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## MEMORANDUM

DATE	June 12, 2015
то	Board of Psychology Members
FROM	Jonathan Burke Administrative Services Coordinator
SUBJECT	Telepsychology Committee Report and Consideration of Draft Regulatory 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 three 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.

The Committee will meet again to formulate language addressing the above concerns. This language will be presented to the Board for consideration.

## **Action Requested:**

There is no action requested at this time.