

# Journal

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## President's Message

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

Welcome to the winter 2019 edition of the California Board of Psychology (board) *Journal*!

The mission of the 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.

At the time of this writing, board staff and board members are preparing for the final two-day quarterly board meeting of the year in San Diego. As in the recent past, most of the first day will be devoted to hearings on petitions for reinstatement by former licensees and petitions to modify probation. Due to the volume of petition hearings, the board will hold one three-day meeting in 2019 to help keep up with the volume of petitions while allowing adequate time to address policy considerations, legislation, and the regulatory process. As with all the board's quarterly meetings, the meeting will be webcast (subject to the vagaries of technology). The recordings also can be viewed after the meeting on the board's website.

One of the most significant issues being addressed by the board is the Enhanced EPPP, formerly known as the EPPP Part 2, the proposed national licensing exam as reconceived and developed by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB), which owns the exam. At our last meeting, the board resolved to move forward with a draft regulation, contingent on further consideration of ASPPB's responses to inquiries as to the timing of the implementation dates for the Enhanced EPPP and the proposed cost to applicants of taking the two-part test. Although we have now had an initial response from ASPPB, questions continue to be raised as to adoption of the exam in California, given ASPPB's uncertain time frame for mandatory adoption by all jurisdictions and the evolving cost structure of the now two-part exam. License portability may be dependent on adoption, an important consideration for current and prospective licensees. The new skill portion of the Enhanced EPPP is designed to address the overall competency of prospective licensees, a crucial consideration in maximizing the protection of consumers.

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Other issues to be addressed involve the board's legislative agenda, including the impact of proposed bills on consumers and psychological services, the ongoing evolution of a comprehensive overhaul of the pathways to licensure, our efforts at outreach and education, and review of the enforcement process. It is our continued hope that petitioners, licensees, consumers, and other stakeholders will avail themselves of the opportunity to demystify the process and better acquaint themselves with the board's agenda and efforts.

On Dec. 3-4, the board held its five-year strategic planning meeting in Napa. As with all our noticed

meetings, it was open to the public. It is an important step in setting major agenda items for future action and anticipating the allocation of resources.

As the holidays draw near, the board wishes you the best in the year ahead. We continue to be grateful to all the board members and our capable staff for their service to the state and the consumers of psychological services. It is only through your participation in the process that we can hope to establish the best policies for the future of psychological services.

## Fee Schedule for License/Registration Renewals

By Marjean DuPree, Central Services

As of July 1, 2018, there was a change to the fee amounts for license renewal and late fees. Please be sure to include the correct amount when making your renewal payment.

### Psychologist Active Status

Biennial renewal fee	<b>\$430</b>
Delinquency fee	<b>\$150</b>

### Psychologist Inactive Status

Biennial renewal fee	<b>\$60</b>
Delinquency fee	<b>\$20</b>

### Psychological Assistant

Renewal	<b>\$40</b>
Delinquency fee	<b>\$20</b>

A renewal must be accompanied by the delinquency fee if payment is not made by the expiration date unless it is for renewal of a psychological assistant registration and that payment is not made within 30 days of the expiration date. For those that are mailed, the renewal must be postmarked by the expiration date. Please keep in mind that even though it is in the mail, it could be three to six weeks before the fee(s) are processed and your renewal is updated.

Renewal using BreEZe online (<https://www.breeze.ca.gov>) is the easiest way to avoid delinquency fees. We recommend that you make every attempt to renew when your renewal notice is received (approximately 75 days prior to expiration). If there are problems, that will allow time to resolve any issues before the expected expiration date.



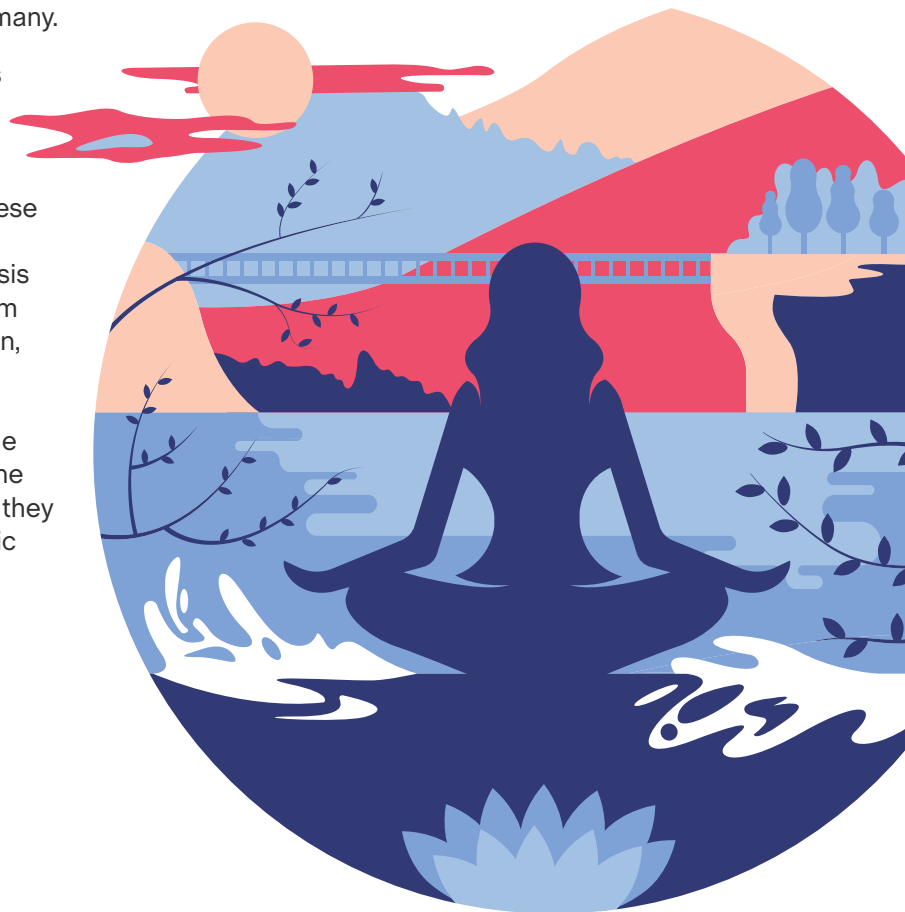
## National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act

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

On Aug. 14, 2018, President Donald Trump signed into law the National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act. This legislation mandates a study to (1) evaluate the feasibility of designating a three-digit dialing code for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system; and (2) the effectiveness of the current National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-TALK), including how well it addresses the needs of veterans. The Federal Communications Commission will be required to submit a report to Congress, including a recommended dialing code, a cost-benefit analysis comparing the three-digit code to the current lifeline number, and cost estimates for service providers, states, and localities. A three-digit dialing code has the potential for being more easily remembered during a crisis and this could lead to more ready access to crisis hotline services for many.

At SAMHSA, improving community crisis services is a priority with several recommendations from the Interdepartmental Serious Mental Illness Coordinating Committee's report to Congress focusing on improving crisis care nationwide. These include establishing national standards for crisis care and assuring a continuum of community crisis services. In a document entitled "Crisis Now" from the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention, it is recommended that every community have access to mobile outreach services, community crisis stabilization services, and a National Suicide Prevention Lifeline crisis center that can act as the hub of the system and follow people in crisis, so they don't fall through the cracks with potentially tragic results.

In 2018, the 160 crisis centers that participate in the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline answered more than 2 million calls. Currently, there are six crisis centers in California that answer calls from the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The lifeline automatically connects callers to their closest local crisis center unless they choose to press "1" to be connected to the Veterans Crisis Line, or to press "2" to be connected to a Spanish language subnetwork. The largest number of calls are answered by Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services in Los Angeles, which was also the first suicide hotline service in the United States and has been serving its community ever since. Local crisis centers like Didi Hirsch are the foundation for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and for community-based crisis care.





## Board Annual Report Data for 2018

### LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

License Requirements	Y/N?
DEGREE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLING	Y
QUALIFYING EXPERIENCE (MAY INCLUDE EDUCATION)	Y*
EXAMINATION	Y**
CONTINUING EDUCATION/COMPETENCY	Y
FINGERPRINT REQUIREMENT	Y

Business and Professions Code §§ 2909, 2913, and 2914; California Code of Regulations §§ 1387 and 1387.4.

\*No minimum experience requirement for Psychological Assistant.

\*\*Examinations are only required for Psychologists

### FEES\*

License Type/Fee Type	Actual Fee	Statutory Limit
PSYCHOLOGIST/ APPLICATION FEE	\$40	\$50
PSYCHOLOGIST/ INITIAL LICENSE FEE	\$400	EQUAL TO RENEWAL FEE
PSYCHOLOGIST (ACTIVE)/ BIENNIAL RENEWAL FEE	\$400	\$500
PSYCHOLOGIST (ACTIVE)/ ADDITIONAL BIENNIAL FEES PAID AT RENEWAL**	\$30	\$30
PSYCHOLOGIST (INACTIVE)/ BIENNIAL RENEWAL FEE	\$40	\$40
PSYCHOLOGIST (INACTIVE)/ ADDITIONAL BIENNIAL FEES PAID AT RENEWAL***	\$20	\$20
PSYCHOLOGIST (ACTIVE)/ DELINQUENCY FEE	\$150	50% OF RENEWAL NOT TO EXCEED \$150
PSYCHOLOGIST (INACTIVE)/ DELINQUENCY FEE	\$20	50% OF RENEWAL NOT TO EXCEED \$150
PSYCHOLOGIST/ DUPLICATE LICENSE FEE	\$5	\$5
CALIFORNIA PSYCHOLOGY LAWS AND ETHICS EXAMINATION (CPLEE)	\$129	COST TO BOARD
PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANT/ APPLICATION FEE	\$40	\$75
PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANT/ ANNUAL RENEWAL FEE	\$40	\$75
PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANT/ DELINQUENCY FEE	\$20	50% OF RENEWAL NOT TO EXCEED \$150
REGISTERED PSYCHOLOGIST APPLICATION FEE	N/A	N/A
LICENSE VERIFICATION FEE	\$5	\$5

\*Additional Fees may be required. Refer to the Board Laws and Regulation for details.

\*\*Included in the Biennial Renewal Fee for an Active Psychologist is an additional \$30 in fees which includes \$20 pursuant to BPC 2987.2 and \$10 pursuant to CCR Title 16 Division 13.1 section 1397.69

\*\*\*Included in the Biennial Renewal Fee for an Inactive Psychologist is an additional \$20 fee pursuant to BPC 2987.2

### Summary of Licensing Activity

Initial Licenses/Certificates/Permits			
TYPE	APPS RECEIVED	ISSUED	RENEWED
PSYCHOLOGIST	1,800	900	9,818
REGISTERED PSYCHOLOGIST	99	72	N/A
PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANT	803	685	870
TOTAL	2,702	1,657	10,688

### Licensing Population by Type

TYPE	CERTIFICATES/ PERMITS	LICENSES/ REGISTRATIONS	APPROVALS
PSYCHOLOGIST	N/A	22,261	N/A
REGISTERED PSYCHOLOGIST	N/A	173	N/A
PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANT	N/A	1,478	N/A
TOTAL		23,912	

### Renewal and Continuing Education (CE)

TYPE	FREQUENCY OF RENEWAL	NUMBER CE HOURS REQUIRED EACH CYCLE
PSYCHOLOGIST	EVERY 2 YEARS	36
PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANT	EVERY YEAR	N/A
REGISTERED PSYCHOLOGIST	NON-RENEWABLE	N/A

### Exams Results

EXAM TITLE	PASS	FAIL	TOTAL
EXAMINATION FOR PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN PSYCHOLOGY (EPPP)	844	765	1161
CALIFORNIA PSYCHOLOGY LAWS AND ETHICS EXAMINATION (CPLEE)	914	247	1609

### Summary of Enforcement Activity

Consumer Complaints—Intake	
1,129	RECEIVED
345	CLOSED WITHOUT REFERRAL FOR INVESTIGATION
805	REFERRED FOR INVESTIGATION
124	PENDING

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Conviction/Arrest Notification Complaints	
53	RECEIVED
52	CLOSED/REFERRED FOR INVESTIGATION
4	PENDING

Inspections	
	N/A

Investigations	
855	OPENED
773	CLOSED
418	PENDING

Number of Days to Complete Intake and Investigations	
604	UP TO 90 DAYS
65	91 TO 180 DAYS
53	181 DAYS TO 1 YEAR
39	1 TO 2 YEARS
11	2 TO 3 YEARS
1	OVER 3 YEARS
77	AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS TO COMPLETE INTAKE AND INVESTIGATIONS

Citations and Fines	
0	ISSUED
46	ISSUED WITH A FINE
1	WITHDRAWN
0	DISMISSED
162	AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS TO ISSUE A CITATION AND FINE

Total Amount of Fines	
\$54,250	ASSESSED
	REDUCED
\$24,250	COLLECTED

Criminal/Civil Actions	
0	REFERRALS FOR CRIMINAL/CIVIL ACTION
0	CRIMINAL ACTIONS FILED
0	CIVIL ACTIONS FILED

Office of the Attorney General/Disciplinary Actions	
70	CASES OPENED/INITIATED
38	CASES CLOSED
74	CASES PENDING

Number of Days to Complete AG Cases	
10	1 YEAR
13	1 TO 2 YEARS
12	2 TO 3 YEARS
10	OVER 3 YEARS
1,084	AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS TO IMPOSE DISCIPLINE

Formal Actions Filed/Withdrawn/Dismissed	
7	STATEMENTS OF ISSUES FILED
26	ACCUSATIONS FILED
2	RESTRAINING/RESTRICTION/SUSPENSION ORDERS GRANTED
1	STATEMENTS OF ISSUES WITHDRAWN/DISMISSED
2	ACCUSATIONS WITHDRAWN/DISMISSED

Administrative Outcomes/Final Orders	
14	LICENSE APPLICATIONS DENIED
9	REVOCAION
11	SURRENDER OF LICENSE
0	PROBATION WITH SUSPENSION
2	SUSPENSION ONLY
7	PROBATION ONLY
4	PUBLIC REPRIMAND
0	OTHER DECISIONS

Petition for Modification or Termination of Probation	
2	GRANTED
4	DENIED
6	TOTAL

Petition for Reinstatement of Revoked License/Registration/Certification	
0	GRANTED
1	DENIED
1	TOTAL

Cost Recovery to DCA	
\$212,937	ORDERED
\$36,276	COLLECTED

Restitution to Consumers/Refunds/Savings	
N/A	RESTITUTION ORDERED
N/A	AMOUNT REFUNDED
N/A	REWORK AT NO CHARGE
N/A	ADJUSTMENTS/RETURNS/EXCHANGES
N/A	TOTAL SAVINGS ACHIEVED FOR CONSUMERS

Receipt of Complaint to Assignment to Investigator	
8	AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS

Investigations: Opening to Closing of Case	
93	AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS

Investigations: Closure of Investigation to Imposing Formal Discipline	
623	AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS



## How Much Time is Left on Your Psychological Assistant Registration?

*By Stephanie Cheung, Licensing Manager*

The board often receives inquiries from psychological assistants who wonder how much time is left on their registrations before reaching the cumulative total of six years, or 72 months, limitation of registration period (set forth in the board's regulations at title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, section 1391.1(b)). Currently, other than noting the dates of a registration manually, there is not an easy and quick way to calculate the length of the registration period. When the board receives an inquiry, our staff conducts a record search and compiles information from the current registration as well as all the registration

numbers a psychological assistant held in the past. Then staff perform a manual calculation, noting the beginning of the registration issuance date, the renewal effective date, and eliminate any overlapping periods prior to letting the psychological assistant know about how many days remain before reaching the six years' limitation of registration period.

Considering the increased interest in keeping track of the registration period and to provide a more efficient way to communicate this information to our registrants, the board has been working with the Department of Consumer Affairs to develop a report that will include the registration period for all current psychological assistants. Once the report is complete, the board plans to post it on its website on a regular basis. The board will alert psychological assistants once the report becomes available.

## Attention Large Employers

*By Alita Bernal, Chair, Outreach and Education Committee*

Is it time for your employees to renew their psychologist licenses? If yes, the board would like to inform employers of our online renewal process, which significantly reduces processing times for license renewal. We hope that you will encourage your employees to take advantage of this very convenient tool to renew their psychology license online at: <https://www.breeze.ca.gov>.

Typically, processing times for paper renewal applications through the Department of Consumer Affairs' processing center can take up to six weeks. The online renewal system will allow licensees to renew within 24–48 hours if there aren't deficiencies with the application. The board's website has additional tips for psychologists to ensure a timely renewal at [https://www.psychology.ca.gov/licensees/timely\\_renewal.pdf](https://www.psychology.ca.gov/licensees/timely_renewal.pdf).

Your employees can also use the online BreZE system to update their address of record or to request a duplicate pocket license if it is lost or stolen. This ensures that licensees will get timely updates and information about their license.

### Benefits to Employees of Renewing Online:

- Fast and efficient renewal process.
- Conveniently update your contact information while renewing.
- Securely pay your renewal fee with a credit card.
- Instantly receive an email receipt and summary of your renewal application for your records.



## Regulatory Update

Below are the pending regulatory changes for the California Board of Psychology (board) and their status in the formal rulemaking process.

### **Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR) sections 1391.1, 1391.2, 1391.5, 1391.6, 1391.8, 1391.10, 1391.11, 1391.12, 1392.1—Psychological Assistants**

**Status:** Initial review phase. This phase includes reviews by the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) and the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BCSH) before a formal Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is filed with the Office of Administrative Law.

This regulatory package does the following:

Conforms the CCR to statutory changes made in Senate Bill 1193 (Hill, Chapter 484, Statutes of 2016), which requires psychological assistants to obtain a single registration with the board to be renewed annually. This registration will be independent from their supervisor(s) or employer(s) but does not remove the requirement that psychological assistants practice only under supervision. Additionally, the proposed regulatory language removes duplication as to who pays the psychological assistant registration fee, as this is already specified in statute.

### **Title 16, CCR section 1396.8—Standards of Practice for Telehealth**

**Status:** Initial review phase. This phase includes reviews by DCA and BCSH before a formal Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is filed with the Office of Administrative Law.

This regulatory package does the following:

Establishes standards of practice for the delivery of psychological health services via telehealth to an originating site in this state to a patient or client who is a resident of California who is temporarily located outside of this state, and to clients or patients who initiate psychological health care services while in this state but who may not be a resident of this state. These standards would apply to licensed California psychologists and psychology trainees.

### **Title 16 CCR sections 1381.9, 1397.60, 1397.61, 1397.62, 1397.67—Continuing Professional Development**

**Status:** Initial review phase. This phase includes reviews by DCA and BCSH before formal Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is filed with the Office of Administrative Law.

This regulatory package does the following:

Changes the continuing education guidelines and requirements that must be completed by licensed psychologists from the continuing education (CE) model to the broader continuing professional development (CPD) model.

### **Title 16 CCR sections 1381.9, 1381.10, 1392—Retired License, Renewal of Expired License, Psychologist Fees**

**Status:** Initial review phase. This phase includes reviews by DCA and BCSH before formal Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is filed with the Office of Administrative Law.

This regulatory package does the following:

This adds provisions that would allow a licensee to apply to have their license placed in a retired status and defines the requirements for application.

## Legislative Update

### Sponsored Legislation

#### **Assembly Bill 2968 (Levine)—Psychotherapist-Client Relationship: Victims of Sexual Behavior and Sexual Contact: Informational Brochure**

This bill updates and modernizes statutory provisions relating to DCA's informational brochure for victims of psychotherapist-patient sexual impropriety titled "Professional Therapy Never Includes Sex" by removing obsolete language, including other recognized forms of sexual exploitation and behavior facilitated by modern modes of communication, and more clearly articulating to consumers the most effective course of action when reporting these types of allegations. This bill also adds a new threshold for when a psychotherapist is legally required to provide the brochure to a client.

*Location* Chapter 778, Statutes of 2018.

*Board position:* Sponsor



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## Active Bills

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#### **AB 282 (Jones-Sawyer)—Aiding, Advising, or Encouraging Suicide: Exemption from Prosecution**

This bill provides that any person whose actions are performed in compliance with the provisions in the End of Life Option Act cannot be prosecuted for those actions under Penal Code section 401.

*Location:* Chapter 245, Statutes of 2018

*Board position:* Support

#### **AB 1436 (Levine)—Board of Behavioral Sciences: Licensees: Suicide Prevention Training**

This bill, on or after Jan. 1, 2021, requires an applicant for licensure under the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) to complete a minimum of six hours of coursework or applied experience under supervision in suicide risk assessment and intervention. Additionally, the bill requires, as a one-time requirement, a licensee under BBS to have completed this suicide risk assessment and intervention training requirement prior to the time of his or her first renewal after Jan. 1, 2021. Lastly, the bill also requires an applicant for reactivation or for reinstatement to an active license status on or after Jan. 1, 2021, to have completed this suicide risk assessment and intervention training requirement.

*Location:* Chapter 527, Statutes of 2018

*Board position:* Support

#### **AB 2138 (Chiu and Low)—Licensing Boards: Denial of Application: Criminal Conviction**

This bill significantly restricts the board's licensing authority by limiting when a board can utilize an applicant's criminal history in denying an application for licensure.

*Location:* Chapter 995, Statutes of 2018

*Board position:* Oppose

#### **AB 2221 (Bloom)—Occupational Therapy**

This bill makes various changes to the Occupational Therapy Practice Act, including modernizing the definition of the practice of occupational therapy. Psychologists and occupational therapists have a long and collaborative history of working together to help individuals with physical disabilities and mental and behavioral health disorders to achieve their therapy goals and improve their quality of life.

*Location:* Chapter 490, Statutes of 2018.

*Board position:* Support

### Vetoed

#### **AB 2143 (Caballero)—Mental Health: Licensed Mental Health Service Provider Education Program**

This bill would have expanded the Licensed Mental Health Service Provider Education Program to apply to persons eligible under existing law who attain further education to practice as psychiatric-mental health

nurse practitioners or physician assistants in psychiatric mental health settings. This would have allowed those practitioners to apply for grants under the program for reimbursement of those later-incurred educational loans but paid for by the fund for their psychology license.

*Location:* Vetoed by governor

*Board position:* Oppose

#### **SB 1125 (Atkins)—Federally Qualified Health Center and Rural Health Clinic Services**

This bill would have allowed Medi-Cal reimbursement for a patient receiving medical services at a federally qualified health center or rural health clinic to receive both medical services and to obtain mental health services on the same day they receive the medical services.

*Location:* Vetoed by governor

*Board position:* Support

### Failed Passage

#### **AB 2943 (Low)—Unlawful Business Practices: Sexual Orientation Change Efforts**

This bill included as an unlawful practice prohibited under the Consumer Legal Remedies Act advertising, offering for sale, or selling services constituting sexual orientation change efforts to an individual.

*Location:* Assembly inactive file

*Board position:* Support





## Administrative Citations:

Aug. 1–Oct. 31, 2018

**Mary Knight-Johnson**  
Unlicensed, Antelope

On Oct. 10, 2018, a citation containing an order of abatement and fine in the amount of \$500 was issued to Mary Knight-Johnson 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:

Aug. 1–Oct. 31, 2018

### PROBATION

**Louis Albert Meaux, Ph.D.**  
Psychologist License  
No. PSY 10153, Los Angeles

Dr. Meaux stipulated to placing his license on probation for three 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 that he failed to safeguard the welfare of his patient when he prepared an inflammatory letter/report against the patient's interest and without the patient's consent, which was for submission and consideration by a court in a matter involving child custody. He acted as a forensic psychologist in writing said letter/report, but failed to conform to the American Psychological Association's Specialty Guidelines for Forensic Psychologists in that the "facts" contained in the letter/report were based entirely on information provided by the patient's ex-wife and were not corroborated by a second source. The letter/report included information about the welfare of the patient's child, as reported by the mother, but he never saw the child and did not collect and include offsetting information from the patient; and he did not set forth in the letter a statement related to the specific limitations of his opinions. The order took effect Aug. 29, 2018.

**Timothy M. Beach, Psy.D.**  
Psychologist License  
No. PSY 22544, Chowchilla

After a Petition to Revoke Probation was filed, an earlier order placing Dr. Beach's license on probation for five years, effective April 12, 2013, was extended for one additional year for a total of six years. It is subject to revocation if he fails to comply with the terms and conditions of his probation. Dr. Beach failed to comply with a term of the earlier 2013 order requiring that he abstain from all nonprescribed, controlled drugs and alcohol, and submit to tests and samples. The order took effect Sept. 9, 2018.

**Alice R. Berkowitz, Ph.D.**  
Psychologist License  
No. PSY 9223, Beverly Hills

Dr. Berkowitz's license was placed on probation for five years, and an earlier 2012 order placing her license on probation for five years is no longer in effect. It is subject to revocation if she fails to comply with the terms and conditions of probation after an accusation



## Explanation of Disciplinary Language and Actions

**Gross negligence:** An extreme departure from the standard of care.

**Incompetence:** Lack of knowledge or skills in discharging professional obligations.

**Public letter of reproof:** Formal discipline that consists of a reprimand of a licensee that is a matter of public record for conduct in violation of the law.

**Accusation:** A formal, written statement of charges.

**Stipulated settlement of decision:** The case is formally negotiated and settled prior to hearing.

**Surrender:** To resolve a disciplinary action, the licensee has given up his or her license, subject to acceptance by the Board of Psychology.

**Suspension from practice:** The licensee is prohibited from practicing or offering to provide psychological services during the term of suspension.

**Revoked:** The right to practice has ended due to disciplinary action.

**Revocation stayed, probation with terms and conditions:** "Stayed" means the revocation is postponed. Professional practice may continue so long as the licensee complies with specific probationary terms and conditions. Violation of any term of probation may result in the revocation that was postponed.

and Petition to Revoke Probation were filed that alleged she was grossly negligent in making evaluative statements about the father in a child custody case without actually evaluating him, and taking on conflicting roles as a supposedly neutral evaluator for child abuse and as a non-neutral consultant and expert witness for the mother; and for misrepresenting herself in her declaration as a court-appointed expert under Evidence Code section 730. The order took effect on Sept. 13, 2018.

**Allen M. Rosenthal, Ph.D.**  
Psychological Assistant  
Registration No. PSB 94024425,  
Vallejo

Dr. Rosenthal's registration was issued and placed on five years' probation, and is subject to revocation if he fails to comply with the terms and conditions of his probation, after a conviction on Jan. 2, 2014, for contributing to

the delinquency of a minor. The order took effect Sept. 27, 2018.

**Manmeet Rattu, Psy.D.**  
Psychological Assistant  
Registration No. PSB 94024496,  
Vallejo

On Oct. 18, 2018, Dr. Rattu's registration was issued and placed on probation for five years, and is subject to its revocation if she fails to comply with the terms and conditions of probation, after a Statement of Issues was filed following a 2001 misdemeanor conviction for driving under the influence of alcohol, a 2008 misdemeanor conviction for driving under the influence with a blood alcohol level of 0.08 percent or higher, a 2010 misdemeanor conviction for alcohol-related reckless driving, a 2013 misdemeanor conviction for driving under the influence with a blood alcohol level of 0.08 percent or higher, and for failing

to disclose on her application for registration as a psychological assistant that she had been convicted of any criminal or civil offenses. The order took effect Oct. 18, 2018.

**Marilyn Anne Coffy, Ph.D.**  
Psychologist License  
No. PSY 10860, Oakland

Dr. Coffy 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 following a 2015 misdemeanor conviction for alcohol-related reckless driving and use of alcoholic beverages to the extent that it was dangerous to herself and others when she drove a car after consuming an excessive amount of alcohol. The order took effect Oct. 31, 2018.



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**SURRENDER**

**Cheryll Ann Smith, Ph.D.**  
Psychologist License  
No. PSY 12448, Montecito

Dr. Smith stipulated to the surrender of her license after an accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation were filed alleging that she violated probation by failing to meet with her assigned practice monitor; she failed to submit in a timely manner an application with fees to take the California Psychology Law and Ethics

Examination; failed to take and successfully complete 20 hours of preapproved coursework during her first year of probation; failed to pay the full amount of cost recovery in a timely manner; failed to pay the full costs associated with probation monitoring; failed to obey all laws in that she practiced under an expired license, and certified on her renewal under penalty of perjury that she completed the required continuing education coursework, but failed to demonstrate such;

failed to in a timely manner submit quarterly reports stating her compliance; failed to comply with the board's probation monitor; and that this conduct constituted dishonest, corrupt and fraudulent acts, and unprofessional conduct. The board had previously placed her license on probation for three years in an Oct. 17, 2012, decision. The surrender took effect August 7, 2018.





## Board Members

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Alita Bernal

Sheryll Casuga, Psy.D.

Jacqueline Horn, Ph.D.

Nicole J. Jones

Mary Harb Sheets, Ph.D.


Lea Tate, Psy.D.

## Meeting Calendar

### 2019 Board Meetings

Feb. 7-8	Sacramento
April 24-26	Los Angeles
Aug. 15-16	Berkeley
Oct. 3-4	San Diego



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