


MEMORANDUM

DATE	February 1, 2017
TO	Psychology Board Members
FROM	Sandra Monterrubio, Enforcement Program Manager Board of Psychology 
SUBJECT	Press Releases on Enforcement Actions, Item 7

Background

At the November Board Meeting, the Board of Psychology (Board) received public comment regarding concerns regarding its use of press releases. The Board is a consumer protection agency and is committed to protecting consumers of California from potentially harmful licensees and practices. In keeping with its statutory mandate to protect consumers of psychological services, the Board may issue press releases involving unlicensed activity, sexual misconduct, revocations, fraud, and criminal arrests/convictions.

The Board works with the Department of Consumer Affairs Office of Public Affairs and its Legal Affairs Division, and the Office of the Attorney General to ensure the information being published is accurate and informative. Most press releases are issued once a case has been adjudicated. However, there are instances where a press release is issued due to the egregiousness of the case. For example, cases involving child molestation, child abuse, elder abuse, unlicensed activity, or fraud may warrant immediate notification to consumers of psychological services in California.

The Board is committed to protecting and educating the consumers of California by providing important information through a variety of ways about providers of psychological services and individuals practicing psychology without a license.

Action

This item is for informational purposes only.