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ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR FY 2022

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 2022. 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 seven (7) times, corresponding with scheduled meetings. Notices of Oral Examination administrations were made available to the public prior to all examinations.

Application for Licensure

During FY22, sixty (60) individuals submitted a "Request to Start Application Form". From that group and with the addition of a few Requests sent at the end of FY21 sixty-seven (67) 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. One (1) application was given an extension by the Board for additional time for completion. Forty (40) individuals completed the entire application process and successfully passed an Oral Jurisprudence Examination and were fully licensed as psychologists in the state of Mississippi during FY22. Three (3) individuals applied for licensure under the Universal Recognition of Licensure Act and were issued Temporary Practice Permits while they complete the application process. One (1) application for licensure was denied and is currently under appeal.

Licensed Psychologists

During FY22, the Mississippi Board of Psychology issued new permanent licenses to practice psychology in Mississippi to the following individuals:

Kimberly A. Adams	Loganville, GA
Vincent Casey Allen	Decatur, GA
Austen Rex Anderson	Hattiesburg, MS
Katherine C. Andre	Lakeport, CA
Alison Lea Bigelow	Collierville, TN
Sarah Ann Bilsky	Oxford, MS
Megan Hattier Binder	Mandeville, LA
Laura Elizabeth Bourn	Louisville, KY
Heather Lee Bradley	New Braunfels, TX
Alicia Roselyn Brown	Gulfport, MS
Megan Ann Ciota	Pass Christian, MS
Shawn LaTrece Clark	Jackson, MS

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Robert Archie Cox	Hattiesburg, MS
Kara Michelle Dingess	Metairie, LA
Mary Elizabeth Dozier	Starkville, MS
Neelima Gutti Duncan	Jackson, MS
Donna Lee Frank	Richland, MS
Teresa Christine Hulsey	Brandon, MS
Yelena Louise Johnson	New Orleans, LA
Hallie Ray Jordan	New Orleans, LA
Frances K. Ketz	Batesville, AR
Brittany Ann Kinman	Oxford, MS
Nicole Trosclair Lasserre	Destrehan, LA
Aaron Allen Lee	Oxford, MS
Jeanne Mariah Lilly	Clarksdale, MS
Lisa King Miller	Atlanta, GA
Kayla D. Moorer	Laurel, MS
Michael David Prazak	Biloxi, MS
Michael G. Railey	Tallahassee, FL
Nathan Tyler Ross	Brandon, MS
Anderson B. Rowan	Brandon, MS
Taban M. Salem	Jackson, MS
Rachel Baden Sherrill	Columbus, MS
Michael Garret Shumaker	Madison, MS
Hailey Michelle Ormand Spinks	Starkville, MS
Angelia Renae Spurgin	Slidell, LA
Venette Cochiolo Westhoven	Friendswood, TX
Allison Marie Williams	Meridian, MS
Theresa Ann Woodard	Richland, MS
Rachel Elisabeth Young	Alpharetta, GA

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 jurisprudence examination, may apply for a temporary license. During FY22, six (6) individuals who were previously licensed as a psychologist and in good standing in another jurisdiction were issued a Temporary License while awaiting the Mississippi Board of Psychology's next administration of the Oral Jurisprudence 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 FY22, thirty-eight (38) individuals who were licensed psychologists and in good standing in other jurisdictions were issued time-limited Temporary Practice Certificates.

License Renewals

At the beginning of FY22 there were four hundred and thirty-two (432) 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 FY22, four hundred and fifty-five (455) licensed psychologists in the state of Mississippi renewed their licenses prior to June 30, 2022. Two (2) renewed after June 30, 2022. Eight (8) individuals did not renew their licenses. Two (2) individuals were determined to be deceased. At present, there are four hundred and sixty (460) 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 FY22, the Board certified no 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. This training generally occurs at the MS Psychological Association Annual conference which did not happen due to COVID-19.

Complaints and Investigations

In protection of the public, the Board reviewed the following inquiries during FY22:

The Board received 5 complaints in FY22 which were as follows:

220101

Complaint centered around representing on social media as a psychologist. This complaint was reviewed with Ms. Morris in the A.G.'s Office and she and the Executive Secretary determined that

a Cease & Desist letter was in order.

Final disposition: Closed after confirmation of change in social media.

220102

Complaint centered around representing on social media as a psychologist. This complaint was reviewed with Ms. Morris in the A.G.'s Office and she and the Executive Secretary determined that a Cease & Desist letter was in order.

Final disposition: Closed after confirmation of change in social media.

220403

Complaint centered around representing on social media as a psychologist. This complaint was reviewed with Ms. Morris in the A.G.'s Office and she and the Executive Secretary determined that no ethical or legal violations found.

Final disposition: case closed.

220504

Complaint centered around a concern that a practitioner not licensed as a psychologist is providing psychological evaluations. This complaint was reviewed with Ms. Morris in the A.G.'s Office and she and the Executive Secretary determined that a different licensing Board has jurisdiction in this matter.

Final disposition: case closed.

220605

Complaint centered around an inappropriate multiple relationship with a client. This complaint is currently under investigation and awaiting response by the psychologist.

Rules and Regulations

During FY22 the Board continued to review and revise its Rules and Regulations and submitted the “Final Proposed Rules” to the Occupational Licensing Review Committee on June 15, 2022, in accordance with the guidelines presented by the OLRC and the Secretary of State’s Office.

License Management System

The Board utilized a license management system specifically designed for state regulatory boards and continued to work 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 and security, 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 FY22 renewal period ending June 30, 2022, four hundred and fifty (450) licensees used the online license management system to renew their license. This amounted to 99% 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 FY22 the Office of the Mississippi Board of Psychology provided administrative services to the Mississippi Autism Board. The Mississippi Autism Board met eight (8) times and administered Oral Jurisprudence Examinations six (6) times. There are currently one hundred and fifty (150) Licensed Behavior Analysts and there were forty-five (45) Licensed Behavior Analysts licensed in FY22. There are currently eleven (11) Assistant Behavior Analysts and two (2) were licensed in FY22. There were eleven (11) Temporary Licenses issued to those awaiting the next opportunity to take the Oral Jurisprudence Exam. Thirty-one (31) existing licenses were renewed. There are currently twelve (12) applications for licensure pending as of June 30, 2022. There were three hundred and twenty-eight (328) registrations for Registered Behavior Technicians processed during FY 22 and there are currently two hundred and ninety-seven (297) active Registered Behavior Technicians certified to work with Licensed Behavior Analysts. The Board received seven (7) complaints during FY 22 which are currently under active investigation. One (1) Administrative Hearing was held and is currently being deliberated by the Board.

Board Administration

The Board has one (1) full-time employee who serves as Executive Director. The Board was successful in securing a PIN during the FY21 Legislative Session (HB 1374) so that the Board Administrator became the Board's Executive Director starting July 1, 2021.

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 2024–2028

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, 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.

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Financial Report

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Major	Major Obj Code	Current Budget	Actuals (Expenditures)	Current Budget - Actuals (Expenditures)	Purchase Orders	Total Available
Obj Code	Name	\$135,779.00		(Expenditures)		Budget
A1	Salaries	\$82,056.00	\$80,439.03	\$1,616.97	\$0.00	\$1,616.97
A2	Travel	\$8,250.00	\$3,793.33	\$4,456.67	\$0.00	\$4,456.67
B	Contractual	\$36,323.00	\$30,241.09	\$6,081.91	\$0.00	\$6,081.91
C	Commodities	\$7,150.00	\$3,160.36	\$3,989.64	\$0.00	\$3,989.64
D1	Capital Outlay	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
D2	Equipment	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
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		\$135,779.00	\$117,633.81	\$18,145.19	\$0.00	\$18,145.19

Travel 60300

Commitment Item	Commitment Item	Current Budget	Expenditures	Current Budget - Expenditures	Purchase Orders	Total Available
Number	Name	\$8,250.00		Expenditures		Budget Authority
60400000	In State Travel	\$0.00	\$181.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
60402000	In State Non-Taxable Lodging	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
60500000	Out of State Travel	\$0.00	\$947.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
60502000	Out of State Non tax lodging	\$0.00	\$2,498.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
60507000	Other O/C Travel Cost	\$0.00	\$165.66	\$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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total		\$8,250.00	\$3,793.33	\$4,456.67	\$0.00	\$4,456.67

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Contractual Services 61000

Commitment Item	Commitment Item	Current Budget	Expenditures	Current Budget -	Purchase Orders	Total Available
Number	Name	\$36,323.00		Expenditures		Budget Authority
61060000	Employee Training	\$0.00	\$1,500.00			
61070000	Travel Related Reg.	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61100000	Transport of Goods	\$0.00	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61450000	Conf Rm, Exh, Display	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61600000	Interagency Fees	\$0.00	\$6,985.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61610000	Contract Wkr-Payroll	\$0.00	\$1770.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61625000	Contract Wkr-Match	\$0.00	\$135.41	\$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	\$1,712.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61818000	Cell Time - Out Vend	\$0.00	\$900.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61839000	Software - Out Vend	\$0.00	\$8,592.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61850000	Payments to ITS	\$0.00	\$886.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61900000	P-Card Contractual	\$0.00	\$2,028.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61950000	PY Exp. Contractual	\$0.00	\$613.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total		\$36,323.00	\$30,241.09	\$6,081.91	\$0.00	\$6,081.91

Commodities 62000

Commitment Item	Commitment Item	Current Budget	Expenditures	Current Budget -	Purchase Orders	Total Available
Number	Name	\$7,150.00		Expenditures		Budget Authority
62040000	Food for Business Meetings	\$0.00	\$1,069.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
62078000	Other Misc. Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
62085000	Office Supplies & Materials	\$0.00	\$351.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
62115000	Parts-Office/IT/Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
62400000	Furniture & Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
62415000	Computer & Computer Equipment	\$0.00	\$159.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
62900000	P-Card Commodities	\$0.00	\$1,580.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total		\$7,150.00	\$3,160.36	\$3,989.64	\$0.00	\$3,989.64

Equipment 63200

Commitment Item	Commitment Item	Current Budget	Expenditures	Current Budget -	Purchase Orders	Total Available
Number	Name	\$2,000.00		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		\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00

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