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A Word from the Executive Director

Greetings everyone. Fall is in the air, and as I write this newsletter, there is still time to go out on a cool morning and harvest some wild blackberries, but time is slipping away as the seasons begin to change. So, if you like to harvest this sweet delicacy, you need to hurry. I can attest that this year's crop has been bountiful!

I am pleased to announce that we have introduced our new websites for the MHRA, BOP and BLPCT! This has been a long time coming and we are excited to launch the new websites. It became apparent 3 years ago that we needed to develop new websites, however, there were other priorities and tasks that we needed to tackle ahead of the websites. A look at our [projects list](#) will give you an idea as to the level of work that has been accomplished ahead of the new websites. The new websites will be more user friendly, more organized and a big improvement over the old sites. We welcome your feedback as you begin to use and navigate the websites, and if there is a way that you feel that we can continue to improve, please let us know.

Later this month of September, the Oregon Senate will be confirming some new Board member positions for BOP and BLPCT, and we are excited to learn who our newest members will be. I should learn sometime around the first of October who the Governor has selected, and the Senate officially confirmed. Many people have contributed to recruiting this round of applicants, and I want to thank everyone that has helped to recruit and to those who have applied. Moving into this year's nominations for Board member positions, I am pleased that we had a rich pool of applicants. I especially wish to thank Dr. Patricia Bjorkquist from the BOP, and Carolyn Alexander, Esq., Vice Chair from the BLPCT who gave freely of their time during the recruitment process. Their assistance in helping to recruit potential Board members has been invaluable.

From all indications, it appears that the need for services from LPCs, LMFTs and Psychologists isn't going away. This is the time of year that soon-to-be practitioners are graduating from their programs and our office is busy processing new applications. From all indications, both Boards are on track to meet or exceed last year's numbers. In 2017 the BLPCT received 772 applications for LPCs and LMFTs, and through August of 2018 we have received 533 applications. In 2017, the BOP received 159 applications for Psychologists and through August of 2018, the BOP has received 137 applications. In 2017, the BLPCT issued 479 new licenses while 126 licensees retired or lapsed, for a net growth of 353 licenses for the year. The BOP issued 129 new licenses while 70 retired or lapsed, for a net growth of 59 licenses in 2017. We are certainly seeing an overall increase in mental health providers over the past couple of years.

Charles Hill
Executive Director

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

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New Website Release

The new and improved website has arrived! As discussed in the Summer Newsletter, the Board has now launched the newly designed website. We are excited to offer a more organized, accessible, and clean website that is more user and mobile-device friendly. Oregon agencies are all transitioning to the new web format as part of a statewide web redesign project. The new website link is Oregon.gov/Psychology.

You will also note that our staff email addresses have changed from @state.or.us to @oregon.gov. There are redirects established for the new website and email addresses to help ensure a smooth transition, but please update any contacts and bookmarks you may have previously established. If you have any questions or comments about the new site, please contact us at psychology.board@oregon.gov.

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Administrative Rulemaking

The Board filed a Permanent Administrative Order rule for the following amendment, which is effective August 1, 2018:

Grounds for disciplinary action.

This amendment to Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 858-020-0045 sets forth that failure to comply with terms of a Board order or cooperate with a Board investigation constitutes a violation of ORS 675.070(2) and is grounds for disciplinary action.

Note: the Board reviewed public comments received and voted at the July 13, 2018 meeting to not file the proposed amendment to OAR 858-020-0075, which would have changed the time to request a contested case hearing subsequent to the Board issuing a notice of proposed disciplinary action from 30 days of mailing of the notice to 21 days of the issuance of the notice. So, the time to request a hearing remains 30 days from the mailing of the notice.

Important Reminder about Residency!

Post-degree supervised work experience completed in Oregon on or after August 1, 2018 must be in a Board-approved resident supervision contract in order for the experience to qualify towards the one year of post-doctoral supervised work experience required for licensure. This means that work completed at an Oregon “exempt site” outside of a residency contract will no longer count towards the experience requirement for licensure.

Please visit our [Administrative Rulemaking Webpage](#) for more information.

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Compliance Specialist

The Mental Health Regulatory Agency oversees both the Board of Psychology and the Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists. Allison McGonagle, previously an Investigator for the Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists, is currently operating in the role of Compliance Specialist. Ms. McGonagle now oversees investigations for both Boards.

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Enforcement Actions

During the period of time from April 12, 2018 to September 10, 2018, the Board took the following actions:

David V. Baldwin, Ph.D. (Licensee), **STIPULATED ORDER**, effective 6/26/18. Licensee provided psychotherapy to Client A, who asked Licensee to follow a “no touch” policy. On occasions, Licensee would initiate physical contact without first informing Client A. Licensee referred Client A to Subject B, Ph.D., for education about her suicidal ideations. Subject B was not licensed to practice as a mental health professional in the State of Oregon. The Board found that Licensee violated ES 2.05 (Delegation of Work to Others) and ES 3.04 (Avoiding Harm). Licensee and the Board agreed to close the investigation with the following terms of discipline: \$2,500 civil penalty, a minimum of 6 continuing education hours on professional boundaries, probation, and a minimum of one year of supervised practice.

James Born, Psy.D. (Licensee), **STIPULATED ORDER**, effective 5/11/18. The Board found that Licensee engaged in conduct which violated ORS 675.070(2)(d)(A) and ORS 675.070(2)(h). Licensee violated ES 3.06 (Conflict of Interest) by failing to refrain from taking on a professional role of providing psychological services during therapy sessions to daughter, as well as therapy sessions with father and his current wife, when that could be reasonably expected to impair Licensee’s objectivity, competence, or effectiveness and expose the clients to harm or exploitation. He also violated ES 10.02 (Therapy Involving Couples of Families) when he agreed to provide individual psychological services to parties having a family relationship and failed to take reasonable steps to clarify with the parties at the outset which persons would be clients and what would be the relationship that Licensee would have with each person. The investigation was closed with a Stipulated Order wherein Licensee was required to complete at least 8 hours of continuing education on conflict of interest and pay a civil penalty of \$1,000.

Laurence W. Christensen, Psy.D. (Licensee), **STIPULATED ORDER**, effective 5/11/18. Previously, Licensee and the Board entered into an Interim Stipulated Order, effective 12/18/17. Pending the Board’s investigation, Licensee agreed to immediately withdraw from the practice of psychology. The Board has now concluded its investigation. Licensee admitted that he engaged in conduct that violated ORS 675.070 and ORS 675.070(2)(d)(A) (immoral or unprofessional conduct). He violated ES 3.04 (Avoiding Harm) by failing to avoid harming his clients and former clients and to minimize harm to four female clients by initiating physical contact and initiating inappropriate personal conversation that caused confusion and emotional distress. He violated ES 3.05 (Multiple Relationships) by failing to refrain from entering into multiple relationships with the four clients that could reasonably be expected to impair his objectivity, competence or effectiveness in performing his function as a psychologist, or otherwise risk exploitation or harm. Licensee engaged in exploitative conduct with the four clients, in violation of ES 3.08. Licensee engaged in a sexual relationship with one of the former female clients within two years from the termination of therapy, violating ES 10.08 (Sexual Intimacies with Former Therapy Clients). Licensee and the Board settled the matter by Stipulated Order wherein Licensee agreed to permanently surrender (and never reapply) his license to Oregon psychologist license and pay a civil penalty of \$25,000.

Michael G. Conner, Psy.D. (Licensee), **STIPULATED ORDER**, effective 5/11/18. The Board found that Licensee engaged in conduct which violated ORS 675.070(2)(d)(A), Unprofessional Conduct. During the course of interactions with members of the Deschutes County Parole and Probation Sex Offender Network, Licensee was perceived to be arrogant, abrasive in his communications, and very defensive in response to questions regarding his experience and professional competence in treating sex offenders. Rather than work with others in a collaborative manner, Licensee exhibited anger and spoke in a loud voice towards some members of the network, although Licensee denies that he spoke in an angry or loud voice. As a result, he became a disruptive influence as he interacted with other providers, which violated both ES 3.04 and ES 3.09. Licensee was reprimanded and ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000.

Enforcement Actions (Continued)

Justin S. Hampton, Ph.D. (Respondent), **STIPULATED ORDER**, effective 7/13/18.

Respondent submitted forms to the which stated that he had started work as a psychologist resident during six weeks prior to the date that the Board approved his resident supervision contract. By submitting a form to the Board reflecting that he had provided psychological services to clients, even though he did not have an approved residency contract at the time, Respondent submitted false and deceptive information to the Board. This conduct violated ORS 675.070(2)(d)(A) (unprofessional conduct) and ES 5.01 (Avoidance of False or Deceptive Statements). Respondent was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000.

Nancy Holmes, Psy.D. (Licensee), **STIPULATED ORDER**, effective 5/11/18. Licensee spoke to an adult male client in regard to his ethnicity in a manner that was demeaning to him based upon his race and culture. Licensee told an adult female client that she should stop all contact with her husband, that she was “stinking up the room,” and opened the door and asked the client to leave. This conduct violated ORS 675.070(2)(d)(A), ORS 675.070(2)(h), ES 3.03 (Other Harassment), and ES 3.04 (Avoiding Harm). Also, Licensee violated OAR 858-010-0062 by using the designation of “CBIS” behind her name rather than only using designation of an academic degree using appropriate initials including “Ph.D.,” “Psy.D.,” or “Ed.D.” as awarded by the degree-granting institution. Licensee was reprimanded, required to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000, and ordered to practice under the supervision for a minimum of 12 months.

Carol F. Landesman, Ph.D. (Respondent), **STIPULATED OREDER**, effective 7/13/18. Respondent retired her license to practice psychology in the State of Oregon in January 2012. Respondent was convicted of one count of mail fraud in the U.S. District Court in the District of Oregon. The offences leading to this conviction occurred during the time Respondent held an active Oregon psychologist license, in violation of ORS 675.070(2)(c), conviction of a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. Subsequent to retiring her license, Respondent engaged in the unlicensed practice of psychology through website representations that offered psychological services, violating ORS 675.010(4). She violated ORS 675.020(1)(a) and (b) when she provided evaluation and therapy services to two clients for the purpose of diagnosing or treating behavioral, emotional, or mental disorders. Respondent’s license to practice psychology in the State of Oregon was revoked and she was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$7,500.

Erin C. Moran, Psy.D. (Licensee), **INTERIM STIPULATED ORDER**, effective 5/11/18. The Board opened an investigation after receiving complaints that raised serious concerns that Licensee engaged in conduct with a client that caused serious client harm. In order to address the concerns of the Board, Licensee agreed to immediately withdraw from the practice of psychology and not provide any form of mental health services to any client. At the conclusion of the Board’s investigation, the Board will decide whether to close the case or to proceed to some form of disciplinary action.

Stephen J. Pethick, Ph.D. (Licensee), **STIPULATED ORDER**, effective 7/13/18. Licensee entered into a contractual relationship with the owner of a motor vehicle dealership in which Licensee agreed to provide organizational consultation sessions with the employees of the dealership. Client A was having trouble at work. The owner informed Client A that he should meet with Licensee for therapy. Licensee subsequently met with Client A for 7 individual therapy sessions between May and mid-July, 2016. During the course of these sessions, Licensee met with the owner and Client A for a disciplinary meeting without Client A’s prior knowledge or consent. After the last therapy session, the owner of the dealership invited Licensee to attend another disciplinary meeting with Client A. The dealership owner terminated Client A’s employment during that meeting. Licensee violated ORS 675.070(2)(d)(A) (immoral or unprofessional conduct), ES 3.05 (Multiple Relationship) and ES 3.06 (Conflict of Interest), and was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000.

Enforcement Actions (Continued)

Christian Wolff, M.A. (Licensee), **FINAL ORDER BY DEFAULT**, effective 6/15/18. Licensee is licensed in Oregon as a Psychologist Associate. On December 9, 2013, the Board issued a Final Order that adopted the Administrative Law Judge's (ALJ) proposed order to grant the Board's motion for summary determination and assess a civil penalty of \$10,000 and suspend Licensee's license. The Board concluded that Licensee had made false, deceptive or fraudulent statements concerning his academic degree and credentials, and engaged in conduct, which continued after he received the Board's notices, that involved willful or reckless disregard of the law. Licensee requested judicial review of the Final Order by the Oregon Court of Appeals. On April 19, 2017, the Court issued an opinion that reversed and remanded the Final Order to the Board. The Court found that the record on summary determination was not sufficient to eliminate any issue of material fact, and that Licensee was entitled to a hearing. Therefore, a hearing was held on March 14, 2018. On April 30, 2018, the ALJ issued a proposed order concluding that Licensee engaged in immoral or unprofessional conduct by placing the initials "Psy.A" (or initials closely resembling these) behind his name on letterhead, websites, advertising or documents related to his profession and made available to the public, and by using the words "practicing psychology" on letterhead, websites, advertising and other representations to the public, in violation of ORS 675.070(2)(d) and Ethical Standard 5.01 (Avoidance of False or Deceptive Statements). The ALJ also concluded that Licensee engaged in conduct that violated ORS 675.020(1)(b) and (2) by representing himself to be a psychologist by using the words "clinical psychology" and "practicing psychology" on letterhead, websites, advertising and other representations to the public, and by placing the initials "Psy.A" (or initials closely resembling these) behind his name on letterhead, websites, advertising and other representations to the public. The ALJ found that Licensee's continued use of the initials "Psy.A." behind his name on public websites, after receiving the Board's notices, was a reckless disregard for the law that Licensee was required to uphold. On June 15, 2018, the Board issued a Final Order by Default that adopted the ALJ's conclusions and ordered that Licensee's license be suspended for one year and that he pay a civil penalty of \$10,000. Ψ

Upcoming Events 2018

September

9/14: Board Meeting

9/21: Education Committee Meeting

October

10/12: Oregon Jurisprudence Examination*

10/18: Consumer Protection Committee Meeting

10/19: Education Committee Meeting

***Reminder!** Please make sure to update your email address if it changes so that you continue to receive correspondence. Notify us right away- but not more than 30 days- of any change in your contact information.*

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

November

11/9: Board Meeting

11/10: Board's Strategic Planning Session

11/12: Office Closed for Veterans Day

11/16: Education Committee Meeting

11/22-11/23: Office Closed for Thanksgiving

December

12/14: Oregon Jurisprudence Examination*

12/20: Consumer Protection Committee Meeting

12/21: Education Committee Meeting

12/25: Office Closed for Christmas Day

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