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A Word from the Executive Director

In my summer 2017 newsletter, I talked much about HB2319 which established the Mental Health Regulatory Agency (MHRA) which administratively merged the Board of Psychologist Examiners (BPE) and the Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists (BLPCT). The work of implementing this merger has begun in earnest and I feel that we are making good progress in order to be prepared for the 1-1-2018 Operational Date. I have been working with the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) accounting division to ensure a seamless transition. DAS assembled an impressive team to make sure all of the behind the scenes things were happening; Treasury accounts, payroll, accounting codes for accounts receivable and accounts payable, etc. Internally, we continue to align processes and procedures for both Boards. Where possible, we are eliminating redundant processes so that we can better focus on customer service. For example, we now have one person taking care of accounts payable and ordering of supplies for both Boards instead of two. Both Boards continue to see an increase in licensing activity, so eliminating redundant functions allows us to focus more time on licensing. On the BLPCT side, I am pleased to report that Connie Brown and Natalie Altermatt have both moved from 0.5 FTE to 1.0 FTE. We still have more work to do on alignment, but we are moving in the right direction.

I want to spend some time to remind licensees to be sure to renew on time. Our office endeavors to send out courtesy reminder notices to everyone that we have correct and updated contact information for. However, it is ultimately the licensee's responsibility to make sure that their license is renewed timely. Sadly, and it seems like at least monthly, a licensee will fail, for whatever reason to take care of their renewal. Once our office expires a license, then the lapsed licensee must take the necessary steps to reinstate or re-apply. The Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) give no allowance for our office to make exceptions. Typically, what will happen is this: Once a licensee realizes that their license has lapsed, they will call into our office and plead with our licensing staff to grant an exception. Of course, we are bound by and cannot grant variances to OARs. The lapsed licensee will then begin contacting multiple staff members in an effort to obtain a more favorable response, working their way up the chain of command and sometimes presenting themselves before the Board only to be told repeatedly that exceptions cannot be made, and that their request for exception must be denied. It is not unusual during the process for the lapsed licensee to make accusatory remarks and take their frustrations out on our staff. It's not acceptable to verbally abuse our staff. Staff are here to serve, and they do so happily and politely, but they are not here to take abuse. I am spending time on this subject because a lapsed license **CAN BE** avoided simply by planning in advance. Please plan ahead and help to avoid a headache for all involved.

Please join me in welcoming two new Board members. Beronica Salazar, LPC has joined the BLPCT team, and Janice Schermer has joined the BPE Board as a public member. Both new members bring a wealth of experience to their respective Boards. Their Bios will appear in the next newsletter.

Charles Hill
Executive Director

Plans are nothing, but planning is everything" – Dwight D. Eisenhower Ψ

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Administrative Rulemaking

The Board filed the following notice of proposed rulemaking hearing on September 15, 2017:

Licensing fee increases. The proposed amendment increases licensure-related fees for psychologist and psychologist associate licensees.

	Current Fee	Increase by	% Increase	New Fee for 2018	Year Last Increased
Biennial License Renewal					
Active Status	\$750	\$30	4.0%	\$780	2010 (from \$510)
Semi-Active Status	\$375	\$15	4.0%	\$390	2010 Established
Inactive Status	\$100	\$5	5.0%	\$105	2010 (from \$50)
Delinquent Fee	\$200	\$10	5.0%	\$210	2000 (from \$25)
Application	\$300	\$25	8.3%	\$325	2000 (from \$100)
Jurisprudence Exam	\$150	\$5	3.3%	\$155	2009 (from \$75)
Limited Permit	\$100	\$20	20.0%	\$120	2000 (from \$80)

Why are fees increasing?

The Board proposed legislation during the 2017 session (HB 2329) that would have aligned the Board with other regulatory boards by allowing it to impose disciplinary costs to respondents. The rationale was to address increasing attorney general expenditures. The Board projected that HB 2329 would result in \$63,373 in reduced expenditures during the 2017-19 biennium. However, there was some opposition to this bill, and it died in session. Then, subsequent to the Legislature's approval of the Board's 2017-19 budget, the Board received from the Department of Justice a new flat rate agreement for legal services for the biennium in an amount \$48,815 greater than the legislatively approved budget figure. The Board is solely supported through "other funds," which come from licensing-related fees. The proposed licensing fee changes are necessary to increase revenues to support this additional expenditure for the Board's operations during 2017-19. Also, note that it has been some time- 8 to 18 years- since the last increase.

More Info. & How to Comment

The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Hearing, Statements of Need and Fiscal Impact, and proposed rule text showing new language underlined and deleted language with strike-through is available on the Board's [web-site](#) under "headlines." Please email your comments to laree.felton@state.or.us or mail them to the Board's office at 3218 Pringle Road SE, Ste. 130, Salem, OR 97302. All comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 24, 2017. A public hearing will be held at 10 a.m. on October 24, 2017 at 3218 Pringle Road SE, Salem, OR 97302. **Ψ**

License Title Usage

There are no recognized abbreviations for Board-issued licenses. Licensed psychologists may use only the title "Licensed Psychologist," and licensed psychologist associates may only use the title "Licensed Psychologist Associate." Simply "Psychologist" and "Psychologist Associate" are also acceptable. Designations such as "Licensed Neuropsychologist" or "Licensed Clinical Psychologist" are not appropriate under Oregon law. Specialty designations are acceptable when the licensee does not indicate licensure with the designation. For example, a psychologist may use the titles "Clinical Psychologist" or "Neuropsychologist" so long as the designated specialty is within the psychologist's boundary of competence. The Board only licenses psychologists generally and does not provide licensure or certification for specialties. Inactive licensees must specify that their license is inactive (e.g., Jane Doe, Ph.D., Inactive Licensed Psychologist). In addition, licensees may only designate their academic degree using appropriate initials including "Ph.D.," "Psy.D.," "Ed.D.," "M.A.," or "M.S." Licensees must not use made-up credential abbreviations such as "Psy.A.," which is not an Oregon recognized abbreviation or academic degree. **Ψ**

Committee Updates

Supervision Committee. *Drs. Bjorkquist, Johannsen, Nishi-Strattner, and Ms. Mellon.* The work of this ad-hoc Committee is now complete. The major work product is a new [Disciplinary Supervision Overview webpage](#) with helpful guidance materials and forms, including a sample letter of engagement, sample authorization and release, sample supervision plan, standardized quarterly report form, process chart, and FAQ. The Committee developed a registry of disciplinary supervisors that will be helpful to serve future Board needs. This information on the work of the Committee was also presented at the Board's recent presentation (Town Hall) at the OPA Annual Conference in May. The presentation slideshow is also available on the webpage.

Social Media Committee. *Drs. Nishi-Strattner, Johannsen, and Jenkins.* This ad-hoc Committee was formed in May of 2017 to review and consider guidance to licensees on appropriate use of social media. The Committee recruited other members in the field and first met on 6/5/17 to develop a mission statement and scope. It will meet monthly until completion of the project. Ψ

CCCE Reminder! For renewal periods beginning January 1, 2016 and later, licensees must complete four hours of cultural competency continuing education (CCCE) within each reporting period. Beginning with renewals that are due December 31, 2017 and later, the renewal form will include an attestation to completion of the required CCCE. Please visit the [Board's CCCE webpage](#) for more info on the requirements and timelines for completion. Ψ

Recent Enforcement Actions

During the period of time from July 13, 2017 to October 11, 2017, the Board took the following actions:

Catherine M. Gwin, Psy.D. (Respondent), **DEFAULT ORDER**, effective July 21, 2017. Respondent, who is not licensed in Oregon, traveled from Idaho to Oregon at the expense of Clients A and B to conduct psychological evaluations that included the administration of several psychological testing instruments on February 12 and 13, 2016. Respondent subsequently wrote a "Comprehensive Psychological Evaluation" that provided testing results and conclusions regarding Client A's mental and emotional condition and judgment. The Board found that Respondent engaged in the unlicensed practice of psychology and represented herself to be a psychologist by offering or rendering services in Oregon that are included in the practice of psychology, in violation of ORS 675.010(4) and ORS 675.020(1)(a) and (b). On July 21, 2017, the Board issued a default order requiring Respondent to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000.

Jonathan Lurie, Ph.D. (Licensee), **STIPULATED ORDER**, effective September 15, 2017. The Board found a pattern of practice in which Licensee frequently confronted multiple clients during individual and group therapy sessions about their behavior or attitude. Licensee raised his voice (that was perceived as screaming by some recipients), directed profane and offensive language at clients individually, and disclosed client information under the auspices of holding clients accountable, often provoking intense emotional responses. Licensee used his position of power and influence to promote membership in his core group and to discourage clients from leaving his program. Licensee's therapeutic style does not conform to current recognized standards of practice and constitutes a danger to the health and safety of the clients and other participants. The Board found

that Licensee's conduct violated ORS 675.070(2)(d)(A), ORS 675.070(2)(h) and the following professional ethical standards; ES 2.01 Boundaries of Competence; ES 3.04 Avoiding Harm; ES 3.05 Multiple Relationships; ES 3.08 Exploitative Relationships; ES 3.10 Informed Consent; ES 9.01 Bases for Assessments; ES 10.01 Informed Consent to Therapy; and ES 10.03 Group Therapy, as adopted under OAR 858-010-0075. On September 15, 2017, Licensee and the Board agreed to close the investigation with the entry of a Stipulated Order, which terminated the Interim Stipulated Order. Licensee surrendered his license to practice psychology while under investigation, agreed to cease his practice and limit communications, and must pay a civil penalty of \$3,000.

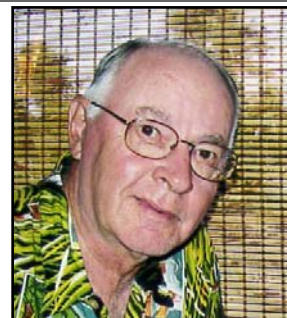
Terry L. Isaacson, Ph.D. (Licensee), **STIPULATED ORDER**, effective September 17, 2017. Licensee represented to the public online that he was he clinical supervisor for an unlicensed person, and listed the person as a "Registered Intern" which was inaccurate. This conduct violated ES 5.01(a) and 5.02(a), by allowing false, deceptive or fraudulent public statements to be published on his website. By allowing an unlicensed person to practice as a mental health provider while under his supervision, Licensee violated Ethical Standard 3.04, failure to avoid harm. Licensee also violated OAR 858-020-0045(5), ORS 675.070(2) (immoral or unprofessional conduct), and ES 6.01 by failing to maintain, store, retain and disseminate professional records and submitting an incomplete response to the Board investigator's records request. On September 15, 2017, Licensee entered into a Stipulated Order that included a reprimand, requirement to not practice psychology unless under the supervision of a Board-approved supervisor for a minimum of one year, and a civil penalty of \$1,000. Ψ

In Memory Of..

Sherman “Daryl” Birney

Nov. 26, 1940 — Feb. 21, 2017

Sherman “Daryl” Birney was born Nov. 26, 1940, in Anderson, Missouri, to Harold Wellington Birney and Elna Leona Mae Wade, the youngest of five children. He was raised in Bucklin, Kansas, and graduated from Bucklin High School. He attended Hutchinson Community College in Hutchinson, Kansas, and transferred to Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas, where he received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees. He received his doctorate degree in clinical psychology from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado.



In 1970, he moved to Astoria to work as a clinical psychologist for the mental health system in Clatsop County. In 1985, he opened a full-time private practice, and continued working until a few months prior to his death, when ill health forced his retirement.

He was a member of the Astoria Clowns, the Astoria Rotary Club, was a past president, and often talked about participating in “Rotary Revues,” which were held for entertainment and as fundraising events. He served on the Astoria School Board for 10 years and was a Warrenton Planning Commission member. He enjoyed golf, playing bridge, Civil War history, and was an avid sports fan, able to recite many baseball and football players’ names and statistics from memory.

Source: <http://www.dailyastorian.com/obituaries/20170307/obituary-sherman-daryl-birney> Ψ

Upcoming Events 2017—2018

October

- 10/2: Consumer Protection Committee Meeting
- 10/6: Oregon Jurisprudence Examination *
- 10/24: Admin. Rulemaking Hearing

November

- 11/1: Oregon Jurisprudence Examination *
- 11/3: **Board Meeting**
- 11/4: **Board’s Strategic Planning Session**
- 11/6: Social Media Committee Meeting
- 11/9: Education Committee Meeting
- 11/10: Office Closed for Veterans Day Holiday
- 11/23-11/24: Office Closed, Thanksgiving Holiday

December

- 12/1: Oregon Jurisprudence Examination *
- 12/4: Consumer Protection Committee Meets
- 12/4: Social Media Committee Meeting

- 12/8: Education Committee Meeting
- 12/25: Office Closed for Christmas Day

January

- 1/1: Office Closed for New Year’s Day
- 1/5: Oregon Jurisprudence Examination*
- 1/8: Social Media Committee Meeting
- 1/12: **Board Meeting**
- 1/15: Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 1/19: Education Committee Meeting

February

- 2/5: Social Media Committee Meeting
- 2/9: Oregon Jurisprudence Examination*
- 2/15: Consumer Protection Committee Meeting
- 2/16: Education Committee Meeting
- 2/19: Office Closed for Presidents Day Ψ

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Please use our [Contact Information Change Form](#)

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