed changes. No opposition was noted.
- c. Revisions – R.S. 37:2356 – The Board introduced proposed changes to Section 2356. Licensure of Psychologists by written and oral examination. Specifically, the Board suggested changing 2356(G), to allow the Board to retain records in any medium form. There was no opposition noted to this suggestion.
- d. Additions – R.S. 37:2359 – The Board suggested the possible need for additions to Section 2359. Denial, revocation, or suspension of license. The Board informed the group that this is just a suggestion and no final decision

had been made at this time. However, issues of psychologists behavior towards other psychologists, Board members, and Board staff have arisen. The group reviewed and discussed the idea. Dr. Nemeth commented that “inappropriate behavior” and the definition was broad. Dr. Nelson stated she is opposed to it currently and will remain opposed to the idea of any inclusion. Board members attempted to clarify the idea and issues. Dr. Nelson noted that this should be LPA’s job not LSBEP. The Board agreed to consider the comments and feedback received.

- e. Revisions – R.S. 37:2365 – The Board introduced proposed changes to Section 2365. Scope of Chapter. Specifically, the Board suggested cleaning up the language 2365(D) related to temporary registration. The revision would remove the requirement for an associating psychologist. No opposition was noted.

Regulations (LAC Title 46, Part LXIII. Psychologists)

- a. Review – Chapter 3. Training & Credentials, Section 307 Clinical Neuropsychology: The group discussed needed revisions to Clinical Neuropsychology requirements. Dr. Nemeth suggested that the Board follow the Houston Conference on Speciality Training in Clinical Neuropsychology, Hannay, H. J., Bieliauskas, L. A., Crosson, B. A., Hammeke, T. A., Hamsher, K. deS., & Koffler, S. P. (1998). Proceedings: The Houston Conference on Specialty Education and Training in Clinical Neuropsychology. Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology, 13(2). Copyright by the National Academy of Neuropsychology. . Dr. Burnett suggested that the Board should also check other referenced sites within Chapter 3 for accuracy. The Board agreed to review the information. No opposition was noted.

LSBEP Opinions & Guidelines:

- a. Review – Current LSBEP Opinions: The group reviewed the current LSBEP Opinions. No suggestions noted.
- b. Review-Proposed Louisiana Telepsychology Guidelines: The Board Members introduced proposed telepsychology guidelines for practice within the state of Louisiana. Drs. Comaty and Griffin noted that the Telepsychology Task Force used many references, including APA, ATA, ASPPB and LSBME telehealth regulations. The group discussed the guidelines. Ms. Parker noted the guidelines had not officially been adopted but that the Board may due this at the December 2014 meeting.

New Discussion:

- a. Professionalism: Dr. Culross noted that this matter was discussed earlier under possible revisions. The group was provided with copies of “professionalism” references from other states. No opposition noted. No other suggestions received.

b. LSBEP Outreach: The Board discussed the possibility of doing outreach, to include but not limited to, Board sponsored continuing education, ethics issues and telepsychology orientation. Dr. Nemeth commented that it was a great idea. No opposition noted. No suggestions received.

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a. Art Therapy: The Board reviewed with the group the status of the Art Therapy Task Force. Board representatives informed the group that the Art Therapists are planning to include diagnosis in their scope of practice in their report to the legislature. Ms. Parker mentioned that a position statement was submitted on behalf of LSBEP.

Public Comments: The floor was opened for other suggestions or conversation with the Board. No suggestions were received.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.