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## MEMORANDUM

| DATE    | May 09, 2015  |
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| то      | Board of Psychology Members   |
| FROM    | Jonathan Burke<br>Administrative Services Coordinator   |
| SUBJECT | Telepsychology Committee Report and Consideration of Draft Regulatory<br>Language to Address Standards for Telepsychology |

## Background:

The Telepsychology Committee met on March 23, 2015 to discuss what possible regulations governing intra-state telepsychological practice should include. The Committee identified four key areas of concern;

Informed Consent; should be documented in the patients' medical record. The risks of possible compromise of confidentiality, impact on treatment efficacy, and the limitations of remote practice.

Competency of the psychologist; Patient and practitioner need to assess their competence to engage in telepsychology. Assessment of the efficacy of continued use of technology should be ongoing.

Disposal of data; regulations should include statement about the need to comply with ethical standards and laws.

## Action Requested:

There is no action requested at this time.

Attachments A: Draft Telepsychology Language