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UPDATE ON MEDICAL PSYCHOLOGY AND ACT 251

The Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (LSBEP) retained its authority to regulate Medical Psychologists and issue Certificates of Prescriptive Authority to qualified Medical Psychologists until December 31, 2009. Per Act 251, files for Psychologists with Certificates of Prescriptive Authority (Medical Psychologists) who initiated the required documentation for licensure with the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME), were copied and transferred in December 2009.

Medical Psychologists who have not obtained licensure with LSBME must immediately cease and desist the practice of Medical Psychology via Certificate of Prescriptive Authority under LSBEP. The LSBEP is no longer accepting applications for Certificates of Prescriptive Authority or regulating prescriptive privileges for psychologists. Any questions regarding the application process for licensure as a Medical Psychologist should be directed to the LSBME.

The LSBEP worked collaboratively with the LSBME to effectuate the mandates of Act 251 and has developed an open dialogue with LSBME. The LSBEP is hopeful that this collegial relationship with LSBME will continue in order to facilitate information sharing on issues such as rule making on matters that pertain to the practice of psychology and on issues where individuals choose to maintain a license as a psychologist and a license as a medical psychologist.

The passing of Act 251 has also brought changes to the composition of the LSBEP with the resignation of two board members, Drs. Glenn A. Ally and Paul M. Dammers. The elections to fill these vacancies were combined with the regular election to fill the upcoming vacancy of Dr. Jillandra C. Rovaris whose term will expire June 30, 2010. The ballots were counted on December 2, 2009 by LPA Executive Director Gail Lowe, LPA Nominations and Elections Chair, Dr. Darla Burnett and LSBEP Executive Director, Jaime Monic. The results of that election were submitted to Governor Jindal by LPA. The LSBEP eagerly awaits those appointments.

Temporary Licensure

*(LAC Title 46, LXIII. Chapter 10.
Temporary Registration of Out-of-State Psychologists)*

By: Joesph E. Comaty, Ph.D., MP

The Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (LSBEP) under the above rule permits licensed psychologists in other states to practice within Louisiana (LA) for a limited period of time under two conditions: 1) Under LAC 46, LXIII, Chap. 10, §1001(A): “Pursuant to LA R.S. 37:2365.D any nonresident duly licensed or certified for independent practice as a psychologist in the state of his/her residence and which state will permit residents of this state a like and similar privilege as provided herein may, if associated with a psychologist who is a resident of the state of Louisiana and licensed under Title 37, Chapter 28 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, practice as a psychologist for a period not to exceed thirty days in any calendar year to the same extent and manner as if licensed in this state.” And 2) Under LAC 46, LXIII, Chap. 10, §1002(A): “Pursuant to LA R.S.29:769(E), licensed Psychologists from other jurisdictions of the United States may respond to a declared public health emergency and be granted a temporary registration to engage in the practice of Psychology as defined in R.S. 37:2352(5).” Under each condition of temporary practice, the out-of-state psychologist must register with LSBEP, abide by all of the laws and rules that govern the practice of psychology within LA, and may only practice in LA for a limited time as specified in the rule. It would be important here to highlight some of the procedures related to this rule as it applies to LA licensed psychologists.

Section 1001(B) of the rule stipulates that the out-of-state psychologist must have a current and unrestricted license in their home jurisdiction to be eligible for temporary registration in LA and then articulates the procedure that must be followed to apply for registration. The registration form can be downloaded from the LSBEP website under the ‘Forms’ link. This form must be completed in its entirety, notarized and also signed by the ‘sponsoring’ LA psychologist. More about this in a minute. Associated documents that must be submitted are the applicant psychologist’s driver’s license (copy), photo, and as stipulated in §1001(B)(4): “documentation that the state in which the Out-of-State Psychologist resides provides a like and similar privilege to licensed Louisiana psychologists.” Usually, this documentation takes the form of a copy of the applicant psychologist’s home state rules governing the practice of psychology which indicates the state has a rule to permit LA (or other state) psychologists to practice temporarily within the other jurisdiction. If a state does not have such a rule, then this would automatically prohibit licensed psychologists from that state being approved for temporary registration in LA. The form is finally signed by a LA licensed psychologist who is agreeing to be the sponsor for the out-of-state psychologist. The statement on the registration form, which is signed by the LA licensed psychologist states, “By my signature below, I hereby verify that I have agreed to a professional association with the out-of-state psychologist named herewith.” This attestation is very important and holds the signing LA psychologist to a certain level of responsibility. No out-of-state psychologist may practice within LA without being ‘associated’ with a LA licensed psychologist. What is the purpose of this stipulation in the rule? Although the responsibilities of the sponsoring psychologist are not spelled out in detail, the Board would suggest that the sponsoring LA psychologist would have the following responsibilities. 1) Since the temporary registration rule in §1001(A) states that the out-of-state psychologist must practice to the same extent and manner as if licensed in this state, it would be important for the sponsoring LA psychologist to brief their associate on the basic rules of practice here; 2) Since the term of practice is not to exceed 30 days in any calendar year, the LA psychologist would be advised to make the associate psychologist aware of this

limit and be mindful of whether the associate psychologist is keeping within this window; 3) Since an out-of-state psychologist may not begin their term of practice until LSBEP approves the registration application and officially notifies the associate and the sponsoring LA psychologist, it would be the responsibility of the LA sponsoring psychologist to insure that the associate's practice does not begin before receiving official LSBEP approval. Applications for temporary registration are reviewed at the next LSBEP monthly meeting after receipt of the completed registration form and must be voted on by the Board for approval. Thus it is important for the associate psychologist to have their completed form submitted to LSBEP well in advance of the anticipated start date of the temporary practice. It is also important to note that §1001(D-E) stipulate the possible sanctions that may be imposed if an associate psychologist fails to comply with the terms of their temporary registration, the rules/laws that govern the practice of psychology in LA, or fails to register with LSBEP before engaging in the practice of psychology. These sanctions include termination of the temporary registration, initiation of an investigation by LSBEP, filing of a complaint with the associate's home state jurisdiction, and/or prosecution for the unlawful practice of psychology. The question then arises, what if any liability would be attached to the sponsoring LA psychologist for the behavior of the associate psychologist? There is no clear-cut answer to this question. Certainly, the answer would not be 'none', for if no liability/responsibility were attached, then why would the rule require that there be a sponsoring LA psychologist? Why would the associate psychologist not simply register directly with LSBEP without a sponsoring local psychologist? It appears that the intent is that the sponsoring psychologist has some responsibility to verify that they are attesting to the good conduct of the associate psychologist. And on the other extreme, the answer would not be 'total liability' as the associate psychologist is licensed in their home state to practice independently and agrees to practice in LA as if they were licensed here. So, the major liability burden rests with the associate psychologist. What remains is that grey area in the middle between these two extremes which places 'some' degree of burden on the sponsoring psychologist. At the very least, as is the case when a psychologist becomes aware that the behavior of another psychologist is potentially breaching rules, laws, ethical standards, or standards of practice, the psychologist is bound to either address the issue with his/her colleague or (depending on the level of risk to the public) notify LSBEP. The same would be true of a sponsoring psychologist in relation to the behavior of an out-of-state associate psychologist.

The same responsibility to notify the Board of intent to provide service in Louisiana by someone outside the state applies to students. Graduate students from legitimate doctoral programs outside of Louisiana who wish to provide services as part of their training, must be supervised by a Louisiana licensed psychologist. A licensed psychologist from another jurisdiction could not serve as supervisor as this would constitute practicing psychology without a license in Louisiana, since it would be the licensed supervisor who would be providing the service through the supervision of the doctoral students and all the legal responsibility for that provision of service rests with the licensed psychologist. The Board does not recognize that a request for temporary license by a psychologist from another jurisdiction would represent a proper use of this vehicle.

Finally, the only other circumstance in which a psychologist from another jurisdiction may provide services within Louisiana is under LAC 46, Part 63, Chapter 10, §1002: Emergency Temporary Registration for Psychologists. Under conditions of a declared emergency by the Governor, qualified psychologists from other jurisdictions may be granted temporary registration in Louisiana for a period of up to 60 days which may be extended for two additional 60 day periods, at the discretion of the Board. All such applicants must complete the registration form found on the LSBEP website at: <http://www.lsbep.org/forms.htm> and have it approved by the Board prior to providing service. Such review and approval will be processed as a priority under a declared emergency.

Notice of Intent Published December 20, 2009

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health and Hospitals Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Training and Credentials, Certificate of Prescriptive Authority, Supervised Practice, Continuing Education, Licenses, Temporary Licensure, Supervision of Unlicensed Assistants, Disciplinary Action
(LAC 46:LXIII Chapters 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 15)

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Board of Examiners of Psychologists intends to amend LAC 46:LXIII.Chapters 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 15, and repeal LAC 46:LXIII.Chapter 4.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part LXIII. Psychologists

Chapter 3. Training and Credentials

§301. School

A. ...

B. is an institution accredited by a regional body that is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education;

C. - D. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2353 and R.S. 37:2356.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 6:489 (August 1980), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 36:

§303. Doctoral Programs in Psychology

A. - C.1. ...

2. The program, wherever it may be administratively housed, must be clearly identified and labeled as a psychology program. Such a program must specify in pertinent institutional catalogs and brochures its intent to educate and train professional psychologists in an applied area of psychology recognized by the board.

3. - 7. ...

8. The program must include supervised practicum, internship, field or laboratory training appropriate to the practice of psychology, in an applied area of specialization recognized by the board.

9. The program shall be an internal degree program (as opposed to an external degree program unless it is either designated by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) and the National Register or it is accredited by the American Psychological Association.)

10. - D.2.f. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2353 and R.S. 37:2356.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 6:489 (August 1980), amended LR 13:180 (March 1987), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 15:87 (February 1989), LR 27:1895 (November 2001), LR 36:

§305. Specialty Areas

A. In applied healthcare areas such as counseling, clinical, clinical neuropsychology, and school psychology, preparation shall include early and continuing involvement of students in applied healthcare settings. Such experiences shall occur at two levels: practicum and internship.

1. The practicum level is an earlier, prerequisite phase of involvement, usually for academic credit, often on campus, with typical time commitment of 8 to 16 hours per week. Practicum settings should provide supervised training in interviewing, appraisal, modes of intervention and research skills or other skills appropriate to the student's level of experience and area of specialization. A minimum of 300 hours of practicum experience should precede the internship. This should include at least 100 hours of direct client contact and at least 50 hours of scheduled individual supervision.

2. The following will be used to identify organized psychology internship training programs.

a. An organized training program, in contrast to supervised experience or on-the-job training, is designed to provide the intern with a planned, programmed sequence of training experiences. The primary focus and purpose is assuring breadth and quality of training.

b. The internship agency had a clearly designated staff psychologist who was responsible for the integrity and quality of the training program and who was actively licensed/certified by the State/Provincial Board of Examiners in Psychology.

c. The internship agency had two or more psychologists on the staff as supervisors, at least one of whom was actively licensed as a psychologist by the State/Provincial Board of Examiners in Psychology.

d. Internship supervision was provided by a staff member of the internship agency or by an affiliate of that agency who carried clinical responsibility for the cases being supervised. At least half of the internship supervision was provided by one or more psychologists.

e. The internship provided training in a range of assessment and treatment activities conducted directly with clients seeking psychological services.

f. At least 25 percent of trainee's time was indirect client contact (minimum 375 hours).

g. The internship included a minimum of two hours per week (regardless of whether the internship was completed in one year or two) of regularly scheduled, formal, face-to-face individual supervision with the specific intent of dealing with psychological services rendered directly by the intern. There must also have been at least two additional hours per week in learning activities such as: case conferences involving a case in which the intern was actively involved; seminars dealing with clinical issues; co-therapy with a staff person including discussion; group supervision, additional individual supervision.

h. Training was post-clerkship, post-practicum and post-internship level.

i. The internship agency had a minimum of two interns at the internship level of training during the applicant's training period.

j. Trainee had title such as "intern," "resident," "fellow," or other designation of trainee status.

k. The internship agency had a written statement or brochure which described the goals and content of the internship, stated clear expectations for quantity and quality of trainee's work and was made available to prospective interns.

l. The internship experience (minimum 1,500 hours) was completed within 24 months.

B. In applied non-healthcare areas such as educational, developmental, experimental, social, or industrial-

organization, psychology, internship training may take the form of post-doctoral supervised experience as defined in the regulations of the board.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2353 and R.S. 37:2356.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 13:181 (March 1987), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 19:1323 (October 1993), LR 36:

§307. Clinical Neuropsychology

A. - C.1.c. ...

d. specialty internship in clinical neuropsychology, followed by the completion of a formal post-doctoral fellowship (one year minimum) in clinical neuropsychology, or the equivalent of one full year (2,000 hours) of post-doctoral experience in clinical neuropsychology under the supervision of a qualified clinical neuropsychologist (as defined here and in LAC 46:LXIII.307.C.2, 3, and 4). The majority of these hours must involve clinical neuropsychological assessment, and some portion of the remaining hours should be related to rehabilitation of neuropsychological deficits. The supervision, as defined above, should involve a minimum of one hour of face-to-face supervision a week, though additional supervisory contact may be required during training phases and case discussions. The 2,000 total hours must be obtained in no more than two consecutive years;

C.1.e. - C.2.c. ...

d. In addition to whatever remedial didactic training is necessary, the candidate for respecialization in clinical neuropsychology, will complete either a formal, one year post-doctoral fellowship training program, or the equivalent of one full year (2,000 hours) of supervised experience in clinical neuropsychology as defined in LAC 46:LXIII.307.C.1.d.

C.2.e. - C.3.a. ...

i. diplomat status (ABPP/ABCN or ABN) in neuropsychology;

C.3.a.ii. - C.3.c. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2353 and R.S. 37:2356.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 19:1323 (October 1993), amended LR 36:

Chapter 4. Certificate of Prescriptive Authority

§401. Preface

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2371-2378.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 31:70 (January 2005), repealed LR 36:

§403. Application for Certificate of Prescriptive Authority

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2371-2378.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 31:70 (January 2005), amended LR 32:1228 (July 2006), LR 33:458 (March 2007), LR 34:1406 (July 2008), repealed LR 36:

§405. Limits of Practice

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2371-2378.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 31:71 (January 2005), repealed LR 36:

§407. Documentation of Physician Consultation

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2371-2378.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 31:71 (January 2005), repealed LR 36:

§409. Prescribing Practices of a Medical Psychologist

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2371-2378.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 31:72 (January 2005), repealed LR 36:

§411. Continuing Professional Education

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2371-2378.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 31:72 (January 2005), repealed LR 36:

§413. Annual Renewal of the Certificate of Prescriptive Authority

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2371-2378.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 31:73 (January 2005), repealed LR 36:

§415. Complaint Procedure

Repealed effective January 1, 2010.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2371-2378.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 31:73 (January 2005), repealed LR 36:

Chapter 7. Supervised Practice Leading toward Licensure

§703. Duration and Setting of Supervised Practice

A. Two years of full-time (4,000 hours) supervised and documented experience shall be required for licensure. Up to one year full-time (2,000 hours) of an acceptable internship may be applied to this requirement, however all remaining supervision must be post-doctoral.

A.1. - 3 ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2353.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 5:249 (August 1979), amended LR 7:187 (April 1981), amended LR 13:180 (March 1987), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 29:2075 (October 2003), LR 36:

Chapter 8. Continuing Education

§801. Preface

A. Pursuant to R.S. 37:2357(B) each licensed psychologist is required to complete 30 hours of credit of acceptable continuing education from an acceptable sponsor as defined in this Chapter within biennial reporting periods. The continuing education requirements of psychologists are designed to promote their continued familiarization with new developments within the profession. Continuing education offerings shall be at the graduate or post-graduate

level in terms of content, quality, organization, and presentation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2357.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 16:769 (September 1990), amended LR 19:46 (January 1993), LR 32:1228 (July 2006), LR 36:

§805. Acceptable Sponsorship, Offerings and Activities

A. The board will recognize the following as acceptable sponsors of the continuing education requirements:

A.1. - 7. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2357.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 16:770 (September 1990), amended LR 19:46 (January 1993), LR 22:1131 (November 1996), LR 25:1098 (June 1999), LR 32:1228 (July 2006), LR 36:

Chapter 9. Licensees

§901. Reinstatement of Lapsed Licenses

A. ...

B. Within two years of the lapsing of such license, the licensee may submit an application for reinstatement for board review along with the payment of a reinstatement fee equal to the current application fee and the current renewal fee. Applicants who appear for reinstatement after 1 year of the lapsing of his/her license are required to submit to a criminal background check.

C. After two years of the lapsing of such license, the licensee may submit an application for reinstatement for board review along with the payment of a reinstatement fee equal to the current application fee and the current renewal fee provided that the person is in compliance with R.S. 37:2357.A and the rules and regulations of the board. Applicants for reinstatement received after two years are required to submit to a criminal background check and oral examination.

D. - E. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. R.S. 37:2357.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 6:489 (August 1980), amended LR 10:795 (October 1984), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 29:2074 (October 2003), LR 33:648 (April 2007), LR 36:

Chapter 10. Temporary Licensure

§1001. Registration of Out-of-State Psychologist

A. Any nonresident duly licensed or certified for independent practice as a doctoral level psychologist in the state of his/her residence and which state will permit residents of this state a like and similar privilege as provided herein may, if associated with a psychologist who is a resident of the state of Louisiana and licensed under Title 37,

Chapter 28 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, practice as a psychologist for a period not to exceed 30 days in any calendar year to the same extent and manner as if licensed in this state.

B. A psychologist not licensed in Louisiana, whose license is current, unrestricted, and at the doctoral level in the jurisdiction of his/her residence, must properly register with the board prior to providing psychological services in Louisiana by providing to the Board:

B.1. - E. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2365.D.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 33:459 (March 2007), LR 36:

§1002. Emergency Temporary Registration for Psychologists

A. ...

B. Prior to providing professional services in Louisiana a psychologist licensed at the doctoral level in another jurisdiction of the United States, shall apply for an Emergency Temporary Registration (ETR). The application for ETR shall be made available via the board website or mailed upon request.

C. - D. ...

E. A psychologist not licensed in Louisiana, whose license is current, unrestricted, and at the doctoral level in the jurisdiction of his/her residence in the United States, and properly registers with the board may gratuitously provide psychological services if:

1. ...

2. the psychologist complies with the Louisiana Licensing Law for Psychologists R.S. Title 37, Chapter 28, the *Louisiana Administrative Code*, Title 46, Part LXIII and other applicable laws, as well as practice in good faith, and within the reasonable scope of his skills, training, and ability; and

3. ...

F. - I. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 29:769(E).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 33:459 (March 2007), amended LR 36:

Chapter 11. Supervision of Unlicensed Assistants in Providing Psychological Services

§1103. Responsibilities of Supervisors

A. - C. ...

D. An ongoing record of supervision shall be maintained which details the types of activities in which the assistant is engaged and the level of competence in each. This record shall be kept in such form as may be prescribed by the board.

E. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2353.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 5:250 (August 1979), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 36:

Chapter 15. Rules for Disciplinary Action
Subchapter A. Applicability; Processing Complaints
§1501. Applicability

A. These rules shall be applicable to any action of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (board) to withhold, deny, revoke or suspend any psychologist's license on any of the grounds set forth in R.S. 37:2359 or under any other applicable law, regulation or rule, when such action arises from a complaint as defined in this section.

B. These rules shall not be applicable to the licensure of psychologists pursuant to R.S. 37:2356.

C. Unless otherwise provided by law, the board may delegate its authority and responsibility under these rules to a committee of one or more board members, to a hearing officer, or to other persons.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2353.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 9:461 (July 1983), amended LR 12:833 (December 1986), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 36:

§1503. Complaints

A. A complaint is defined as the receipt of any information by the board indicating that there may be grounds for disciplinary action against a psychologist, or any other individual, under the provisions of Title 37, Chapter 28 of the LA Revised Statutes, or other applicable law, regulation or rule.

B. Upon receipt of a complaint, the board may initiate and take such action as it deems appropriate.

C. Complaints may be initiated by the board, by any licensed psychologist or by any other person.

D. Upon receipt of complaints from other persons, the board will forward its Request for Investigation form to said person(s). Ordinarily, the board will not take additional action until the form is satisfactorily completed.

1. Except under unusual circumstances, the board will take no action on anonymous complaints.

2. If the information furnished in the Request for Investigation form is not sufficient, the board may request additional information before further considering the complaint.

E. - F ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2353.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 9:461 (July 1983), amended LR 12:833 (December 1986), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Examiners of Psychologists, LR 36:

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 Training and Credentials, Certificate of Prescriptive Authority, Supervised Practice Leading toward Licensure, Continuing Education, Licenses, Temporary Licensure, Supervision of Unlicensed Assistants in Providing Psychological Services, and Rules for Disciplinary Action of psychologists are implemented to safeguard the public welfare of this state and will have no known or 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 personal 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 Jaime T. Monic, Executive Director, 8280 YMCA Plaza Drive, Building 8-B, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. All comments must be submitted by 12:00 p.m., January 14, 2010.

Jaime T. Monic
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Issue: 8/1/09*



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Issue: 8/1/09*



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License #1108 (SC)
Issue: 7/10/09*



*Sean M. Ransom, Ph.D.
New Orleans, LA
License #1109 (CL)
Issue: 8/28/09*



*Shannon D. Parsons, Psy.D.
Ruston, LA
License #1110 (CL)
Issue: 8/28/09*



*Gregory C. Wells, Ph.D.
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License #1111 (SC)
Issue: 08/28/09*



*Sherry K. Desselle, Ph.D.
Baton Rouge, LA
License #1112 (CO)
Issue: 9/18/09*



*Anne F. Morton, Ph.D.
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Issue: 9/18/09*

NEW LICENSEES, continued...



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Issue: 9/18/09*



*Leslie A. O'Malley, Psy.D.
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Issue: 10/23/09*



*Julie R. Arseneau, Ph.D.
New Orleans, LA
License #1116 (CO)
Issue: 10/23/09*



*Jesse D. Lambert, Psy.D.
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License #1117 (CL)
Issue: 10/23/09*



*Donna E. Harkins, Psy.D.
Folsom, LA
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Issue: 11/6/09*

COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT

In the calendar year 2009 there were 33 requests for investigation, 14 were assigned for investigation and 19 were dismissed by the LSBEP as being without merit to warrant an investigation. 10 of the complaints assigned for investigation are still open. 1 investigation resulted in suspension of license and 1 investigation resulted in an impaired psychologist agreement.

BOARD MEMBER NEWS:



On May 20, 2009, Governor Bobby Jindal announced the appointment of John C. Courtney, Psy.D., MP to the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists. Dr. Courtney was appointed for a full term which will expire on June 30, 2014. Dr. Courtney is a resident of New Orleans, LA and is currently practicing at Children's Hospital in the position of Clinical Pediatric Neuropsychologist – Department Director. He received his Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology from the Illinois School of Professional Psychology in Chicago in 1988. He also obtained a post-doctoral masters degree in Clinical Psychopharmacology from Nova Southeastern University on August 31, 2004 and was originally recognized as a Medical Psychologist by the LSBEP on October 23, 2006. Previously licensed in Indiana, Dr. Courtney brings experience to the Board from having served the Indiana State Psychology Licensing

Board and Past Treasurer and President of the Indiana Psychological Association, to name a few of his service positions and memberships to professional organizations.

With the passing of SB 251, Drs. Glenn A. Ally and Paul M. Dammers resigned as board members from the LSBEP. Dr. Dammers has agreed to serve until his replacement is appointed to fill his seat. Dr. Dammers term will expire on June 30, 2013. Dr. Ally was appointed to the Medical Psychology Advisory Committee to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners and his resignation was effective immediately. The vacant seat left by Dr. Ally will expire on June 30, 2012.