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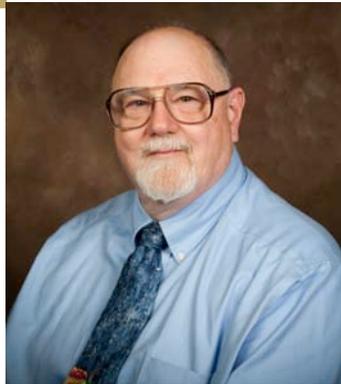
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## Message from Board Chair, Lee H. Matthews, Ph.D.

*(Board Member, 2010 – 2012, Board Chair, 2011 – 2012)*

*"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times,  
it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness"*

- Charles Dickens

First, there are literally hundreds of people I want to thank because they are responsible for my being Chair of LSBEP. A number of you encouraged me to run for a Board position, and a much larger group who voted for me to be on LSBEP.

The learning curve has been steep, as Board member and now Chair, in part due to my filling out an unexpired term held by two previous licensees, so this is only my third year on LSBEP. I want to thank Kelly Parker, the Executive Director and Jacqueline Lively, the Administrative Coordinator, who handle the day-to-day operation of the LSBEP for their support. Gary Pettigrew, Complaints Coordinator, who does an effective but often thankless job, as well as the other ancillary staff and consultants on the LSBEP masthead on our website.

I appreciate the encouragement and input given to me by the current LSBEP members. Each of them, based on their background and experience, bring unique perspectives to the challenges of regulation of the practice of psychology, regardless of their areas of specialization or theoretical orientation, with one primary focus, that is, the protection of the public.

I am also indebted to the past Board Chairs. Those I have served with in the past two years, such as Joseph Comaty, who set the example for the portion of the Chair position that requires extreme organization and attention to detail. Having been Tony Young's Vice-Chair last year brought with it a greater understanding of the daily duties of the Chair, and an expanded appreciation of the regulation issues that can arise from the practice of psychology in a graduate school setting, as well as, a more casual but focused leadership style, that extended to his manner of conducting oral exams. I also want to mention former LSBEP Chair, Janet Matthews, who has encouraged me in every part of this journey.

I would be remiss if did not mention the debt of gratitude to my Vice-Chair, John Courtney. While he and I did not always agree (with the possible exceptions of sports cars or Italian food), I always felt that I got an honest and thoughtful perspective on what even issue was being discussed. Unfortunately John has announced that he will be resigning from LSBEP after the Board meeting in November 2012, due to his new position in another state, so at that meeting we will elect a new Vice-Chair.

Why the "best/worst" quote at the start of this message? I believe there are a variety of exciting challenges to the practice and regulation of psychology. Technology is advancing faster than the field of practice can develop an appreciation for issues and potential pitfalls. Internet practice and telepsychology are just two aspects of these changes. The LSBEP website continues to change and hopefully become more "user friendly" for both licensees and the public. Eventually, I believe it will be possible to complete applications on-line.

The "worst of times" for me seems to center around old issues that continue to demand LSBEP time and effort. Issues such as unregulated individuals engaging in the practice of psychology as defined by statutes; what regulatory board should have authority over psychologists, seem ongoing, even when reasonable solutions to these problems have been previously advanced.

Another of the "best/wisdom" aspects of being on LSBEP is the opportunity to participate in the meetings of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASBPB). The meetings not only provide an alert to trends in regulations, but are an opportunity to gain information about how other jurisdictions are approaching or have handled similar situations to those facing LSBEP.

Those "worst/foolishness" issues continue to provide tension if not outright conflict with various interest groups within psychology. To mention only two of these issues, I would point to one with, at this time, a relative negative outcome, that is, the licensure of Behavior Analysts. The second, with a more positive future, is the issue of continuing education requirements.

I have had some individuals say to me that "all" that is needed to solve these and similar complex issues is for LSBEP to join other groups in having "a common vision for psychology". This statement is often preceded or followed by "the Board doesn't understand". I can't speak for the other Board members, but I do disagree that, in general, I don't understand. I do not disagree with the feeling regarding "a common vision", but in some ways the concept may be too simplistic. To have a common vision requires at a minimum either a similar point of view (a place to stand shoulder-to-shoulder so to speak) OR a broader range of observation points to see multiple aspects of the whole view. As LSBEP members, each of us on the Board have a primary regulatory duty to protect the public. Other "observers" have implied or explicit agendas. Where these diverse groups have tension, I think it is often because of either too narrow a view of "common vision" or because; as a collective group we try to tell each other what psychology "should be" rather than listening to each other (communication is really a two-way street) so that both the public are protected and the profession of psychology will advance in a positive direction. The recent example of such a cooperative approach is the LSBEP decision to reconsider the proposed changes to continuing education requirements, based on feedback from the public and licensees.

I am both honored and humbled to be the Chair of LSBEP. However, in keeping with family tradition, I am the "second Dr. Matthews" to be Chair, for as with the awarding of our Bachelor's, Masters and Doctoral degrees, Janet held the LSBEP Chair position first.

I and the other Board members welcome your feedback, comments and suggestions. Together I believe we can be more forward in ways that serve the public, our own licensees, and the profession as a whole. As my friend, the late Nate Perry, noted when he was on the Florida licensing board, one of the best ways to protect the public is to provide them with enough well-trained psychologists to meet their needs. Please do not hesitate to make contact with any of us on LSBEP.



## The LSBEP Proudly Welcomes Our Newest Member

Dr. Darla M.R. Burnett

I am excited to be the newest member of the LSBEP, and I can assure you after attending just a few Board meetings, that we, meaning psychologists, do not fully appreciate the amount of time and energy Board members give in service of our profession, the public and our state. Next time you see a current or former Board member, make sure to thank them. While serving as a supervisor over the years, I have encouraged interns to get involved in their profession, in order to better understand the areas of our profession we do not learn in graduate school such as regulation, advocacy, and public service. I look forward to serving on the LSBEP and consider my service as "practicing what I preach."

I am a native of Louisiana and completed my bachelors degree at Louisiana State University and my doctoral degree in clinical psychology from the University of Southern Mississippi. I then completed a joint clinical-forensic internship at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine and the Federal Correctional Institute- Butner, North Carolina. After returning to Louisiana I completed a post-doctoral masters degree in clinical psychopharmacology from the California School of Professional Psychology. Over the years I have worked in state agencies and private practice. I worked for over 10 years at the Eastern Louisiana Mental Health System, leaving in 2011 in order to pursue full-time private practice.

On a personal note, I married my college sweetheart and have two beautiful (and energetic) sons, ages 8 and 5 years. I currently live in Denham Springs, LA, the town in which I was raised. I enjoy outdoor activities, traveling, reading, cooking and watching my LSU Tigers.

## 2012-2013 Committee Assignments

### Finance Committee:

Full board and Kelly Parker

### Complaints Committee:

Lee H. Matthews, Ph.D., Chair, and John C. Courtney, Psy.D., Vice Chair

### Long Range Planning Committee:

Lee H. Mattehws, Ph.D., Chair and Darla M.R. Burnett, Ph.D., MP, Vice Chair

### Legislative Oversight Committee:

Darla M.R. Burnett, Ph.D., MP, Chair and John C. Courtney, Psy.D. Vice Chair

### Supervision and Credentials Review:

Rita R. Culross, Ph.D., Chair and Darla M.R. Burnett, Ph.D., MP, Vice Chair

### Oral Examination Committee:

Marc Zimmermann, Ph.D., MP, Chair and Rita R. Culross, Ph.D., Vice Chair

### Liaison Professional Organizations/Boards:

John C. Courtney, Psy.D., MP, Chair and Darla M.R. Burnett, Ph.D., MP, Vice Chair

### Jurisprudence Exam Committee:

John C. Courtney, Psy.D., MP, Chair and Lee H. Matthews, Ph.D., Vice Chair

### Continuing Education Committee:

Rita R. Culross, Ph.D., Chair and Marc Zimmermann, Ph.D., MP, Vice Chair

### Ad hoc Committee: Behavior Analysts:

Kelly Parker and John C. Courtney, Psy.D., MP

### CONDOLENCES

*To the family, friends, and colleagues of Dr. Raymond Houck, Dr. Mary Ellen Goodwin, and Dr. C. Chrisman Wilson, the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists wishes to express its sincere condolences for your loss. Their contribution to the psychological community will be greatly missed.*

The Statutory Reference Guide Compilation has been updated. Please review the new version for updated materials, at

[www.lsbep.org](http://www.lsbep.org)

### UPCOMING BOARD MEETING DATES:

December 7th  
January 17th and 18th  
February 22nd  
March 15th  
April 19th  
May 10th  
June 21<sup>st</sup>

PUBLIC HOUR BEGINS  
AT 1:00 PM

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists  
Opinion #013-Telepsychology  
Issued: March 29, 2012

### **TELEPSYCHOLOGY**

Telepsychology means the practice of psychology as those terms are defined in LAC Title 37 Section 2352(5), by distance communication technology such as but not necessarily limited to telephone, email, Internet-based communications and videoconferencing. It is the opinion of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists that in order to practice telepsychology within the State of Louisiana, one must hold a current, valid license issued by the Louisiana State Board of Examiners or shall be a supervisee of a licensee being delegated telepsychology practices. One must abide by all federal and state laws and regulations in the practice of telepsychology (e.g. HIPPA).

Licensees should understand that this rule does not provide licensees with the authority to practice telepsychology in service to clients domiciled in jurisdictions other than Louisiana, and licensees bear the responsibility for complying with laws, rules and/or policies for the practice of telepsychology set forth by other jurisdictional boards of psychology. Licensees practicing telepsychology shall comply with all of the rules of professional conduct. Licensees should also recognize that telepsychology is not appropriate for all psychological problems and clients, and decisions regarding the appropriate use of telepsychology are made on a case-by-case basis.

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists  
Opinion #014-MANDATORY REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE  
Issued: July 13, 2012

### **MANDATORY REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE**

It is the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists [LSBEP] opinion that in order to provide the greatest possible protection, as promptly as possible, for endangered children, psychologists should refer to and abide by Children's Code Article 609 and 610, as well as LA R.S. §14:403. Furthermore, It is the opinion of the LSBEP that psychologists are mandatory reporters and shall report suspected child abuse or neglect to the appropriate agency, regardless if it is a concurrent report.

Notice  
Rule Changes  
Louisiana Register, November 20, 2012

On November 20, 2012, the Louisiana Register posted our Notice of Intent for proposed changes to Chapter 6 Fees. Interested persons may submit written comments to Kelly Parker, Executive Director, 8280 YMCA Plaza Drive, Bldg. 8-B, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. All comments must be submitted by 12:00 noon, December 10, 2012.

You may also submit your comments online at:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?fromEmail=true&formkey=dHBCb2JMNIhxZIZQeU5OcXdsbzB3UkE6MQ>

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health and Hospitals  
Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Fees  
(LAC 46:LXIII.Chapter 6)

In accordance with R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Administrative Procedure Act, notice is hereby given that the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Psychologists is amending LAC 46:LXIII.Chapter 6, Fees. This proposed rule modifies current licensing and administrative fees due to the increase in demand for licensure and administrative workload increase.

**Title 46**  
**PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS**  
**Part LXIII. Psychologists**

**Chapter 6. Fees**

**§601. Licensing Fees**

<b>Licensing Fees</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Application for Licensure	\$200
Application for Temporary Licensure	125
Oral Examination (Licensure, specialty change or additional specialty)	250
Jurisprudence Examination	75
License Renewal	320
Emeritus License Renewal	160
Reinstatement of Lapsed License (Application plus renewal fee)	570

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2354.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 33:647 (April 2007), amended LR 41 (November 2012).

**§603. Administrative/Other Fees**

<b>Administrative/Other Fees</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Address List/Labels	\$ 100
License Verification	15
Disciplinary Action Report	25
Directory & Statutory Reference Book (bounded copy plus shipping)	50
Replacement License Certificate	25
Replacement Renewal Certificate	10
Photo ID Card	25
Paper processing fees (paper renewals)	15
Renewal Extension Request	25

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2354.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 33:648 (April 2007), amended LR 41 (November 2012).

### **Family Impact Statement**

The Board of Examiners of Psychologists hereby issues this Family Impact Statement as set forth in R.S. 49:972. The proposed amendments and adoption of the rules related to the increase of fees are implemented to guarantee the licensing authority can perform daily duties and safeguard the public welfare of this state and will have no known foreseeable impact on the stability of the family; authority and rights of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children; functioning of the family; family earnings and family budget; behavior and personality responsibility of children; or the ability of the family or a local government to perform the function as contained in the proposed rule.

#### Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments to Kelly Parker, Executive Director, 8280 YMCA Plaza Drive, Bldg. 8-B, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. All comments must be submitted by 12 p.m., December 10, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Parker  
Executive Director

## LICENSURE ISSUES: THE REGULATION OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS 2012 Legislative Session = SR 159 Behavior Analyst Commission

Kelly Parker, Executive Director  
LSBEP Designee - Behavior Analyst Commission

The 2012 Legislative Session opened on March 12, 2012 and ended on June 4, 2012. It was a busy few months, and a roller coaster ride with regard to the regulation of Behavior Analysts [BAs]. I would like to try to recap the past several months for you with regard to the licensure of BAs.

It has always been the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists [LSBEP] position that behavior analysis, behavior modification and behavior therapy have long been part of the definition of the practice of psychology. The Board acknowledges that BAs and their services are very valuable and needed in the community. Therefore, It is the Board's statutory duty to guarantee the practitioners rendering psychological services are qualified to provide adequate services to the public and to protect the state's citizens from unlicensed practice.

At the opening of the 2012 legislative session, Senator Claitor filed SB 185 regarding the regulation of BAs under the LSBEP. SB 185 provided for the independent, non-supervised licensure and practice protection of BAs. SB 185 proposed the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Commission [LBAC], be formed under the psychology board. The bill was heard and ultimately deferred in the Senate Commerce Committee.

After the original filing and deferral of SB 185, the Board collaborated with many groups, including but not limited to, the local BA association, the national certification board of certified behavior analysts, local institutions such as St. Mary's --- all which led to significant changes to the original SB 185.

On April 18, 2012, Senator Claitor substituted SB 191, originally a massage therapy bill, with a new bill to regulate and license BAs under the LSBEP. The bill was reassigned from SB191 to SB755.

Regulation of Behavior Analysts continued...

SB 755 was different than SB 185 in a few ways. SB 755 proposed the LBAC be an interim solution under the psychology board. The committee had a start date of July 1, 2012 and end date of July 1, 2015. After the July 1, 2015 date, the BAs would have the option to evolve into their own board or request to remain as a regulatory committee associated with the LSBEP. SB755 also provided for the certification of behavior analyst assistants.

After many long days at the Capitol, meeting after meeting with different Senators, conference calls, and a town hall meeting, SB 755 was heard in the Senate Health & Welfare Committee. Testimony was taken from both sides, and ultimately the committee passed SB 755 to the Senate Floor.

SB 755 was presented on the Senate floor. Senator Rick Gallot opposed passing the bill because of procedure technicalities and the bill was deferred back to the Senate Commerce Committee where it started. Short story: the bill was "killed". However, the issue was still alive.

Senator J.P. Morrell, proposed SR159. SR159 was a resolution that created a working group of different disciplines to study the licensure and regulation of behavior analysts and to submit a report on the baseline framework for such on or before February 1, 2013. The resolution passed successfully and was the end of the line for the BA licensure issue for the 2012 legislative session.

The Behavior Analyst Commission, created by Senator Morrell through SR159, is comprised of the following organizations/designees:

The parent or guardian of a child who currently receives or has received applied behavior analysis (ABA) services appointed by Senator Alario – Ashley Munn  
 The parent or guardian of a child who currently receives or has received applied behavior analysis (ABA) services appointed by Senator Heitmeier – Catherine Morrell (Senator Morrell's wife);  
 Secretary of the Department of Health & Hospitals, or its designee;  
 State Superintendent of Education – Kim Percale;  
 State Board of Examiners of Psychologists – Kelly Parker, Executive Director  
 Licensed Professional Counselors Board– Mary Alice Olsan, Executive Director  
 LA Behavior Analyst Association – Grant Geautreaux, President  
 Pathology & Audiology Board – Dawn Richard, L-SLP  
 Dean of the College of Education, Nicholls State University – Steven Welsh, Ph.D.  
 Louisiana Psychological Association – Lacey L. Seymour, Ph.D.  
 Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners – John McBride, LCSW  
 Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners – Robert Marier, MD  
 Developmental Disability Council -Elizabeth Christian, MD  
 Paul M. Herbert Law Center - Michael Malinowski  
 Psychology Department at McNeese State University – Cameron Melville, Ph.D.  
 Autism Center at Children's Hospital – Jodi Kamps, Ph.D.  
 St. Mary's Residential Training School – Tony L. "Bo" Vets, II, BCaBA

On July 6, 2012, the first commission meeting was held. Thereafter, meetings have been held on a monthly schedule. The commission also established the report writing subcommittee. The subcommittee was chosen on a volunteer basis. The committee is comprised of Ashley Munn, Chair, Catherine Morrell, Vice-Chair, Mary Alice Olsan, LPC Executive Director, Mike Malinowski, LSU Law Professor, Grant Geautreaux, LABAA President and myself. Meetings for the subcommittee are also open to the public, and are usually held the same day as the commission meeting.

On November 2, 2012, the commission heard presentations from myself, Lacey Seymour, Ph.D., BCBA-D, Grant Gautreaux, and Catherine Morrell/Ashley Munn. The LSBEP and LPA presentations suggested licensure as a committee under the LSBEP. Mr. Gautreaux's presentation suggested independent board/licensure. Ms. Morrell and Ms. Munn's presentation suggested licensure as a merged board with the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors board.

Regulation of Behavior Analysts continued...

Since the November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the LSBEP has taken a modified posture. On November 9, 2012, at its monthly meeting, the Board voted unanimously to work with the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Association to create a model licensure act with the psychology board. The psychology board has offered the LABAA (or two individuals subsequently licensed under this act) two spots on our board, and a committee. This merged model would expand our board from five members to seven. We believe that this proposal is consistent with their wishes, and most importantly protects the consumers.

The commission will vote on the licensing structure on December 7, 2012. The final report is due to the legislature by February 1, 2013.

For further information or clarification about the Board's position regarding the licensure of behavior analysts, please contact the Board office at 225-763-3935.

The LSBEP wishes you a joyous holiday season and a wonderful New Year!



## DO YOU HAVE A PROFESSIONAL WILL?

How to prepare for the unexpected

**Creating a professional will can help you protect your patients and put your affairs in order**



By Tori DeAngelis  
*APA Monitor*, June 2008, Vol 39, No. 6  
 Print version: page 50

*"It's not that I'm afraid to die--I just don't want to be there when it happens." --Woody Allen*

No one wants to think about their death, and the thought of dying unexpectedly is even more daunting. But for psychologists--who are more responsible for their clients' well-being than most professionals--it is important to plan for this reality, says Thomas F. McGee, PhD, of the San Diego Psychological Association (SDPA) Committee on Psychologist Retirement, Incapacitation or Death.

That's why every practitioner needs a professional will that spells out how you would like your practice to be handled in the event of your unexpected death or disability, says McGee. Taking this step can help clients make a smooth transition to another mental health professional, while lifting much of the burden of addressing your professional responsibilities from unprepared family members and colleagues.

These documents will vary, of course, depending on your individual preferences, circumstances and state requirements, and there are many resources available to help you create them. (See "[Further reading and resources.](#)")

However, they should all include:

**A professional executor.** Choose a colleague who can fulfill the instructions you outline in your professional will, says Key West, Fla., practitioner Stephen A. Ragusea, PsyD, who educates colleagues on the topic.

"Find someone you can reciprocate this service with," he says. One logical choice is a trusted office or practice mate. It's wise to select colleagues in your profession rather than friends or family members, McGee says, for emotional as well as practical reasons.

Name one or two backups as well, in case the primary executor is unavailable and to share the workload, McGee adds. "The executor is like a coordinator and should be able to enlist other psychologists or mental health professionals to help," he says.

Then, have your professional executor and backups visit your office together, and walk them through your setup to answer any questions, says former SDPA president and professional will educator Ain Roost, PhD.

**Contact information.** In the will, include the name, phone number and address of your executor and your backups. State that the executor has the authority to act on your behalf and to delegate responsibilities. Also provide contact information for your attorney, accountant, billing services, insurance carriers, answering service and practice consultants, says David Ballard, PsyD, MBA, assistant executive director for corporate relations and business strategy in APA's Practice Organization.

Professional Wills continued...

**Office information.** Note the full address of your practice and any other locations where you keep client records or other practice-related documents. Clearly describe the location of client charts, appointment books, billing and financial records and relevant computer files, Ballard says. Spell out where to find office keys, filing cabinets and storage units, and give instructions for accessing e-mail, voicemail and computer files. Include logon IDs, passwords and PIN codes. Be as explicit as possible, he advises.

**Instructions for contacting clients.** Specify how you would like your professional executor to notify clients about your death or disability, keeping clients' particular situations in mind. Ballard suggests contacting current clients by phone before their next appointments, and past clients by mail or phone so they will know how to access their records if necessary.

Include any relevant details about a funeral or memorial service if you want your clients to be included. Some psychologists may wish to hold a separate service for clients, says Roost.

**Plans to facilitate care.** A main reason you're creating the professional will is to help your clients transition to new care if necessary, as required by APA's Ethical Standards. Give instructions for how you think continuity of care can best be achieved. As one example, you might want to suggest names of mental health professionals you think would be a good fit for particular clients, says McGee.

**Directions for handling client records.** Create a clear plan for transferring and maintaining the confidentiality of client records, including forwarding charts to new providers and maintaining records as required by state law, says Ballard. Before transferring charts, your professional executor will need to obtain written consent from clients, he adds. Records that aren't transferred to new providers should be kept by your professional executor or another qualified mental health professional for the length of time specified in your state. For more information, visit Sections 7 and 13 of the APA Record Keeping Guidelines at <http://www.apapracticecentral.org/ce/guidelines/record-keeping.pdf>.

Similarly, if you have confidential client information on your home or office computer, your personal digital assistant or your cellphone, note how to access it and how to save or destroy it as appropriate. Relevant data include e-mail exchanges with clients, treatment notes and assessment information gathered on test-scoring software.

If your practice must comply with HIPAA (the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) and you store or transmit electronic patient records, educate yourself on the HIPAA Security Rule requirements related to storing, transmitting and destroying electronic records, adds Alan Nessman, JD, special counsel for legal and regulatory affairs in APA's Practice Directorate. For more information, visit the HIPAA compliance section of [APA Practice Central](#) and Sections 8 and 13 of APA's Record Keeping Guidelines (see link above).

**Notification plans.** Provide instructions for your professional executor on how to notify your state licensing board, insurance carriers and professional organizations. Include contact information, as well as policy, license, membership and provider numbers, says Ballard.

Also, name colleagues and staff you would like your professional executor to contact.

**Financial issues.** In the event of your unexpected death or disability, it is likely your practice will include some financial loose ends. To make sure they're tied up, coordinate financially related information in your professional will with instructions in your personal will.

**Signatures and copies.** Although the professional will is not a legal document, sign it and have a witness sign it. Make multiple copies, stating where they are located and who is holding them.

Finally, review your professional will once a year, and update it if your circumstances change, experts advise. "It is in the ethics of our profession to do no harm," says McGee. "Clearly, creating a professional will is in the best interests of the patient," as well as of colleagues and significant others, he says.

## SPECIAL THANKS

We appreciate the outstanding effort and support everyone made on behalf of the Board and psychology during the recent legislative session. The willingness to go above and beyond is very much appreciated. The Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists and staff would like to especially thank:

Senator Daniel Claitor  
Deborah Harkins, Esquire  
Lacey Seymour, Ph.D.  
Brian Esteve, Ph.D.  
Melissa Juneau, Executive Director of the Baton Rouge Speech & Hearing  
Foundation  
Cameron Melville, Ph.D.  
Alicia Pellegrin, Ph.D., Legislative Chair of LPA  
Phillip Griffin, Ph.D., President of LPA  
Louisiana Psychological Association

## 2012 RENEWAL STATUS REPORT

As of August 1, 2012, the total population of psychologists in Louisiana was 641. This was the first year that postcards were used to notice psychologists of the renewal period and based on comments, it was a success!!

We appreciate the 547 psychologists that renewed their licenses using the online renewal system offered by the LSBEP. As always, we hope that the system was fast, convenient, and easy to use. Our goal is to consistently improve the system and in the near future we hope to improve the system by allowing you to upload CE certificates.

We are always open to suggestions about how we can service our community better during the renewal period. If you have suggestions or comments, please email them to: [kelly.parker@la.gov](mailto:kelly.parker@la.gov).

## NEW LICENSEES

### Issued February 3, 2012

Julia D. Buckner, Ph.D. #1183(CL)  
Bridget L. Sonnier-Hillis, Ph.D., #1184  
Oscar A. Barbarin, Ph.D., #1185(CL)

### Issued March 23, 2012

Dana B. Gruber, Ph.D., #1186(CL)  
Emily O. Boudreaux, Ph.D., #1187(CL)

### Issued April 27, 2012

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### Issued July 13, 2012

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### Issued August 10, 2012

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Adam J. Guilmino, Ph.D.

### Issued September 7, 2012

Ariel Moss Lloyd, Ph.D.

### Issued October 12, 2012

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Julie A. Alvarez, Ph.D.  
Robin A. Chapman, Psy.D.  
Robert E. Kizer, Ph.D.  
Danielle L. Paul, Psy.D.

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Kristin L. Callahan, Ph.D.  
Lisa C. Solursh, Psy.D.  
Carly Gardner, Ph.D.  
Amy L Childress, Ph.D.

## 2012 DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists takes seriously all allegations of wrongdoing against Louisiana licensed psychologists, as well as the unauthorized practice of psychology within this state. Below you will find a listing of disciplined psychologists so far in 2012 and a brief description of the violations.

On February 3, 2012, **Daniel Lonowski, Ph.D., License #299**, received a formal **REPRIMAND** and entered into a Consent Order with the LSBEP for violations of La. Rev. Statute 37:2359(B)(2)(c), B(12), Ethical Standards 2.01(f) and 3.04 Avoiding Harm, of the APA Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct (2002). Dr. Lonowski satisfied the requirements of his Consent Order and the matter was closed as of September 7, 2012.

On April 23, 2012, **Sally E. Thigpen, Ph.D., License #476**, received a formal **REPRIMAND** and entered into a Consent Order with the LSBEP for violations of La. Rev. Statute 37:2359(A), B(12), B(14), LAC.LXIII: Chapter 7, Supervision Leading to Licensure, and Ethical Standard 2.05 Delegation of Work to Others, of the APA Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct (2002).

On September 7, 2012, **Glenn W. Ahava, Ph.D., License #1070**, received a formal **REPRIMAND** and entered into a Consent Order with the LSBEP for violations of La. Rev. Statute 37:2359(B)(2)(c), B(12) and 3.04 Avoiding Harm of the APA Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct (2002).

