



- 46 Jeffrey Thomas, Assistant Executive Officer
- 47 Kurt Heppler, DCA Legal Counsel
- 48 Ravinder Kapoor, DCA Legal Counsel
- 49 Karen Johnson, Licensing Coordinator
- 50 Jacquelin Everhart, Continuing Education/Renewals Coordinator
- 51 Chris Siefert, Administrative Technician
- 52 Jo Linder-Crow, PhD, California Psychological Association
- 53 Beth Tabakin, PhD, Marin County Psychological Association
- 54 Lester Summerfield, San Diego Psychological Association
- 55 Katherine Quinn, San Diego Psychological Association
- 56 Marilyn Immoos, PhD, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- 57 Brent Baldree, PhD

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59 **Agenda Item a): Call to Order/Roll Call**

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61 Jacqueline Horn, PhD, Committee Chairperson, called the open session meeting to  
62 order at 1:12 p.m. A quorum was present and due notice had been sent to all interested  
63 parties. Mr. Kapoor recommended the agenda reflect which Committee member would  
64 be calling in from each teleconference location.

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66 **Agenda Item b): Public Comment(s) on Items Not on the Agenda**

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68 There was no public comment.

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70 **Agenda Item c): Review and Revision of Business and Professions Code Section**  
71 **2915: Continuing Education Requirements; Practice Outside Fields of**  
72 **Competence**

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74 Dr. Horn asked the Committee members if they have any questions or changes to the  
75 revised section 2915 of the Business and Professions Code (Code). Dr. Harlem stated  
76 he did not have any comments at this time since he was not at the last committee  
77 meeting.

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79 Ms. Jones commented that the revised section 2915 appears to capture all that was  
80 discussed at the October 5, 2015 Licensing Committee meeting. Dr. Phillips agreed with  
81 Ms. Jones.

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83 Dr. Horn noted that subsection (b) requires each person renewing his or her license to  
84 submit proof of compliance to the Board. She recommended that subsection (b) be  
85 combined with subsection (c) to reflect that each person applying for renewal or  
86 reinstatement of his or her license shall certify that he or she is in compliance with the  
87 continuing education (CE) requirements and will retain proof of compliance for  
88 submission to the Board upon request. Dr. Harlem asked if the gender identification of  
89 "he or she" is a standard in all of the Board's statutes and regulations. Ms. Sorrick  
90 stated that "he or she" is the standard language.

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92 Ms. Sorrick suggested removing subsection (d)(1) as these courses were a one-time  
93 requirement beginning in renewal year 2003. After the 2003 renewal cycle was

94 complete the one time requirement was met. The Committee members agreed with the  
95 recommendation.

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97 Ms. Sorrick stated that subsection (2)(a) is a requirement from the Legislature and  
98 should stay in this section. Mr. Kapoor commented that the initial licensing intent is to  
99 ensure that anyone who was licensed out-of-state before 1995 be in compliance with  
100 this requirement. Dr. Horn asked if this is a course or if it can be fulfilled through  
101 continuing professional development. Ms. Sorrick replied that this statutory requirement  
102 is coursework and should remain a course to be in agreement with the law. Dr. Horn  
103 agreed the section (2)(a) should remain. The other Committee members agreed.  
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105 Ms. Sorrick recommended deleting subsection (h). Dr. Horn expressed concerns about  
106 taking out this section and asked for the reasons for the deletion. Ms. Sorrick stated that  
107 this subsection is very specific about what courses need to be taken and could be  
108 addressed in the CE/CPD regulations. Dr. Phillips agreed to strike out the whole  
109 subsection (h). Dr. Harlem agreed with that recommendation.  
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111 Dr. Horn suggested the deletion of subsection (i) since it does not appear to belong in  
112 this section. She indicated that section 2960 of the Code contains the same language.  
113 Dr. Harlem agreed to delete this subsection. Ms. Sorrick read section 2960 as it pertains  
114 to this subsection and recommended rewording (g) to reflect competence. Dr. Phillips  
115 recommended deleting this subsection. Dr. Horn agreed that it is covered in other  
116 sections and is not needed in this subsection. Ms. Jones agreed that is confusing and  
117 should be stricken.  
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119 Dr. Horn suggested changing the order by switching the newly identified subsections (h)  
120 and (i). Ms. Sorrick recommended leaving in the sections now identified as (g) and (h) to  
121 give the board the authority to offer continuing education if the Board chose to do so in  
122 the future. The Committee members agreed to leave in those sections.  
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124 Ms. Sorrick suggested that subsection (k), now identified as (h), be re-worded to just  
125 address CE credit for Subject Matter Experts for both exam development and  
126 enforcement expert reviews, instead of only for examination development. Dr. Harlem  
127 agreed with the recommendation and directed staff to work on specific language.  
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129 Dr. Linder-Crow asked if a date needs to be referenced in subsection (a). Ms. Sorrick  
130 commented that no date is necessary since the new revision will have an operative date  
131 and will not have to list a specific operative date in the text of the statute.  
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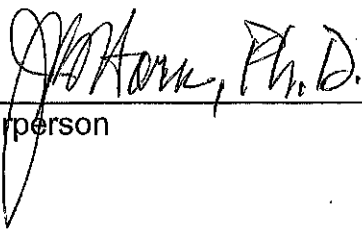
133 It was M(Phillips)/S(Jones) to approve the language as amended and to give staff the  
134 authority to make changes to the language as discussed and forward to the full Board  
135 for consideration at the November 12-13, 2015 meeting.  
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137 Vote: 4 aye (Horn, Phillips, Harlem, Jones) 0 nay  
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139 **Agenda Item d): Adjournment**  
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141 Dr. Horn adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.  
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**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE - BPC**  
**DIVISION 2. HEALING ARTS [500 - 4999.129]**  
( Division 2 enacted by Stats. 1937, Ch. 399. )

**CHAPTER 6.6. Psychologists [2900 - 2999]**  
( Chapter 6.6 repealed and added by Stats. 1967, Ch. 1677. )

**ARTICLE 1. General Provisions [2900 - 2919]**  
( Article 1 added by Stats. 1967, Ch. 1677. )

**2915.**

~~(a) Except as provided in this section, on or after January 1, 1996, the Board shall not issue any renewal license unless the applicant submits proof that he or she has completed no less than 18 hours of approved continuing education in the preceding year. On or after January 1, 1997, except as provided in this section, the Board shall issue renewal licenses only to those applicants who have completed 36 hours of approved continuing professional development continuing education in the preceding two years.~~

(b) Each person applying for renewing renewal or reinstatement of his or her license issued pursuant to this chapter shall certify under penalty of perjury that he or she is in compliance with this section and submit retain proof of compliance with this section for submission to the Board upon request. False statements submitted pursuant to this section shall be a violation of Section 2970.

~~(c) A person applying for re-licensure or for reinstatement to an active license status shall certify under penalty of perjury that he or she is in compliance with this section.~~

~~(d) (1) The continuing education requirement shall include, but shall not be limited to, courses required pursuant to Sections 25 and 28. The requirement may include courses pursuant to Sections 32 and 2914.1~~

(2) (A) The Board shall require a licensed psychologist who began graduate study prior to January 1, 2004, to take a continuing education course during his or her first renewal period after the operative date of this section in spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention strategies, including community resources, cultural factors, and same gender abuse dynamics. Equivalent courses in spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention strategies taken prior to the operative date of this section or proof of equivalent teaching or practice experience may be submitted to the Board and at its discretion, may be accepted in satisfaction of this requirement.

189 (B) Continuing education courses taken pursuant to this paragraph shall be applied to  
190 the 36 hours of approved continuing professional development continuing education  
191 required under subdivision (a).

192 ~~(C) A licensed psychologist whose practice does not include the direct provision of~~  
193 ~~mental health services may apply to the board for an exemption from the requirements~~  
194 ~~of this paragraph~~

195 (3) Continuing professional development ~~Continuing education instruction~~ approved to  
196 meet the requirements of this section shall be completed within the State of California,  
197 or shall be approved for continuing education credit by the ~~American Psychological~~  
198 ~~Association or its equivalent~~ organizations as approved by the Board.

199 (e) The Board may ~~establish a policy for grant~~ exemptions or extensions ~~exceptions~~  
200 from the continuing professional development ~~education~~ requirement of this section.

201 ~~(f) The Board may recognize continuing education courses that have been approved by~~  
202 ~~one or more private nonprofit organizations that have at least 10 years' experience~~  
203 ~~managing continuing education programs for psychologists on a statewide basis,~~  
204 ~~including, but not limited to:~~

205 ~~(1) Maintaining and managing related records and data.~~

206 ~~(2) Monitoring and approving courses.~~

207 ~~(fg)~~ The Board shall adopt regulations as necessary for implementation of this section.

208 ~~(h) A licensed psychologist shall choose continuing education instruction that is related~~  
209 ~~to the assessment, diagnosis, and intervention for the client population being served or~~  
210 ~~to the fields of psychology in which the psychologist intends to provide services, that~~  
211 ~~may include new theoretical approaches, research, and applied techniques. Continuing~~  
212 ~~education instruction shall include required courses specified in subdivision (d).~~

213 ~~(i) A psychologist shall not practice outside his or her particular field or fields of~~  
214 ~~competence as established by his or her education, training, continuing education, and~~  
215 ~~experience.~~

216 ~~(kg)~~ Continuing education professional development credit may be approved for those  
217 licensees who serve as a selected participant in any examination development or  
218 enforcement-related function for the Board ~~commissioners on any examination pursuant~~  
219 ~~to Section 2947, subject to limitations established by the Board.~~

220 ~~(jh)~~ The administration of this section may be funded through professional license fees  
221 and continuing education provider and course approval fees, or both. The fees related  
222 to the administration of this section shall not exceed the costs of administering the  
223 corresponding provisions of this section.

224 ~~(l) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2004.~~

225 *(Repealed (in Sec. 2) and added by Stats. 2002, Ch. 481, Sec. 3. Effective January 1,*  
226 *2003. Section operative January 1, 2004, by its own provisions.)*