

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL  
MARCH 15, 2013  
MINUTES**

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**Dr. Harry J. Reiff, Chair, called the Legislative Committee meeting to order at approximately 8:02 a.m. Those present for all or part of the meeting, included the following:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Harry J. Reiff, Psy.D, Chair  
Rafael Rivas-Vazquez, Psy.D

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Rachel Clark, Esquire

**Tab 1.** Discussion: Delegation of Professional Responsibilities or Activities by Licensed Psychologists to Paraprofessionals

The Legislative Committee met on January 4, 2013 to discuss the results of the Psychology Extender Survey as published in the September 2012 final report prepared by the Division of Medical Quality Assurance. They also discussed any general risks that may be associated with pursuing legislation to address this topic. The Committee agreed to discuss these items further with the full Board.

During the January 25, 2013 General Business Meeting, the Board determined that the Florida Statutes and Florida Administrative code do not give the authority to delegate professional duties to an assistant. The Board agreed to develop a rule allowing for delegation of specific activities and tabling the issue and sending it back to the Legislative Committee.

Following discussion, on the general risks involved that may be associated with pursuing legislation, the Committee agreed to table the item and have the full Board discuss the item further at the April 26, 2013 General Business Meeting. Dr. Harry Reiff has prepared draft language for an addition to Rule 64B19-17.002, F.A.C., Disciplinary Guidelines, which will be presented at the meeting. Board Counsel, Rachel Clark advised on the risk of a rule challenge and attorney fees at any point in the promulgation process, should the Board move forward with this development.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:46 a.m.