

**Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists**  
**Long Range Planning Meeting – March 14, 2013**  
*APPROVED: April 19, 2013*

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) was called to order at 8:45 a.m., **Thursday, March 14, 2013 at the Louisiana Municipal Administration Building, 700 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Baton Rouge**, Present were Board Members, Drs. Lee Matthews, Rita Culross, Marc Zimmermann, Darla Burnett; and, Executive Director, Kelly Parker. Public attendees present were: Steven Welsh, Ph.D., Janet Matthews, Ph.D., Julie Nelson, Ph.D., Darlene Nemeth, Ph.D., Kim VanGeffen, Ph.D., and Joseph Comaty, Ph.D.

Dr. Culross moved to accept the March 14, 2013 agenda. Dr. Matthews provided a brief introduction to the meeting.

**Long Range Planning Discussion Items:**

**Child Abuse Reporting Statute:** The Board reviewed and discussed child abuse reporting requirements for psychologists as mandatory reporters. The Board discussed proposing legislation to modify Title 37, Chapter 28, Section 2359 to include “failure to report child abuse” as a regulatory reason for disciplinary action. No public comments.

**Multi-Level Licensure**

**Provisional Licensure:** The Board reviewed and discussed materials that supported modifying current licensure law to create a provisional licensure. The provisional license would be obtainable after a doctoral degree is conferred and prior to the completion of the postdoctoral year. Dr. Nemeth, public attendee, commented that she supported the provisional licensure effort. She also commented that APA recommends and supports a provisional license. Dr. Matthews moved to create a Provisional Licensure Task Force to study the issue further. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Psychological Technicians:** The Board reviewed and discussed materials that suggested modifying current licensure law to create a registration mechanism for psychological technicians. Dr. Janet Matthews, public attendee, commented that the Board previously required psychologists to register technicians. Dr. Nemeth recalled completing cards to register technicians. Dr. Janet Matthews also opined that registering technicians again would create a burden on board staff and board resources. The Board discussed the comments received and no further action was decided at the time.

**School Specialists:** Dr. Welsh addressed the Board regarding the need for a licensure level for school specialists. The Board and the public attendees discussed the suggestions presented by Dr. Welsh. Dr. Zimmermann moved to create a task force to study the issue further. The Board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

**Rule Making**

**Continuing Education-Chapter 8:** The Board and public attendees reviewed and discussed materials regarding changes to Chapter 8 requirements. Public comments were received from Dr. VanGeffen and Dr. Nelson regarding limiting traditional CEs to 50%. The group also discussed the CE suggested for serving on a Board or ABPP designation. Dr. Culross moved to modify Chapter 8 removing limits on the categories, changing the categories to 9 areas of CE rather than 10 and requiring licensees to obtain CE from at least 2 of the 9 categories. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Culross agreed to work on the revisions.

**Telepsychology:** Dr. Nemeth addressed the Board and informed everyone that APA/ASPPB will issue model language for Telepsychology practice in July 2013. The group reviewed the Board's Opinion regarding Telepsychology and discussed issues that need clarification. Dr. Burnett moved to table work on the Telepsychology rules until after the model language is released. The Board voted and unanimously accepted the motion.

**Temporary Registration – Act 276:** Dr. Zimmermann presented the potential revisions to Chapter 10 Temporary Registration. The revisions included removing the associating psychologist requirement, adding a fee and jurisprudence examination, limiting the number of temporary registration applications and adding a section for military applicants in compliance with Act 276. Military applicants or their spouses will be granted a temporary license while pursuing a full license in an expedited process.

### **Opinions**

**Professional Wills:** The Board and public attendees reviewed and discussed the draft LSBEP Opinion regarding professional wills. The Board listened to public comments and agreed to take them under advisement.

### **Administrative:**

**New Board Member Orientation/Packets:** Dr. Burnett addressed the group and explained the need to provide new Board member training. Dr. Burnett reviewed the list of items that would be provided to a new Board member during their orientation period.

### **Administrative Policies & Procedures Review:**

The discussion of this item was tabled until the next Board meeting.

At 3:15 the meeting was adjourned for the day.