

The Florida

**Board of Psychology**

**Draft Minutes**

**June 20, 2014**

**BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL**

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**Dr. J. Drake Miller, Psy.D.  
Chair**

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### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

J. Drake Miller, Psy.D, Chair  
Harry Reiff, Psy.D  
Ms. Mary D. O'Brien

#### STAFF PRESENT

Allen Hall, Executive Director  
Anna L. Hart King, Program Operations Administrator  
Michelle Branch, Regulatory Specialist II

#### ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

Rachel Clark, Esquire

**Dr. J. Drake Miller called the Legislative Committee to order at approximately 8:04 a.m.**

#### Call to order – Legislative Committee

##### Tab 1           Review of Licensure Laws

Chapter 490 provides several avenues of licensure, each with specific statutory requirements. The Credentials Committee and Board have struggled in implementing some of these requirements. Particularly, under some of the endorsement methods, the Board has been required to deny licensure to applicants, whom, except for not meeting certain specific requirements, the Board would have been willing to license. The Legislative Committee was asked to consider whether it would like to suggest statutory changes to the Board regarding the psychology licensure laws.

Following discussion regarding the Endorsement of Other State License Method, the Committee agreed to leave the law as is.

Following discussion regarding the Endorsement of 20 Years of Licensed Psychology method, Dr. J. Drake Miller agreed to consult with the Board attorney, Rachel Clark, on drafting language to remove the requirement that the applicant must possess a doctoral degree in psychology as described in Section 490.003, F.S. Dr. Miller will then present the draft language to the full Board at the July 25, 2014 General Business Meeting.

Dr. Harry Reiff also requested to review and discuss at the July 25, 2014 General Business meeting, Rule 64B19-11.010, F.A.C., regarding Limited License Psychologists, where it defines underserved or critical need populations as people living within a twenty (20) mile radius of any site in the state which has no other psychologist practicing in that twenty (20) mile radius.

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## **Tab 2** Psychology Legislative Update-CS/SB 1212-Behavior Analysts

Review of this bill was before the Legislative Committee and Board for discussion at the April 25, 2014 General Business Meeting. The Board requested that a recommendation be submitted to DOH, on its behalf, to have the licensure and regulation of Behavior Analysts fall under the Board of Psychology.

Although the bill did not pass during the 2014 legislative session, it is anticipated to be re-introduced during the 2015 session. Dr. Harry Reiff requested the Committee's discussion on a strategy to address future legislative proposals which may be submitted regarding Behavior Analysts.

Following discussion, the Committee re-stated its previous recommendation that the licensure and regulation of behavior analysts fall under the purview of the Board of Psychology. Mr. Hall agreed to provide notice of the Committee's recommendation to the MQA Chief of Health Care Practitioner Regulation, as well as the Department of Health's Legislative Planning Office. Additionally, Dr. Reiff agreed to draft a more detailed statement in support of the Committee's recommendation for further discussion by the full Board at the July 25, 2014 General Business meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 a.m.