

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

MEETING AGENDA

JANUARY 12, 2021

2:30 PM

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OPEN SESSION AGENDA JANUARY 12, 2021

Call to Order:

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| | <u>Roll Call:</u> | |
| OS-0112-01 | <u>Approval of the Agenda</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of the January 12, 2021 Open Session Agenda. | |
| OS-0112-02 | <u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT’S REPORT</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT • BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT • CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT | |
| OS-0112-03 | <u>Open Session Minutes</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from November 10, 2020 meeting. | |
| OS-0112-04 | <u>Board Delegations:</u> <u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review the outlined delegated authorities and determine whether to accept. <u>Background:</u> As the Board of Psychology (“the Board”) is limited in how often it can meet, the Board has delegated various authorities to Board staff to help accomplish the goal of public safety. These delegated authorities are limited in nature and are intended to facilitate the business of the Board in an efficient and expedient manner, while at the same time ensuring patient safety is always maintained. | |
| OS-0112-05 | <u>Health Occupation Revision Act (HORA) Revision</u> <u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review and revise the HORA related to the professionals’ scope of practices for psychology and psychology associates. (16) (A) (i) "Practice of psychology" means the development and application, with or without compensation, of scientific concepts, theories, methods, techniques, procedures, and principles of psychology to aid in the understanding, measuring, explaining, | |

predicting, preventing, fostering, and treating of abilities, disabilities, attributes, or behaviors that are: (I) Principally cognitive, such as aptitudes, perceptions, attitudes, or intelligence; (II) Affective, such as happiness, anger, or depression; or As of 6/2015 28 (III) Behavioral, such as physical abuse. (ii) The term "practice of psychology" includes: (I) Coaching, consulting, counseling, and various types of therapy, such as behavior therapy, group therapy, hypnotherapy, psychotherapy, and marriage, couples, and family therapy; (II) Intellectual, personality, behavioral, educational, neuropsychological, and psychophysiological testing; and (III) Professional activities, such as research, teaching, training, interviewing, assessment, evaluation, pharmacology, and biofeedback. (B) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as preventing or restricting the practice, services, or activities of: (i) An individual bearing the title of psychologist in the employ of an academic institution, research organization, or laboratory, if the psychology-based activities or services offered are within the scope of employment, are consistent with his or her professional training and experience, and provided within the confines of employment; [or] (ii) A school psychologist employed by and working in accordance with the regulations of the District of Columbia Board of Education.

§ 3-1209.06. Psychology associate. (a) A person who is engaged as a psychology associate in the District shall register with the Mayor, renew the registration as required by rule, and pay the required registration fee established by the Mayor. (b) A person registered to practice as a psychology associate may provide psychological services and activities while under the direct supervision of a psychiatrist, or a licensed psychologist with a doctoral degree in psychology. As of 6/2015 122 (c) A psychology associate shall have graduated from an accredited college or university with at least a Master's degree based on a program of studies primarily focusing on psychology, or a program judged by the Board to be substantially equivalent in subject matter and extent of training to a master's or doctoral degree in psychology. (d) The Mayor, pursuant to § 2-501 et seq., shall issue rules further setting forth the education and experience needed to qualify as a psychology associate.

(q) Unless authorized to practice psychology under this chapter, a person shall not use the words or terms "psychology," "psychologist", "psychology associate", or similar title or

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| | description of services with the intent to represent that the person practices psychology | |
| OS-0112-06 | <p><u>Telehealth</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to provide any feedback/discussion.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> DC Health has created an interprofessional workgroup comprised of the Board Chairs from different licensure boards. The group was established to generate ideas on solving health matters from a multi-discipline approach. The Workgroup has decided to focus its efforts on the development of legislation to address telehealth. A subcommittee will be formed with representation from each health professional board.</p> | |
| OS-0112-07 | <p><u>Motion to Close</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Chairperson, I move that the Board close the Open Public session portion of the meeting and move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) for the following purposes: to discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to § 2-575(b)(9); to seek the advice of counsel to the board, to preserve the attorney-client privilege, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2- 575(b)(4); and to plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigations pursuant to § 2-575(b)(14).”</p> | |

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| | <p><u>THIS SECTION IS FYI ONLY</u> <u>NO BOARD DECISION OR ACTION IS NEEDED</u></p> | |
| FY-1 | <p><u>National Register of Health Service Psychologist Request</u></p> <p><u>Update:</u> Pending the additional information from National Register.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> National Register offers continuing education in a variety of formats, including in-person sessions, recorded videos, live webinars, and through articles in their <i>Journal of Health Service Psychology</i>. National Register specified that they have developed standards and procedures regarding accreditation of continuing education providers. They indicated that they have procedures in place to ensure that accredited agencies follow standard quality assurance protocols related to clear publication of program objectives, presenter qualifications, and grievance procedures. A summary of their accreditation standards and procedures was provided for the Board to review. They plan to begin accrediting continuing education providers in Spring 2021.</p> | |
| FY-2 | <p><u>Clarification on Reinstatement and Reactivation Continuing Education Requirements for Psychology Associate</u></p> <p><u>Update:</u> Pending the policy statement and approval process for the regulations.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The psychology associate regulations were updated in 2019 to include the 10% of public health priorities. It appears that language regarding the amount of CES required per year the license was expired or inactive was accidentally removed. The current continuing education requirements for reinstatement and reactivation does not specify the number CEs need based on the expiration of the license.</p> <p>The Board wants to have the psychology associate to be the same as psychology regulations in regard to CEs. The board voted to</p> | |

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| draft policy for reinstatement and reactivation CE requirements which should be the same standards as the psychology CE requirements. In addition, update the ethics requirements to 1.5 hours in both psychology and psychology associate reactivation/reinstatement continuing education requirements. |
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The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 9, 2021** at **2:30 pm**.