

# Journal

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## President's Message

*Stephen C. Phillips, J.D., Psy.D., Board of Psychology*

Welcome to the fall 2017 edition of the California Board of Psychology *Journal*!

The mission of the Board of Psychology (Board) is to advance quality psychological services for Californians by ensuring ethical and legal practice and supporting the evolution of the profession. Our values are transparency, integrity, consumer protection, inclusiveness, excellence, and accountability.

As promised in the last *Journal*, I am happy to be able to provide you a more complete introduction to the newest member of the Board, Dr. Sheryll Casuga, a recent gubernatorial appointee. Dr. Casuga is not only a licensed psychologist, but is also a Certified Consultant in Sport Psychology, drawing on her prior experience as a collegiate athlete. She is a graduate of the University of Philippines (BS, 2003) and the John F. Kennedy University Graduate School of Professional Psychology (Psy.D., 2011). In addition to a private clinical practice, she is a staff psychologist at the Regional Center of the East Bay, with a particular interest in the regulation of Applied Behavior Analysis, a discipline in which she has previously provided services before her career in psychology. She also enjoys an adjunct teaching appointment at John F. Kennedy University. Dr. Casuga has already participated in a quarterly board meeting in which she expressed a passion for psychology and the protection of the consumer of psychological services. She has joined the Policy and Advocacy Committee as its third member. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Casuga to the Board.

I am also happy to announce that the Board's Executive Officer, Ms. Antonette Sorrick, has volunteered to act as a mentor for future leaders in the Department of Consumer Affairs (Department), aptly named the Future Leadership Development Program. This program will bring about policy and procedure recommendations that will have a departmentwide impact. Ms. Sorrick's mentee will be working with his group on barriers to licensure for foreign graduates in the health professions. We look forward to the project deliverables from this Program. As a Board, we are proud to have Ms. Sorrick as an outstanding ambassador and integral part of the Department's efforts in getting the Program underway.

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I write this column as the Board is on the eve of its final quarterly meeting for 2017 in San Diego. The Board makes an effort to move the locale of its quarterly Board meetings throughout the year to better serve the interests of consumers and licensees throughout the state. The first day of the two-day meeting is almost entirely devoted to four petition hearings in which former licensees are seeking to have their licenses reinstated or the terms of their probation modified. The proceedings are related to the administrative enforcement function of the Board. It is an important part of that responsibility of the Board members to collectively sit, from time to time, as a quasi-judicial body. The proceedings are presided over by an Administrative Law Judge, with the Attorney General's Office

representing the people of the state of California. The second day of the meeting will be devoted to policy, the oversight of Board functions, such as enforcement and licensing, and regulatory and legislative affairs.

The Board now has eight of the nine positions on the Board filled and we are hopeful for an additional gubernatorial appointment of a licensed psychologist in the near future to give us the full complement of Board members. The Board, its members, staff, and committees continue to work diligently to promote quality psychological services for Californians and the evolution of the profession of psychology. It is a genuine privilege to work with such capable and devoted Californians.



## Legislator Profile

Assembly Member Marc Levine was elected in November 2012 to represent the 10th Assembly District, comprised of Marin County and southern Sonoma County.

His priorities include investing in public education, protecting California's natural resources, and ensuring access to health care for all Californians. In his first five years in the Legislature, Assembly Member Levine has authored 58 laws.

This year, Assembly Member Levine authored Assembly Bill (AB) 89 in partnership with the California Board of Psychology (Board). The bill requires all applicants for licensure with the Board to complete a minimum of six hours of coursework or training in an applied setting on suicide prevention. Over the last decade, suicide rates in the United States have increased substantially. Suicide is the 11th leading cause of death overall in California. According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, on average, one person commits suicide every two hours statewide. Twice as many people die by suicide than by homicide.

Assembly Member Levine introduced a similar bill, AB 2198, in 2014 that passed through both the Assembly and Senate but was ultimately vetoed by the Governor. The Governor's veto message urged California's licensing boards to evaluate the issues the bill raised and take necessary actions.

At the Governor's recommendation, the Board, which originally opposed the bill in 2014, conducted surveys of doctoral and internship programs and decided that, based on the survey results, steps needed to be taken to create a baseline for suicide prevention training and assessment. Due to the extensive advocacy of the Board and its stakeholders, Governor Brown signed AB 89. The legislation will ensure that every psychologist has a minimum threshold of exposure to assessment and intervention with suicide. More importantly, this bill will require exposure to the training, with the goal of helping to battle the growing number of suicides in California and ultimately save lives.

Additional legislation authored by Assembly Member Levine includes bills that accomplish the following:

- Allow for mental health treatment beyond 24 hours at crisis stabilization units.
- Protects children from improper disclosures of their juvenile court records.
- Closes a gap between federal immigration law and state law and thereby helps many vulnerable immigrant children apply for immigration relief for which they had previously not qualified for.
- Increased use of recycled water.
- Requires courts to consider post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, and other service-induced mental health illnesses as mitigating factors in the sentencing phase of a trial.
- Protects victims of violent crime.



Assembly Member Levine is Chair of the California Legislative Jewish Caucus and the Select Committee on Craft Brewing and Distilling. He is a member of the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife, Higher Education, Governmental Organization, and Rules Committees.

Prior to his election to the Assembly, Mr. Levine served on the San Rafael City Council. He earned his Master's

Degree in National Security Affairs from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey. While earning his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science at California State University, Northridge, he was elected Chair of the California State Student Association representing over 400,000 students to the State Legislature and Board of Trustees.

## Reducing Suicide in the United States: the Role of Training

*By Richard McKeon, Ph.D., Chief, Suicide Prevention Branch, Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)*

On September 1, 2017, Governor Brown signed into law Assembly Bill 89 requiring that new psychologists being licensed in California are trained in suicide prevention, and that currently licensed psychologists fulfil a one-time requirement to show they have received suicide prevention training as part of their predoctoral studies or as part of continuing education. Other states have taken similar steps. In the state of Washington, all behavioral health providers, as well as physicians and nurses, are now required by law to receive suicide prevention training. Nevada has very recently also taken this step. While one might hope that all behavioral health providers were routinely trained in suicide risk assessment, management, and treatment, this is, unfortunately, not the case. And this absence of training has a very real impact. Data from the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention indicates that almost half of behavioral health clinicians report that they feel they do not have the training, supervision, or the support to work with suicidal people.

The inclusion of suicide prevention training, on the other hand, has been shown to be associated with reduced suicidal behavior and ideation. A study in England of suicide prevention efforts within the mental health system found that one of the interventions associated with reduced suicide rates was assuring the mental health work force was trained in suicide prevention every three years (While et al, 2012). Similarly, a controlled trial of suicide prevention training given to crisis workers

in the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline showed the training was associated with reductions in callers' suicidal ideation. In a landmark study from Denmark, psychotherapy provided to people who had attempted suicide, by clinicians trained and experienced in working with suicidal people, was associated with reductions in death by suicide and non-fatal suicide attempts over a 20-year period (Erlangsen et al, 2015).

Improved training of the clinical work force is an essential component of our efforts to halt and reverse the rising rates and numbers of suicide deaths in the United States. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 44,000 Americans died by suicide in 2015, making suicide the 10th leading cause of death in the United States. From ages 15–39, suicide is the second leading cause of death. From 1999 to 2010, the age-adjusted suicide rate for adults aged 35–64 increased significantly (up 28.4 percent). More than twice as many Americans die by suicide as by homicide and more die by suicide than in motor vehicle crashes. In California in 2015, 4,167 deaths by suicide occurred. In addition to these tragic losses, in 2016, 1.3 million Americans age 18 and older made nonfatal suicide attempts and over 9 million adults seriously considered suicide (SAMHSA, 2017). In addition, data from the National Violent Death Reporting System indicates that approximately 25 percent of men and 50 percent of women who die by suicide were receiving current mental health treatment.

Suicide touches all ages, backgrounds, and racial and ethnic groups in all parts of the country. It is estimated that 90 percent of people who die by suicide have an underlying mental health issue, including substance use. Alcohol and drug use are second only to depression and other mood disorders as the most frequent risk factors for suicide. The close association between behavioral health conditions and



suicide underscores the importance of behavioral health providers being trained in suicide prevention.

Despite these alarming statistics, too few Americans have access to, or are even aware of, potentially lifesaving interventions. An analysis of SAMHSA's 2008–2013 NSDUH data showed that only 56 percent of adults who attempted suicide in the past year received mental health treatment (Han et al, 2014).

SAMHSA supports many suicide prevention resources that are important for psychologists to be aware of. These include the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, which can be used day or night at (800) 273-TALK (8255). The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline also includes a “press one” option for veterans, active-duty service members, or their families and friends to contact the Veterans Crisis Line. In addition, SAMHSA supports the Suicide Prevention Resource Center, [www.sprc.org](http://www.sprc.org), which is likely the largest repository of suicide prevention resources in the world, including many training resources and clinical tools. In addition, SAMHSA's Suicide Safe App provides health care providers with a free resource for learning the components of a comprehensive suicide risk assessment. Psychologists will continue to play a critical role in our national efforts to reduce suicide and deserve the best training and support we can offer.

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*Madelyn S. Gould, Ph.D., M.P.H., Professor, Wendi Cross, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Anthony R. Pisani, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Jimmie Lou Munfakh, B.A., and Marjorie Kleinman, M.S.*

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*Han B, Compton W, Gfroerer J, McKeon R, Mental health treatment patterns among adults with recent suicide attempts in the United States. Am J Public Health. 2014; 104(12):2360-8.*

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*Implementation of mental health service recommendations in England and Wales and suicide rates, 1997–2006: a cross-sectional and before-and-after observational study.*

*SAMHSA, 2016 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, September 2017.*

## Staff Member Profile:

### Annette Parino, Licensing Analyst

*By Jeffrey Thomas, Assistant Executive Officer*



Annette Parino started her career with the state of California in 1984 and has been with the Board of Psychology (Board) since 1997. She has made many great contributions to the Board, most recently in her role of many, many years as a Licensing Analyst. Annette has demonstrated dedication and compassion to her applicants, and has proven to be an asset to the Licensing Unit and the Board in general.

After 33 years of service to the state (20 of which have been with the Board), Annette retired from

state service effective November 4, 2017. As a long-time Board employee, she is truly missed. She always brought a sense of festivity to the office by remembering and celebrating coworkers' birthdays, dressing up for occasions such as Halloween, and by decorating her workspace anytime there was an excuse to do so.

In her retirement, Annette plans on spending time with her children, Danielle and Zachary, as well as with her dogs, Peanut and Doobie. She also plans on exploring interests such as ceramics and glass blowing with her daughter. Please join me in wishing Annette health and happiness in her retirement as she explores new interests in this new endeavor.





## Legislative Advisory:

### AB 89 (Levine) — Psychologists: Suicide Prevention Training

On September 1, 2017, Governor Brown signed into law Assembly Bill 89 (Levine). This law adds section 2915.4 to the Business and Professions Code, which will become effective January 1, 2020.

#### Summary of Changes

##### Applicants:

Effective January 1, 2020, an applicant for licensure as a psychologist with the Board of Psychology (Board) shall show completion of a minimum of six hours of coursework or applied experience in suicide assessment and intervention.

##### Licensees:

At the time of his or her first renewal after January 1, 2020, a licensee will be required to attest on the renewal form to meeting a one-time, six-hour suicide risk assessment and intervention coursework or applied experience requirement. For a licensee with an expired or inactive license, the six-hour requirement must be completed prior to renewing or reactivating his or her license.

##### Implementation:

Licensees and applicants can meet this requirement in one of the following ways:

1. Obtained as part of his or her qualifying graduate degree program.
  - » To satisfy this requirement, an applicant shall submit to the Board a written certification from the registrar or training director of the educational institution or program from which the applicant graduated stating that the coursework required by this section is included within the institution's curriculum required for graduation at the time the applicant graduated, or within the coursework that was completed by the applicant.

Upon request, a licensee may also be required to provide the same documentation.

2. Obtained as part of his or her applied experience. Applied experience can be met in any of the following settings: practicum, internship, or formal postdoctoral placement that meets the requirement of section 2911, or other qualifying supervised professional experience.

- » To satisfy this requirement, an applicant shall submit to the Board a written certification from the director of training for the program or primary supervisor where the qualifying experience has occurred stating that the training required by this section was included within the applied experience. Upon request, a licensee may also be required to provide the same documentation.

3. Obtained by taking any approved, structured, sequenced learning activity, whether conducted in person or online. The continuing education (CE) course must be approved by organizations approved by the Board:

- » American Psychological Association (APA).
- » California Psychological Association (CPA).
- » Continuing medical education courses that are specifically applicable and pertinent to the practice of psychology, and are accredited by the California Medical Association (CMA) or Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME).
- » American Medical Association (AMA).
- » Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi).
- » To satisfy this requirement, an applicant shall submit to the board a CE certificate of completion.

Upon request, a licensee may also be required to provide the same documentation.

Although licensees must attest to compliance with the six-hour requirement upon his or her first renewal after January 1, 2020, if satisfying the requirement by taking a qualifying CE course, the course may be taken at any time prior to the application for that renewal, and the course may be applied to the continuing education requirements in the renewal cycle during which the course was actually taken.



For example, if a license is due to expire March 31, 2018, and the licensee takes a qualifying course in 2017, the licensee can apply the six hours to the continuing education requirements for his or her 2018 renewal. He or she can then use the same course to attest to meeting the suicide risk assessment requirement for his or her 2020 renewal (but without again counting the hours towards the 36-hour requirement).

## Legislative Advisory:

### AB 1188 (Nazarian) — Chapter 557, Statutes of 2017 — Health Professions Development: Loan Repayment

Operative July 1, 2018

#### Attention Board of Psychology licensees:

Assembly Bill 1188 (Nazarian) was signed by Governor Brown on October 7, 2017, and becomes operative July 1, 2018. This legislation amends section 2987.2 in the Business and Professions Code to increase the fee collected by the Board at the time of psychologist's renewal for deposit into the Mental Health Practitioner Education Fund.

#### Summary of Changes

Operative July 1, 2018, the fee collected for the Mental Health Practitioner Education Fund at the time of renewal from all active and inactive Board licensed psychologists will be increased from \$10 to \$20.

This change in fees will affect all licensed psychologists during their renewal process. The table below illustrates the new renewal fees.

Current Fees	Fees for Licensees Renewing on or after July 1, 2018
Active Psychologist Renewal – \$420	\$430
Inactive Psychologist Renewal – \$50	\$60

## Legislative Advisory:

### SB 547 (Hill) — Chapter 429, Statutes of 2017 — Professions and Vocations: Weights and Measures

#### Attention Board of Psychology stakeholders:

Senate Bill 547 (Hill) was signed by Governor Brown on October 2, 2017, and becomes effective January 1, 2018. This legislation amends section 2987 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to the delinquent renewal fee for a psychologist, and clarifies payment for the psychological assistant registration.

#### Summary of Changes

Effective January 1, 2018, this bill amends existing law to increase the delinquency fee for a licensed psychologist renewing his or her license to 50 percent of the fee for each license type, not to exceed \$150. This effectively increases the delinquency fee for a licensed psychologist renewing as active to \$150, and the delinquency fee for a psychologist renewing as inactive to \$20.

The updated delinquency fee will affect any licensee who renews on or after January 1, 2018, a license that is in an expired status, regardless of when the license expired.

Additionally, this bill clarifies that the Board does not specify who must pay a psychological assistant registration or renewal fee. The Board understands that the payment of the fee will depend on the specific employment situation of the psychological assistant, and therefore the change in law was made to not specify who the responsible party should be to pay the fee.

#### Who This Will Impact

- Any licensed psychologist whose license is in an expired status as of January 1, 2018.
- Any licensed psychologist who has a license that expires on or after January 1, 2018.
- Any licensed psychologist who is a primary supervisor.



## Does Your Degree Qualify for Licensure?

By Stephanie Cheung, Licensing Manager, Board of Psychology

Senate Bill 1193 (Hill) Chapter 484, Statutes of 2016, became effective on January 1, 2017, and amended section 2914 of the Business and Professions Code. This new law amends the education requirement for individuals applying for a license as a psychologist. On or after January 1, 2020, an applicant for a psychologist license must possess an earned doctoral degree in psychology, educational psychology, or education with a field of specialization in counseling psychology or educational psychology from a college or institution of higher education that is accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. If you are thinking of applying for licensure to become a psychologist soon, please reference the flow chart below to determine if and how this law change may affect you.

You can also find the advisory explaining the specific changes on accreditation relating to education requirements on the Board's website at [www.psychology.ca.gov/laws\\_regs/sb1193.shtml](http://www.psychology.ca.gov/laws_regs/sb1193.shtml). A copy of the advisory is provided for your convenience.

Changes effective after January 1, 2017:

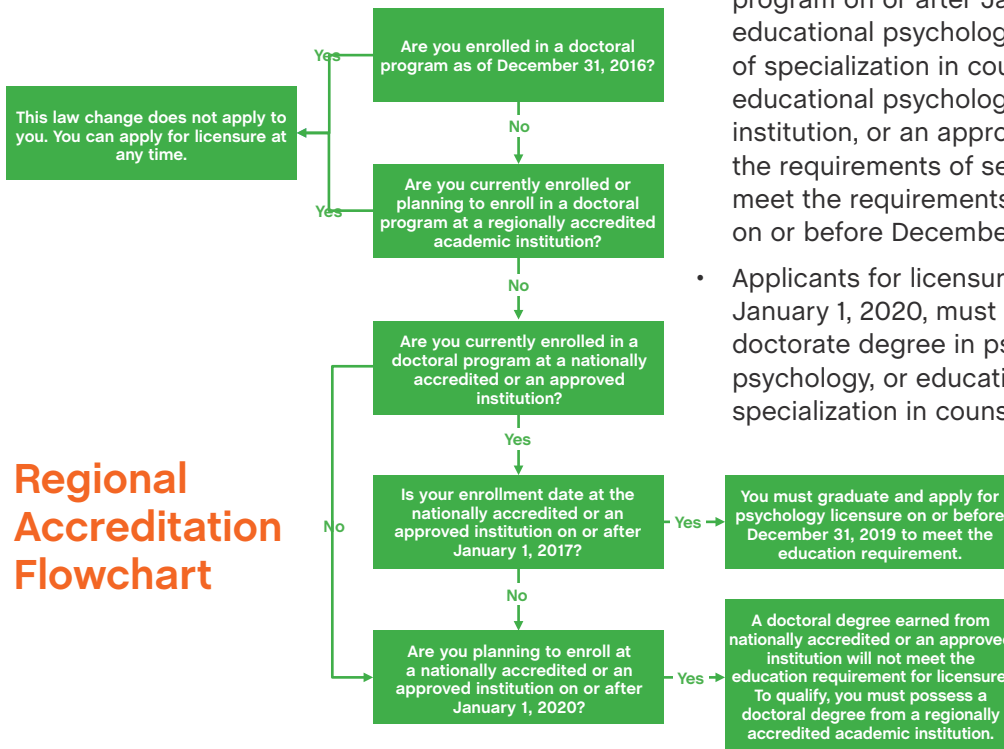
### Nationally-Accredited and Approved Educational Institutions:

This bill makes changes to requirements for licensure as a psychologist in section 2914 of the Business and Professions Code as follows:

This section of the Business and Professions Code will gradually require applicants for licensure to obtain their qualifying degree from a regionally-accredited university. The timeline for implementation is below:

- Applicants for licensure who are enrolled as of December 31, 2016, in a doctoral program in psychology, educational psychology, or education with a field of specialization in counseling psychology or educational psychology at a nationally-accredited institution, or an approved institution that meets the requirements of section 2914 (h), will be able to apply for licensure at any time, and this requirement will not apply.
- Applicants for licensure who enroll in a doctoral program on or after January 1, 2017, in psychology, educational psychology, or education with a field of specialization in counseling psychology or educational psychology at a nationally-accredited institution, or an approved institution that meets the requirements of section 2914 (h), will need to meet the requirements for and apply for licensure on or before December 31, 2019.
- Applicants for licensure who apply on or after January 1, 2020, must possess an earned doctorate degree in psychology, educational psychology, or education with the field of specialization in counseling psychology or educational psychology

from a college or institution of higher education that is accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.





## Regulatory Update

### Verification of Experience/ Supervision Agreement Forms

Title 16, California Code of Regulations, sections 1387 and 1387.1

#### This regulatory change became effective October 1, 2017

Prior regulations mandated that verification of experience and supervision agreement forms be submitted to the Board directly from the primary supervisor. Previous regulations also mandated that a supervision plan must be submitted and approved by the Board prior to the commencement of the Supervised Professional Experience (SPE)

when a psychological assistant is gaining SPE in a private practice setting.

The amended regulation now requires the primary supervisor to place the supervision agreement, unless previously submitted to the Board, and the verification of experience forms in a sealed envelope, signed across the seal, and provides the sealed envelope to the supervisee. The supervisee will then submit the sealed envelope along with the psychology licensure application to the Board. Additionally, the regulation no longer requires the pre-approval of the supervision plan for psychological assistants who plan to gain SPE in a private practice setting. It will also require



the supervision plan to include how and when the supervisor will provide periodic feedback to the supervisee so that the supervisee gets the benefits of the supervisor's assessment on his or her progress.

## Legislative Update

### Sponsored Legislation

#### AB 89 (Levine) — Psychologists: Suicide Prevention Training

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Each applicant for licensure as a psychologist with the Board of Psychology (Board) shall show completion of a minimum of six hours of coursework or applied experience in suicide assessment and intervention.

Each licensee, at the time of his or her first renewal after January 1, 2020, will be required to attest on the renewal form to meeting a one-time, six-hour suicide risk

assessment and intervention coursework or applied experience requirement. For a licensee with an expired or inactive license, the six-hour requirement must be completed prior to renewing or reactivating his or her license.

These requirements can be met in one of the following ways:

- Obtain as part of his or her qualifying graduate degree program.
- Obtain as part of his or her applied experience. Applied experience can be met in any of the following settings: practicum, internship, or formal postdoctoral placement that meets the requirement of section 2911, or other qualifying supervised professional experience.
- Obtained by taking any approved, structured,

sequenced learning activity, whether conducted in person or online. The continuing education (CE) course must be approved by organizations approved by the Board. They are:

- » American Psychological Association (APA).
- » California Psychological Association (CPA).
- » Continuing medical education courses that are specifically applicable and pertinent to the practice of psychology, and are accredited by the California Medical Association (CMA) or Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME).
- » American Medical Association (AMA).
- » Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi).





### **SB 547 (Hill) — Professions and Vocations: Weights and Measures**

SB 547 (Hill) includes changes made to the statutory language regarding The Board of Psychology. These amendments remove the specification of who pays the psychological assistant registration fee and raise the delinquency fee for psychologists to 50 percent of the renewal fee, with a maximum of \$150. These changes were required to conform the psychological assistant fee to changes created by the Board's Sunset Bill SB 1193 (Chapter 484, Statutes of 2016), and to address the artificially low and outdated delinquency fee for psychologists, which was not aligned with the methodology used by the majority of Department of Consumer Affairs' entities.

This bill was signed by Governor Brown on October 2, 2017, Chaptered by Secretary of State – Chapter 429, Statutes of 2017, and becomes effective January 1, 2018.

### **Other Chaptered Bills**

#### **AB 1188 (Nazarian) — Health Professionals Development: Loan Repayment**

This bill will increase the biennial fee collected at the time of renewal from specified Board of Psychology (Board) and Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) licensees from \$10 to \$20, which will be deposited in the Mental Health Practitioner Education Fund. This bill will also make licensed professional clinical

counselors and professional clinical counselor interns to be eligible for grants to reimburse education loans, and add a fee of \$20 at the time of renewal for Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors and interns, which will be deposited in the Mental Health Practitioner Education Fund.

This bill will increase the amount of Mental Health Practitioner Education Fund grants available to Board licensees and will help increase access to mental health services in underserved and vulnerable communities in California.

This bill was signed by Governor Brown on October 7, 2017, Chaptered by Secretary of State – Chapter 557, Statutes of 2017. AB 1188 (Nazarian) becomes operative July 1, 2018.

#### **Board Position: Support**

#### **AB 1456 (Low) — Professional Licensure**

This bill will extend the exemption waivers for licensure by the Board from three to five years at California Department of Public Health, Department of Health Care Services, Department of State Hospitals, and Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation licensed/operated facilities.

This bill was signed by Governor Brown on July 31, 2017, Chaptered by Secretary of State – Chapter 151, Statutes of 2017.

#### **Board Position: Support**

### **Two-Year Bill With a Position**

#### **AB 244 (Cervantes) — Maternal Mental Health**

This bill would create a pilot program, in counties that elect to participate, to increase the capacity of health providers that serve pregnant and postpartum women up to one year after delivery to effectively prevent, identify, and manage postpartum depression and other mental health conditions. The pilot program may include the following: a consultation program utilizing telehealth and e-consult technologies, training and toolkits on screening, assessment, and the range of treatment options, coordination of care for program participants, and access to perinatal psychiatric consultations for program participants. The pilot program would be privately funded and require a report to the Legislature regarding the pilot program's results within six months of the end of the pilot.

#### **Location: Assembly Committee on Health**

**Board Position: Support if Amended** — Requesting specified amendments to add “postpartum” and “psychological” to the bill to cover the full spectrum of perinatal and postpartum care required during pregnancy and a year after giving birth.

Staff called the author's office to discuss the amendments the Board was seeking and was informed that the bill is now a two-year bill and will begin moving again in the 2018 Legislative season.



## Administrative Citations:

July 1 to September 30, 2017

### Philip D. MacFarland, Ph.D.

Unlicensed (PSY 17254 revoked), Lincoln

On July 12, 2017, a citation containing an order of abatement and fine in the amount of \$2,000 was issued to Dr. MacFarland for engaging in the unlicensed practice of psychology, and for making false and misleading statements to the public by misrepresenting the type or status of license or registration actually held.

### Suzanne V. Mathews, Ph.D.

Unlicensed (PSY 18967 canceled), Solana Beach

On July 25, 2017, a citation containing an order of abatement and fine in the amount of \$5,000 was issued to Dr. Mathews for engaging in the unlicensed practice of psychology.

### Najjiyya C. Arnold

Unlicensed (PSB 94021376 cancelled), Sacramento

On August 16, 2017, a citation containing an order of abatement and fine in the amount of \$2,500 was issued to Ms. Arnold for engaging in the unlicensed practice of psychology.

### Dariush Neydavoud

Unlicensed (PSB 27973 cancelled), Tarzana

On September 5, 2017, a citation containing an order of abatement and fine in the amount of \$2,500 was issued to Mr. Neydavoud for engaging in the unlicensed practice of psychology, and for making false and misleading statements to the public by misrepresenting the type or status of license or registration actually held.

### Abbas Sadrai-Nadjafi, Ph.D.

Unlicensed (PSY 11541 surrendered), Los Angeles

On September 6, 2017, a citation containing an order of abatement and fine in the amount of \$5,000 was issued to Dr. Sadrai-Nadjafi for engaging in the unlicensed practice of psychology, and for fraudulently or neglectfully misrepresenting the type or status of license or registration actually held.

### Caren Kaye

Unlicensed, Los Angeles

On September 8, 2017, a citation containing an order of abatement and fine in the amount of \$2,500 was issued to Ms. Kaye for engaging in the unlicensed practice of psychology, and for making false and misleading statements to the public by misrepresenting herself as a psychologist.

## Disciplinary Actions:

July 1 to September 30, 2017

### REVOCATION

#### Mary Fifield Ommanney, Ph.D.

Psychologist License No. PSY 4775, Anaheim

Dr. Ommanney's license was revoked after a default decision was entered following the filing of an accusation that alleged the inability to practice psychology safely as a result of physical or mental illness. The default decision and order took effect July 8, 2017.

#### Rebecca Bauknight, Ph.D.

Psychologist License No. PSY 16271, San Francisco

Dr. Bauknight's license was revoked after a default decision was entered following the filing of an accusation that alleged she failed to ensure the proper licensing of her psychological assistant when he was providing psychological services. The default decision and order took effect July 28, 2017.

### SURRENDER

#### Rex Bierley, Ph.D.

Psychologist License No. PSY 11981, Daly City

Dr. Bierley stipulated to the surrender of his license after an accusation was filed alleging that he engaged in sexual misconduct with a student while he was acting as her practicum primary supervisor. The order took effect August 24, 2017.

#### Leilani Ann Jennings, Ph.D.

Psychologist License No. PSY 15579, Roseville



Dr. Jennings stipulated to the surrender of her license after an accusation and petition to revoke probation was filed alleging she failed to comply with a condition of a February 7, 2012 order placing her license on four years' probation. Dr. Jennings failed to obey all laws when she solicited and obtained prescription drugs from a former patient and drove under the influence. The order took effect September 22, 2017.

### **PROBATION**

**Senia Lynae Vitale, Ph.D.**  
Psychologist License No. PSY 14809, Solana Beach

Dr. Vitale stipulated to placing her license on probation for three years, and is subject to its revocation if she fails to comply with the terms and conditions of probation, after an accusation was filed alleging she failed to maintain competence in her performance of child custody evaluations and record keeping; failed to conduct a balanced evaluation; failed to inform one parent of documents received from the other; failed to meet the court's deadline for submission of the evaluation; and failed to send the final report to all required parties. The order took effect August 17, 2017.

**Jane Ellen Shatz, Ph.D.**  
Psychologist License No. PSY 12756, Pacific Palisades

Dr. Shatz stipulated to placing her license on probation for two years, and is subject to its revocation if she fails to comply with the terms and conditions of her probation, after an accusation was filed alleging she took on multiple roles in a child custody matter; failed

to verify that one parent had legal capacity to authorize treatment of minor children without the other parent's consent; submitted a declaration that contained assessments on child custody issues that lacked adequate bases; and released confidential information to a third party without proper authority. The order took effect August 23, 2017.

**Stacy Delgado, Ph.D.**  
Psychologist License No. 24095, Moreno Valley

Dr. Delgado stipulated to placing her license on probation for five years, and is subject to its revocation if she fails to comply with the terms and conditions of probation, after an accusation was filed alleging she engaged in a multiple/dual relationship with sexual overtones in which she shared photos and notes of a highly personalized nature with an inmate-patient while still providing mental health treatment; failed to report to her supervisor the receipt of love notes and gifts from inmate-patients; conducted Internet searches at the request of inmate-patients; and repeatedly reviewed and printed protected information unrelated to patients she was treating and removed it from prison facility grounds for personal use. The order took effect September 13, 2017.

**Philip I. Kaushall, Ph.D.**  
Psychologist License No. 9539, Folsom

Dr. Kaushall stipulated to placing his license on probation for five years, and is subject to its revocation if he fails to comply with the terms and conditions of

probation, after an accusation was filed alleging he failed to obtain informed consent from a patient; disclosed confidential patient information to a colleague without authorization; terminated treatment of a patient without referring him to another provider; and failed to maintain adequate and accurate records. The order took effect September 28, 2017.

**Christine Sagen Peterson, Ph.D.**  
Psychologist License No. 6929, Carpinteria

An earlier order placing Dr. Peterson's license on probation for five years effective November 22, 2013, was extended for an additional year, for a total of six years. The license is subject to revocation if she fails to comply with the terms and conditions of her probation. Dr. Peterson failed to comply with a term of the earlier 2013 order requiring that she abstain from all non-prescribed, controlled drugs and alcohol. The order took effect September 29, 2017.

### **PUBLIC LETTER OF REPROVAL**

**Michael P. Kahwaji, Psy.D.**  
Psychologist License No. PSY 15578, Bloomington, IL

Dr. Kahwaji stipulated to the issuance of a public letter of reproof against his California psychologist license after his Illinois psychologist license was disciplined by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation for violating the rules of professional conduct. The order took effect August 17, 2017.





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February 15-16 Sacramento

May 10-11 Los Angeles

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