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ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR FY 2020

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 ten (10) times during FY 2020. 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 FY20, thirty-six (36) individuals submitted a "Request to Start Application Form". From that group thirty-two (32) individuals were deemed preliminarily eligible for licensure in Mississippi and were entered into the Psychology Licensure Universal System (PLUS) for completion of all primary source verification. Of those who began the PLUS application, nine (9) completed the application in FY20. Four (4) applicants were deemed ineligible for licensure in Mississippi. One (1) application was given an extension by the Board for additional time for completion. No applications were retired due to inactivity. Fourteen (14) individuals completed the entire application process and successfully passed an Oral Examination and were fully licensed as psychologists in the state of Mississippi during FY20."

Licensed Psychologists

During FY20, the Mississippi Board of Psychology issued new permanent licenses to practice psychology in Mississippi to the following individuals:

Gabrielle Gipson Banks	Jackson	MS
Anna Katherine Black	Oxford	MS
Kathleen Judith Brock	New Orleans	LA
Hannah Alden Ford	Brandon	MS
Dominic Lorenzo Galvez	Flowood	MS
Diane Elaine Groat	Biloxi	MS
Jessica Shanna James	Tempe	AZ
Katherine Helene Moyer	Oxford	MS
Ashley Norwood-Strickland	Iowa City	IA
Emma Lee Peden	Jackson	MS
Joni Dee Renbarger	Biloxi	MS
Lisa Garrety Roberts	Clinton	MS
Courtney S. Walker	Jackson	MS
Elissa Joan Woodruff	Madison	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 FY20, 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 FY20, fifty-two (52) individuals who were licensed psychologists and in good standing in other jurisdictions were issued time-limited Temporary Practice Certificates. A total of fifty-two (52) individuals held Temporary Practice Certificates in FY20.

License Renewals

At the beginning of FY20 there were four hundred-nineteen (419) 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 FY20, four hundred and four (404) licensed psychologists in the state of Mississippi renewed their licenses prior to June 30, 2020. Eight (8) renewed after June 30, 2020. Thirteen (13) individuals did not renew their licenses. At present, there are four hundred and twenty (420) 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 FY20, the Board certified four (4) 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 FY20:

06022001

Reason for complaint: Complaint concerns person not being happy with the psychologist's evaluation in a custody matter. This complaint was reviewed with Mr. Wiggins in the A.G.'s Office and he and the Executive Secretary found no ethical or legal violations.

Final disposition: Case was closed

06032002

Reason for complaint: Complaint concerns a psychologist's handling of a chancery court matter. The complaint is currently in process. Notification has been sent to the psychologist and we are awaiting the psychologist's response.

Rules and Regulations

During FY20 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 FY20 renewal period ending June 30, 2020, four hundred and ten (410) licensees used the online license management system to renew their license. This amounted to 99.5% 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 Board of Psychology. During FY18 the legislature directed the transition of the Mississippi Autism Board to operate under the authority of the Mississippi Board of Psychology. During FY20 the Office of the Mississippi Board of Psychology provided administrative services to the Mississippi Autism Board. There are currently seventy-nine (79) Licensed Behavior Analysts and there were twelve (12) Licensed Behavior Analysts licensed in FY20. There are currently three (3)

Assistant Behavior Analysts and two (2) were licensed in FY20. There are currently nine (9) applications for licensure pending as of June 30, 2020. There are currently one-hundred and ninety-seven (197) Registered Behavior Technicians certified to work with Licensed Behavior Analysts.

Changes in Board Administration

The Board has one (1) full-time independent contractor to provide management services. In October 2019 the Board contracted with an individual to work full-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 2022–2026

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 statues 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 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, as well as the need for additional regulation of provision 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.

Financial Report

PSYCHOLOGY BOARD - FY2020 YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORTING

Psychology Board - BA1823

Major	Major Obj Code	Current Budget	Actuals (Expenditures)	Current Budget - Actuals	Purchase Orders	Total Available
Obj Code	**Name**	**$126,837.00**		**(Expenditures)**		**Budget**
A1	Salaries	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
A2	Travel	$15,000.00	$3,397.26	$11,602.74	$0.00	$11602.74
B	Contractual	$100,337.00	$74,899.69	$25,437.31	$0.00	$25,437.31
C	Commodities	$7,500.00	$2,750.79	$4,749.21	$0.00	$4,749.21
D1	Capital Outlay	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
D2	Equipment	$4000.00	$0.00	$4,000.00	$0.00	$4,000.00
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		**$126,837.00**	**$81,047.74**	**$45,789.26**	**$0.00**	**$45,789.26**

Travel 60300

Commitment Item	Commitment Item	Current Budget	Expenditures	Current Budget -	Purchase Orders	Total Available
Number	**Name**	**$15,000.00**		**Expenditures**		**Budget Authority**
60400000	In State Travel	$0.00	$1,024.02	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
60402000	In State Non-Taxable Lodging	$0.00	$584.01	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
60500000	Out of State Travel	$0.00	$1,121.53	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
60505000	Out of State Travel Public Carrier	$0.00	$456.50	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
60606000	Other O/C Travel Cost	$0.00	$110.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
60701000	Travel Soc Sec Match	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
60702000	Travel Medicare Match	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
60960000	Prior Year Expense-Travel	$0.00	$101.20	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Total		**$15,000.00**	**$3,397.26**	**$11,602.74**	**$0.00**	**$11,602.74**

Contractual Services 61000

Commitment Item	Commitment Item	Current Budget	Expenditures	Current Budget -	Purchase Orders	Total Available
Number	**Name**	**$100,337.00**		**Expenditures**		**Budget Authority**
61070000	Travel Related Reg.	$0.00	$1,175.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
61100000	Transport of Goods	$0.00	$240.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
61600000	Interagency Fees	$0.00	$2,522.52	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
61610000	Contract Wkr-Payroll	$0.00	$53,751.23	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
61625000	Contract Wkr-Match	$0.00	$5,693.19	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
61665000	Invest Mgr. & Actuary	$0.00	$100.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
61710000	Membership Dues	$0.00	$1,604.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
61818000	Cell Time - Out Vend	$0.00	$571.65	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
61839000	Software - Out Vend	$0.00	$8,364.90	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
61900000	P-Card Contractual	$0.00	$877.20	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Total		**$100,337.00**	**$74,899.69**	**$25,437.31**	**$0.00**	**$25,437.31**

Commodities 62000

Commitment Item	Commitment Item	Current Budget	Expenditures	Current Budget -	Purchase Orders	Total Available
Number	**Name**	**$7,500.00**		**Expenditures**		**Budget Authority**
62040000	Food for Business Meetings	$0.00	$738.20	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
62078000	Other Misc. Supplies	$0.00	$7.01	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
62085000	Office Supplies & Materials	$0.00	$366.47	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
62115000	Parts-Office/IT/Other	$0.00	$19.99	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
62400000	Furniture & Equipment	$0.00	$81.59	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
62415000	Computer & Computer Equipment	$0.00	$117.68	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
62900000	P-Card Commodities	$0.00	$1,419.85	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Total		**$7,500.00**	**$2,750.79**	**$4,749.21**	**$0.00**	**$4,749.21**

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	$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
63200000	Equipment	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Total		**$4,000.00**	**$0.00**	**$4,000.00**	**$0.00**	**$4,000.00**

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