

1 **Outreach and Communications Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes**

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4 NOTE: Pursuant to the provisions of Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order  
5 N-29-20, dated March 17, 2020, neither Committee member locations nor a public  
6 meeting location is provided.

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8 September 25, 2020  
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10 **Committee Members**

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12 Lea Tate, PsyD, Chair  
13 Shacunda Rodgers, PhD  
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15 **Committee Members Absent**

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17 Alita Bernal  
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19 **Legal Counsel**

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21 Norine Marks  
22 Will Maguire  
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24 **Board Staff**

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26 Antonette Sorrick, Executive Officer  
27 Jason Glasspiegel, Central Services Manager  
28 Stephanie Cheung, Licensing Program Manager  
29 Sandra Monterrubio, Enforcement Program Manager  
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31 **Agenda Item 1: Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum**

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33 Dr. Lea Tate, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., roll was taken, and  
34 a quorum established.  
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36 **Agenda Item 2: Chairperson Welcome**

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38 Dr. Tate welcomed all participants for the meeting and introduced a new member to the  
39 committee, Dr. Shacunda Rodgers. Dr. Tate expressed her appreciation and stated that  
40 she looked forward to Dr. Rodgers' fresh insight to the Committee.  
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42 Dr. Rodgers stated that she was delighted and honored to be a part of the Outreach and  
43 Communications Committee and that she was looking forward to learning how she  
44 would be able to make a meaningful contribution.

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**Agenda Item 3: Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda.**

Dr. Tate introduced this item.

There was no Committee or public comment offered.

**Agenda Item 4: Approval of the Outreach and Education Committee Minutes: May 17, 2019**

Dr. Tate introduced this item.

It was M(Rodgers)/S(Tate)/C to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2019 Outreach and Education Committee.

There was no Committee or public comment offered.

Vote: 2 Ayes (Rodgers, Tate), 0 Noes

**Agenda Item 5: Strategic Plan**

- a. Strategic Plan Action Plan Update

Ms. Sorrick provided an update for this item. She stated that the Committee would continue to receive ongoing updates and progress would be reported at the full Board meeting.

Ms. Sorrick stated that the timelines had all been updated and the status of items, some of which had been moved for a variety of reasons; typically, waiting for legislation and/or regulation, impacts due to COVID, or staff vacancies.

There was no Committee or public comment offered.

**Agenda Item 6: Update on Website Focus Group Follow-up**

Mr. Glasspiegel referenced the memo in the meeting materials and provided an update to this item for informational purposes only.

No action was required by the Committee.

There was no Committee or public comment offered.

**Agenda Item 7: Social Media Update**

88 Mr. Glasspiegel referenced the memo in the meeting materials and provided an update  
89 to this item for informational purposes only.

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91 No action was required by the Committee.

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93 There was no Committee or public comment offered

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95 **Agenda Item 8: Website Statistics Update**

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97 Mr. Glasspiegel referenced the memo in the meeting materials and provided an update  
98 to this item for informational purposes only.

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100 No action was required by the Committee.

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102 There was no Committee or public comment offered

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104 **Agenda Item 9: Update on Newsletter**

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106 Mr. Glasspiegel referenced the memo in the meeting materials and provided an update  
107 to this item for informational purposes only.

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109 No action was required by the Committee.

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111 Dr. Rodgers complimented the Board and staff on the newsletter and stated  
112 appreciation for the article in which former Assistant Executive Officer, Jeffrey Thomas  
113 was memorialized.

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115 Dr. Marilyn Immoos, CDCR, expressed appreciation for the newsletter and stated that it  
116 provided a comforting way to feel connected when so many of her colleagues have  
117 been working remotely due to the pandemic.

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119 There was no further Committee or public comment offered.

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121 **Agenda Item 10: Outreach Activities Update**

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123 Mr. Glasspiegel referenced the memo in the meeting materials and provided an update  
124 to this item for informational purposes only.

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126 A discussion ensued regarding the ASPPB Annual Meeting, which would be virtual due  
127 to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was determined that there would be an update provided  
128 following the event where experiences would be summarized for the Board.

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130 No action was required by the Committee.

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132 No further Committee or public comment was offered.

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134 **Agenda Item 11: Updates on Communications and/or Activities of the Association**  
135 **of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB)**

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137 Dr. Tate introduced this item and Dr. Jacqueline Horn, who provided an update on  
138 communications and/or activities of ASPPB.

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140 Dr. Horn expressed hope that all Board members and staff would attend the ASPPB  
141 meeting since it was to be virtual. She provided a summary of ASPPB and what they  
142 do, stated that the theme of the meeting would be COVID-19, and the changes that had  
143 been brought due to the pandemic.

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145 Dr. Rodgers stated her appreciation to Dr. Horn for the summary and invitation.

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147 Dr. Jo Linder Crow, California Psychological Association, queried as to whether ASPPB  
148 was planning to discuss the EPPP exam and the effect that COVID-19 had on  
149 examinations.

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151 Dr. Horn responded that while the ASPPB had been briefly unable to provide  
152 opportunities to take the EPPP, once psychology had been categorized as an essential  
153 business, testing had resumed at limited capacity, as required. She stated that it was  
154 anticipated that COVID-19 would likely be an ongoing issue and the testing centers  
155 would continue to adjust as needed.

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157 There was no further Committee or public comment.

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159 **Agenda Item 12: Plan to Update “For Your Peace of Mind – A Consumer’s Guide**  
160 **to Psychological Services”**

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162 Dr. Tate introduced this item and provided background on “For Your Peace of Mind – A  
163 Consumer’s Guide to Psychological Services,” a publication put out by the Board of  
164 Psychology. She stated that an update to this publication had been put off until 2021  
165 due to limitations of staff and the inability to conduct in-person meetings.

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167 Dr. Tate provided this as information only and no action was required of the Committee.

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169 There was no Committee or public comment offered.

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171 **Agenda Item 13: Addressing Cultural Diversity and Access to Psychological**  
172 **Services in California**

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174 Dr. Tate introduced this item and provided background information, stating that the  
175 pandemic and nationwide protests regarding racial inequities had highlighted

176 the need for the Board of Psychology to consider how it conducts business and how  
177 that impacts the profession of psychology and access to psychological services.

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179 She stated that Ms. Sorrick and the Board of Psychology felt strongly that the Board  
180 have actionable items that will help address cultural diversity, access to services and  
181 equity with licensees, stakeholders, and consumers.

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183 Ms. Sorrick echoed Dr. Tate's introduction on the intention of the Board and staff to find  
184 a nexus in the fundamental mission of the Board to address some of the issues.

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186 She stated that the following items were a preliminary list of brainstormed ideas that had  
187 been determined to have a direct nexus with the work of the Board, initially discussed  
188 by Mr. Foo, Dr. Tate, and herself and she presented each item.

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190 a. Update on Continued Professional Development Regulations: Implementation  
191 Plan to Produce Written Materials including Cultural Diversity and Social Justice  
192 Requirement

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194 Ms. Sorrick provided context for this item and stated that it would be a matter of waiting  
195 for the Continued Professional Development Regulations to proceed and that a hearing  
196 would be conducted at the November 2020 Board Meeting after which the Office of  
197 Administrative Law would consider the regulatory package for approval.

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199 She stated that the next step would be to discuss implementation and what the  
200 requirement would look like in relation to the 36-hour continuing education renewal  
201 requirement.

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203 b. Increase Stakeholder Engagement

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205 Ms. Sorrick provided clarification that this item would be an effort to look to the  
206 community and special interest groups to discuss partnership opportunities with  
207 organizations on messaging and communication.

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209 c. Engage Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) Regarding Medi-Cal  
210 Reimbursement Rates

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212 Ms. Sorrick stated that staff had been in contact with DHCS to confirm the existing  
213 rates. She expressed surprise regarding how low the rates were and stated that this  
214 gave clarity to the difficulty faced by lower income populations to gain access to  
215 psychological services in California as well as the lower incentive within the licensee  
216 community to provide those services.

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218 Ms. Sorrick stated that she was in the process of scheduling a follow up call with DHCS  
219 and was waiting to hear back regarding how they set the rates and how often they are  
220 reviewed.

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222 d. Engage Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMHSA) Regarding  
223 Federal Initiatives Addressing Equity  
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225 Ms. Sorrick stated that she had reached out to SAMHSA and requested that they make  
226 the Board aware of any initiatives or educational direction related to federal initiatives  
227 addressing equity. She stated her understanding was that the focus of SAMHSA at that  
228 time was the implementation of the 9-8-8 line, as a suicide prevention hotline, similar to  
229 9-1-1. She said that the regulations for this program had recently been approved and  
230 SAMHSA was working with the mobile cell service providers to get that program up and  
231 running.

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233 e. Digital Divide – How Does the Digital Divide Impact Access to Telehealth  
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235 Ms. Sorrick provided context for this item and stated that Dr. Sheryl Casuga had  
236 expressed very strong concern regarding the lack of ability for many people within the  
237 communities to receive psychological services because of a lack of access to the  
238 internet or devices.

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240 Ms. Sorrick stated that there would be an ongoing discussion with agencies that have a  
241 direct involvement with each of the previous items.

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243 A discussion ensued regarding different options of possible data collection and analysis  
244 on the digital divide.

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246 Ms. Sorrick noted that while staffing would not allow the option at that time, the  
247 possibility of a document to post on the website would be preferable. Mr. Maguire  
248 brainstormed an idea or option for the Committee to make a recommendation to the full  
249 Board to put out a solicitation published in all the various channels seeking comment on  
250 the digital divide from any interested stakeholders with a due date for any comment or  
251 proposal.

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253 It was determined that the Board would need to approve the decision to send out a  
254 survey and then to task the Outreach and Communications Committee with developing  
255 the survey with staff. If approved by the Board, development of survey questions would  
256 happen at the next Committee meeting.

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258 It was M(Tate)/S(Rodgers)/C that the Outreach and Communications Committee work  
259 with Executive Officer prior to the next committee meeting to begin to formulate a  
260 survey for presentation at the next Committee meeting.  
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262 Dr. Jo Linder Crow, CPA, asked for clarification as to whom the theoretical survey would  
263 be directed to.

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265 Ms. Sorrick replied that the Board would determine who the outreach would be directed  
266 to if they opted to task the Committee with the creation of a survey. She stated that her  
267 initial thought was that the survey would be something possibly sent to licensees,  
268 consumer groups, and to nonprofits or educational institutions that would likely have the  
269 subject matter expertise in the area in the effort to obtain a broad perspective.

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271 There was no further Committee or public comment offered.

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273 Vote: 2 Ayes (Rodgers, Tate), 0 Noes

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275 Dr. Rodgers queried whether the CE requirement listing in Agenda Item 13 (a) would be  
276 a one-time requirement or a requirement at each renewal period to which Ms. Sorrick  
277 confirmed was a four-hour requirement at each renewal period.

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279 Dr. Jo Linder Crow, California Psychological Association, asked for an update as to  
280 when regulations would be ready for implementation and if there were a chance that  
281 regulations would go into effect in 2021.

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283 Mr. Glasspiegel stated that he could provide an update as to where they were at that  
284 time and that they had been sent to the Office of Administrative Law and would be in the  
285 notice register on October 2, 2020 which would begin the 45-day comment period. He  
286 stated that the Board website would update and notify the public and emails sent to  
287 interested parties about the opening of the comment period.

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289 Mr. Glasspiegel provided a general timeline of the process of approval and  
290 implementation and stated there was a possibility the package could be approved and  
291 implemented in 2021 but could be early 2022 as well.

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293 It was stated that there would be a hearing regarding the package at the November  
294 2020 Board Meeting.

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296 Public comment

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298 Mr. Luis Aguilar, doctoral student and committee member of the Social Justice and  
299 Advocacy Committee for Hispanic Neuropsychological Society asked Mr. Glasspiegel if  
300 the Continuing Professional Development Regulatory Document would be available to  
301 the public and asked for confirmation of the name of the individual who had assisted in  
302 the creation of language in the document.

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304 Mr. Glasspiegel replied that the assisting individual's name was Dr. Miguel Gallardo and  
305 that the document had been sent for posting to the Board website and that he

306 anticipated the documents would be available to view within 7-10 days. He indicated  
307 that the documents were also accessible through previous Board meeting materials and  
308 that he would provide Mr. Aguilar with the document via email.  
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310 **Agenda Item 14: Recommendations for Agenda Items for Future Committee**  
311 **Meetings.**  
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313 There was no Committee or public comment offered.  
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315 **ADJOURNMENT**  
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317 The meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

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