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MEMORANDUM

DATE	December 23, 2014
TO	Psychology Board Members
FROM	Jonathan Burke Administrative Services Coordinator
SUBJECT	**Regulation Update, Review, and Action as Necessary**

Background:

Title 16, CCR, Section 1397.12 – Uniform Standards Related to Substance Abuse and Disciplinary Guidelines

The current Disciplinary Guidelines (amended 2/07) referenced in existing regulation must be amended to be made consistent with current law (Senate Bill 1441 [Ridley-Thomas, Chapter 548, Statutes of 2008]). This proposal incorporates Uniform Standards 1–12 in the Board's proposed "Disciplinary Guidelines and Uniform Standards Related to Substance Abusing Licensees (Amended 2/14)" to describe the mandatory conditions that apply to a substance abusing applicant or licensee, updates the standard and optional terms and conditions of probation, and adopts uniform and specific standards that the Board must use in dealing with substance-abusing licensees, registrants, or applicants to increase consumer protection. The Uniform Standards that are being incorporated into the Board's existing Disciplinary Guidelines are mandated by Senate Bill 1441 (Ridley-Thomas, Chapter 548, Statutes of 2008).

The hearing took place on August 22, at 9 a.m., at the Board meeting. Subsequent to the Hearing, the Department of Consumer Affairs Legislative and Regulatory Review Division requested that some language be added. The Board conducted a 15 Day Notice and the new language was submitted to the Board for approval at the November Board Meeting.

Staff will now prepare the Final Statement of Reasons for the final submission to the Office of Administrative Law in the first quarter of 2015.

Title 16, CCR, Sections 1388, 1388.6, 1389, 1392 – Examinations, License Requirements and Waiver of Examination, Reconsideration of Examinations, Psychologist Fees

The proposed regulation will change the examination that is taken by applicants for licensure. Currently, in addition to the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP), applicants take the California Psychology Supplemental

Examination (CPSE), but this has been determined to be duplicative of certain knowledge points on the EPPP. The proposed change will instead require applicants to take the California Psychology Law and Ethics Examination (CPLEE).

The Board is also seeking to have regulations on the accommodations for English as Second Language (ESL) candidates. Currently, the Board has a policy, but this will place conditions in the regulations.

The hearing took place on August 22, at 10 a.m., at the Board meeting. The Board voted to modify the text to correct an error in the noticed language. A 15 Day Notice was published and the amended language was approved.

Staff will now prepare the Final Statement of Reasons for the final submission to the Office of Administrative Law in the first quarter of 2015.

Title 16, CCR, Sections 1397.60, 1397.61, 1397.62, 1397.67 – Definitions, Continuing Education Requirements, Continuing Education Exemptions and Exceptions, Renewal after Inactive or Delinquent Status

Current regulations only allow for "traditional" CE courses. The resulting proposed language provides a wide variety of options for licensees to obtain their CE, including conferences or convention attendance, practice outcome monitoring, peer consultation, academic instruction, etc. The proposed regulations also establish a requirement that licensees engage in learning activities pertinent to cultural diversity and social justice issues as they apply to the practice of psychology in California.

The Board voted at the August Board meeting to accept the final language changes in order to approve the continuing educational requirements for approved sponsors and to include them in the Continuing Professional Development Continuing Education Regulations. The hearing took place at the Board's November Board Meeting and some modifications to the language were requested by the Board. The 15 Day Notice is being prepared by Board staff and will be promulgated as soon as possible. If there are no negative comments, the Executive Office will approve the changes and the Final Statement of Reasons will be prepared and submitted to the Office of Administrative Law.

Action Requested:

There is no action requested at this time.