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ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR FY 2021

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 2021. 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 FY21, forty-seven (47) individuals submitted a "Request to Start Application Form". From that group and with the addition of a few Requests sent at the end of FY20 fifty-one (51) 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. No applications were retired due to inactivity. Thirty-five (35) individuals completed the entire application process and successfully passed an Oral Examination and were fully licensed as psychologists in the state of Mississippi during FY21."

Licensed Psychologists

During FY21, the Mississippi Board of Psychology issued new permanent licenses to practice psychology in Mississippi to the following individuals:

Beth C. Arredondo	Madisonville, LA
Kristen Elizabeth Austin	Oxford, MS
Leah Suzanne Boepple	Charleston, SC
Kelsey Anne Bonfils	Hattiesburg, MS
Tera Lynn Bradley	Memphis, TN
Emily E. Brickell	New Orleans, LA
Susan Elizabeth Brown	New Glarus, WI
Elvin Thomaseo Burton	Memphis, TN
Takymmea Cheyvhon Clayton	Meridian, MS
Robert Linwood Collins	Sugarland, TX
Kristen Lee Condeelis	Petal, MS
Emily Kathleen Crochet	New Orleans, LA
William Tolbert Dalton	Corinth, MS
Alexandria Jade Delozier	Haworth, OK
John Frank Drozd	Monument, CO

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Angela Penelope Hatcher	Long Beach, MS
Ashley Early King-Profit	Canton, MS
Zachary Charles LaBrot	Slidell, LA
Jennifer Marie Ladner-Graham	Kiln, MS
Michele McCarthy Larzelere	Metairie, LA
Nicholas William McAfee	Jackson, MS
Cecile Irene Morvan	Florence, MS
Tanya Maricima Nichols	Oxford, MS
Elizabeth Buffet Allen Nosen	Jackson, MS
Kathryn Elizabeth Olson	Whitfield, MS
Christopher Michael Perez	D'Iberville, MS
Heather Kayle Puglizevich	Smyrna, GA
Jacklyn Nagle Ruhl	New Orleans, LA
Tanja Seifen	Jackson, MS
Laura Anne Schwent Shultz	Germantown, TN
James Charles Smith	Ocean Springs, MS
Whitney Jo Stubbs	Mendenhall, MS
Nicholas Theodore Tworek	New Orleans, LA
Andrew Craig Voluse	Madison, MS
John Wesley 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 FY21, 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 FY21, 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 FY21 there were four hundred-twenty (420) 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 FY21, four hundred and thirty-one (431) licensed psychologists in the state of Mississippi renewed their licenses prior to June 30, 2021. One (1) renewed after June 30, 2021. Twenty (20) individuals did not renew their licenses. At present, there are four hundred and thirty-two (432) 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 FY21, 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 FY21:

The Board received 6 complaints in FY21 which were as follows:

20-09-03

Complaint centered around appropriateness of comments made during an evaluation. This complaint was reviewed with Ms. Morris in the A.G.'s Office and she and the Executive Secretary

determined that an educational letter regarding APA Ethical Standards and Principles was in order.

Final disposition: educational letter.

20-09-04

Complaint centered around questions of patient privacy/potential HIPPA violation. 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.

20-10-05

Complaint centered around questions of testing and who performed testing. 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.

20-12-06

Complaint centered around supposition of lack of integrity in billing and in presentation of testimony after evaluation. 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.

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Original complaints centered around potential ethical violations after questionable behavior involving a weapon and law enforcement; potential unprofessional behavior in personal conduct; potential unprofessional behavior regarding billing and work product delivery. Additional complaint filed centered around potential ethical violations for the same. These complaints are currently part of an ongoing investigation and source of Special Administrative Hearing.

21-06-02

Complaint centers around appropriateness of information dissemination. 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.

Rules and Regulations

During FY21 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. The Board was also successful in passing House Bill 208 which removed the post-doctoral requirement from licensure requirements.

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, 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 FY21 renewal period ending June 30, 2021, four hundred and twenty-seven (427) 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 FY21 the Office of the Mississippi Board of Psychology provided administrative services to the Mississippi Autism Board. There are currently one hundred and one (101) Licensed Behavior Analysts and there were twenty-nine (29) Licensed Behavior Analysts licensed in FY21. There are currently nine (9) Assistant Behavior Analysts and six (6) were licensed in FY21. There are currently twenty-one (21) applications for licensure pending as of June 30, 2021. There are currently one-hundred and sixty (160) 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. The Board was successful in securing a PIN during the FY21 Legislative Session (HB 1374) so that the Board Administrator will be the Board's Executive Director starting July 1, 2021.

Overview of the Board's 5-Year Strategic Plan 2023–2027

The Mississippi Board of Psychology's mission is to prevent the unauthorized, unqualified, and

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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 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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Psychology Board - BA1823

Major	Major Obj Code	Current Budget	Actuals (Expenditures)	Current Budget - Actuals (Expenditures)	Purchase Orders	Total Available
Obj Code	Name	\$133,714.00				Budget
A1	Salaries	\$123.00	\$123.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
A2	Travel	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
B	Contractual	\$107,714.00	\$84,704.79	\$23,009.21	\$0.00	\$23,009.21
C	Commodities	\$7,000.00	\$1,099.83	\$5,900.17	\$0.00	\$5,900.17
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		\$133,837.00	\$85,927.62	\$47,909.38	\$0.00	\$47,909.38

Travel 60300

Commitment Item	Commitment Item	Current Budget	Expenditures	Current Budget - Expenditures	Purchase Orders	Total Available
Number	Name	\$15,000.00				Budget Authority
60400000	In State Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
60505000	Out of State Travel Public Carrier	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
60606000	Other O/C Travel Cost	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total		\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Contractual Services 61000

Commitment Item	Commitment Item	Current Budget	Expenditures	Current Budget -	Purchase Orders	Total Available
Number	Name	\$107,714.00		Expenditures		Budget Authority
61060000	Employee Training	\$0.00	\$1,650.00			
61070000	Travel Related Reg.	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61100000	Transport of Goods	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61600000	Interagency Fees	\$0.00	\$4,937.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61610000	Contract Wkr-Payroll	\$0.00	\$60,030.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61625000	Contract Wkr-Match	\$0.00	\$4,592.33	\$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	\$1,646.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61818000	Cell Time - Out Vend	\$0.00	\$617.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61839000	Software - Out Vend	\$0.00	\$5,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61900000	P-Card Contractual	\$0.00	\$2,028.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total		\$107,714.00	\$84,704.79	\$23,009.21	\$0.00	\$23,009.21

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	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
62900000	P-Card Commodities	\$0.00	\$1,099.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total		\$7,000.00	\$1,099.83	\$5,900.17	\$0.00	\$5,900.17

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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Submitted for and on behalf of the Board,

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