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ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR FY 2019

The Board's powers and duties are defined by sections 73-31-1 through 73-31-31 of the Mississippi Code of 1972.

Meetings

Per Mississippi Statute, the Mississippi Board of Psychology is required to meet at least four (4) times annually, once each quarter. Instead, the Board met eleven (11) times during FY 2019. Per Mississippi Statute, all meetings were held in accordance with the Mississippi Open Meeting Act and were open to the public. Reasonable notices of all meetings were made available to the public prior to all meetings. In addition, the Board is required to conduct Oral Examinations no less than twice a year. The Board conducted Oral Examinations nine (9) times, corresponding with scheduled meetings. Notices of Oral Examination administrations were made available to the public prior to all examinations.

Application for Licensure

During FY18, twenty-two (22) individuals submitted a Request to Start Application Process and were entered into the national application management system (Psychology Licensure Universal System). Of those twenty-two (22) individuals, thirteen (13) chose to begin their application. No applications were withdrawn or retired due to inactivity. Fourteen (14) individuals completed the application process and were licensed as psychologists in the state of Mississippi during FY19.

Licensed Psychologists

During FY19, the Mississippi Board of Psychology issued new permanent licenses to practice psychology in Mississippi to the following individuals:

Nadia Nicole Bethley	Greenville	MS
Mary Ward Black	Oxford	MS
Anneliese Catherine Boettcher	New Orleans	LA
Laura Ann Brodie	Irvine	CA
James Derek Broussard	Ridgeland	MS
Daniel Locke Deason	Oxford	MS
Hillary Lea DeShong	Starkville	MS
Joshua Campbell Fulwiler	Tupelo	MS
David Wayne Gavel	Hattiesburg	MS
Kristi Westmoreland Mong	Pass Christian	MS
Matthew Carlson Morris	Jackson	MS
Walter Thomas Rueff	Jackson	MS
John Hamilton Smith	Bay St. Louis	MS
Kathryn Kim Waggoner	Ocean Springs	MS

Temporary Licenses

Applicants who are duly licensed in other jurisdictions and who have passed the Examination for Professional Practice of Psychology (EPPP), but who have not yet taken an oral examination, may apply for a temporary license. During FY19, one (1) individual who was previously licensed as a psychologist and in good standing in another jurisdiction was issued a Temporary License while awaiting the Mississippi Board of Psychology's next administration of the Oral Examination.

Temporary Practice Certificates

Applicants who are duly licensed in other jurisdictions and who are not residents of the State of Mississippi and who do not maintain an office within the State may apply for a Temporary Practice Certificate that allows them to practice psychology on a temporary basis in the State. During FY19, six (6) individuals who were licensed psychologists and in good standing in other jurisdictions were issued time-limited Temporary Practice Certificates. A total of six (6) individuals held Temporary Practice Certificates in FY19.

License Renewals

At the beginning of FY19 there were four hundred-eleven (411) licensed psychologists in Mississippi. All psychologists in the state of Mississippi are required to renew their licenses annually, prior to June 30 of each year. During FY19, three hundred eighty-five (385) licensed psychologists in the state of Mississippi renewed their licenses prior to June 30, 2019. T w e n t y - o n e (21) renewed after June 30, 2019. Twenty-four (24) individuals did not renew their licenses. At present, there are four hundred-nineteen (419) individuals licensed as psychologists in Mississippi.

Civil Commitment Examiner Certifications

Under Mississippi statute 41-21-61, the Board may certify licensed psychologists who have satisfactorily completed additional training as civil commitment examiners. During FY19, the Board certified seven (7) licensed psychologists who had completed the required training and successfully passed examination as civil commitment examiners who may be appointed by the various chancery courts to participate as examiners in these proceedings.

Complaints and Investigations

In protection of the public, the Board reviewed the following inquiries during FY19:

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Reason for complaint: Dissatisfaction with the way an “addiction evaluation” was held; not happy with the results that were reported.

Final disposition: Case was closed

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Reason for complaint: Three areas of concern issued by an attendee of a workshop the psychologist was conducting concerned (1) the psychologist’s initial statements; (2) the perception that the psychologist violated the safety of participants that was set for the training; (3) the psychologist’s inability to repair potential harm done to participants.

Final disposition: An educational letter was sent to the psychologist discussing the ethical issues involved.

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Reason for complaint: Violation of patient’s privacy and irreparable harm to patient through negligent, pernicious and unscrupulous practices committed by the psychologist.

Final disposition: After a thorough evaluation of the available documentation, the investigation committee concluded that the psychologist violated a number of APA ethical codes, and there was not good documentation of the psychologist’s work. It was judged that the violations did not merit license revocation, and the recommendation of the investigative committee was that the psychologist be required to complete 10 hours of CE in the area Ethics/Legal that specifically addresses the violations committed, restriction of practice in the area of evaluation and treatment of adults and supervision of students, and a \$1000.00 fine due by November 1, 2019.

Rules and Regulations

The Board previously completed an in-depth review of its Rules and Regulations, posted the proposed revisions on the Mississippi Secretary of State’s web page, and uploaded the Proposed Rules and Regulations as required by the MS Administrative Bulletin. During FY18 the Board held an Oral Proceeding concerning these proposed revisions. Feedback concerning the proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations was received by the Board. After careful deliberation regarding the feedback expressed, the Board voted to withdraw the proposed rules changes and their summary from the Secretary of State’s website. During FY19 the Board continued to review and revise its Rules and Regulations in anticipation of possible changes to the Rules and Regulations being submitted to the Occupational Licensing Review Commission at a later date.

License Management System

The Board purchased a new license management system specifically designed for state regulatory boards and has worked with the developers to modify the system to meet our specific needs. This system has been operational since January 2017. The implementation of this new system has increased capabilities, decreased office costs, and decreased processing time for license renewals, and promoted efficiency and convenience to licensees and applicants. The new system improves compatibility with all other state systems. During the FY19 renewal period ending June 30, 2019, three hundred-sixty-three (363) licensees used the online license management system to renew their license. This amounted to 94.3% of renewals during this period.

Mississippi Autism Board

The Mississippi Autism Board was created by the legislature in 2015. This Board was empowered under Miss. Code Ann. § 73-75-1, et seq., to license qualified applicants in the practice of behavior analysis and to promulgate such rules as are necessary to provide for the licensing of behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts. The principal offices of the Mississippi Autism Board are located in the Office of the Mississippi Secretary of State. During FY18 the legislature directed the transition of the Mississippi Autism Board to operate under the authority of the Mississippi Board of Psychology. During FY19 the office of the Mississippi Secretary of State will continue to provide administrative services to the Mississippi Autism Board. Transition is anticipated to be complete by July 1, 2019.

Changes in Board Administration

The Board has no full-time employees and has in the past used independent contractors to provide management services. In September 2018 the Board contracted with an individual to work part-time as the Board Administrator. Additionally, Board members are performing administrative services that fall within the scope of their Board office. A Memorandum of Understanding was entered into by and between the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration and the Mississippi Board of Psychology for the purpose of establishing the agreed upon conditions and procedures under which DFA will provide accounting and other services to the Board.

Overview of the Board's 5-Year Strategic Plan 2021–2025

The Mississippi Board of Psychology's mission is to prevent the unauthorized, unqualified, and improper practice of psychology in Mississippi. This mission is possible through statutes that empower the Board to establish licensing requirements, to set standards for professional behavior, and to review the professional conduct of licensed psychologists to promote competent practice and public welfare.

The Board of Psychology's first priority during the next five years is to stay abreast of national and state issues that affect the ethical practice of psychology. Board member's active

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participation on list-serves and conferences focused on psychological services will help accomplish this. Emerging issues about licensure and practice are systematically included on the Board's agenda for discussion and action where needed.

The Board of Psychology is charged with protecting the public by assuring candidates for licensure meet minimal standards to practice and that licensees uphold legal and ethical expectations. The Board will take appropriate action to mitigate harm to anyone who receives services from a Mississippi psychologist. Some of the upcoming discussions of the Board will include a consideration of:

- 1) Addition of the EPPP-2, a competence examination recently development by ASPPB,
- 2) Pros/cons of continuing to offer an oral examination once the EPPP-2 goes into effect,
- 3) Possibility of joining the Interjurisdictional Compact (Psypact) for delivery of telehealth services.
- 4) Utilizing the data management system to promote completely electronic licensure renewals and to more efficiently review Continuing Education requirements and materials.
- 5) Establishing a data base for the Autism Board and providing efficient administration of the Autism Board
- 6) Ongoing review of the Board's Rules and Regulations to ensure that these contain no unnecessary barriers to licensure for qualified applicants.

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Financial Report

PSYCHOLOGY BOARD - FY2019 YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORTING

Psychology Board - BA1823

Major	Major Obj Code	Current Budget	Actuals (Expenditures)	Current Budget - Actuals (Expenditures)	Purchase Orders	Total Available Budget
Obj Code	Name	\$124,837.00				Budget
A1	Salaries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
A2	Travel	\$15,400.00	\$7,131.81	\$8,268.19	\$0.00	\$8,268.19
B	Contractual	\$98,437.00	\$51,567.70	\$46,869.30	\$0.00	\$46,869.30
C	Commodities	\$7,000.00	\$3,904.61	\$3,095.39	\$0.00	\$3,095.39
D1	Capital Outlay	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
D2	Equipment	\$4000.00	\$488.00	\$3,512.00	\$0.00	\$3,512.00
D3	Vehicles	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
D4	Wireless	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
E	Subsidies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grand Total		\$124,837.00	\$63,092.12	\$61,744.88	\$0.00	\$61,744.88

Travel 60300

Commitment Item	Commitment Item	Current Budget	Expenditures	Current Budget - Expenditures	Purchase Orders	Total Available Budget Authority
Number	Name	\$15,400.00				Budget Authority
60400000	In State Travel	\$0.00	\$1,281.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
60500000	Out of State Travel	\$0.00	\$5,849.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
60701000	Travel Soc Sec Match	\$0.00	\$0.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
60702000	Travel Medicare Match	\$0.00	\$0.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total		\$15,400.00	\$7,131.81	\$8,268.19	\$0.00	\$8,268.19

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Contractual Services 61000

Commitment Item	Commitment Item	Current Budget	Expenditures	Current Budget -	Purchase Orders	Total Available
Number	Name	\$98,437.00		Expenditures		Budget Authority
61060000	Employee Training	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61070000	Travel Related Reg.	\$0.00	\$1,095.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61100000	Transport of Goods	\$0.00	\$165.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61110000	Postal Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61450000	Conf. Rm Exh. & Display	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61600000	Interagency Fees	\$0.00	\$3,604.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61610000	Contract Wkr-Payroll	\$0.00	\$26,862.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61625000	Contract Wkr-Match	\$0.00	\$5,206.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61665000	Invest Mgr. & Actuary	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61690000	Fees & Svc - Prof Fees	\$0.00	\$1,605.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61710000	Membership Dues	\$0.00	\$1,616.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61818000	Cell Time - Out Vend	\$0.00	\$489.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61839000	Software - Out Vend	\$0.00	\$7,495.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61848000	Maint. IT Equip - Out Vend	\$0.00	\$1,392.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61900000	P-Card Contractual	\$0.00	\$937.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total		\$98,437.00	\$51,567.70	\$46,869.30	\$0.00	\$46,869.30

Commodities 62000

Commitment Item	Commitment Item	Current Budget	Expenditures	Current Budget -	Purchase Orders	Total Available
Number	Name	\$7,000.00		Expenditures		Budget Authority
62040000	Food for Business Meetings	\$0.00	\$1,444.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
62085000	Office Supplies & Materials	\$0.00	\$798.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
62900000	P-Card Commodities	\$0.00	\$1,662.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total		\$7,000.00	\$3,904.61	\$3,095.39	\$0.00	\$3,095.39

Equipment 63200

Commitment Item	Commitment Item	Current Budget	Expenditures	Current Budget -	Purchase Orders	Total Available
Number	Name	\$4,000.00		Expenditures		Budget Authority
63200000	Equipment-Copier/Printer (New)	\$0.00	\$488.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
63200000	Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
63200000	Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
63200000	Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total		\$4,000.00	\$488.00	\$3,512.00	\$0.00	\$3,512.00

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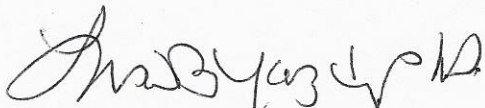
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Submitted for and on behalf of the Board,



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