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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR



Christina Wong, LCSW, Chair

Summer is the season of graduation. It is an exciting time for many graduates who are about to launch a new chapter in their career. The Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) has over 100,000 registrants and licensees. I would like to extend my warmest welcome to our newest mental health professionals.

For those who are about to apply for their first registration number as an associate clinical social worker, please take moment to watch the informative video tutorial "Apply for an Associate Clinical Social Worker Registration in California."

Congratulations to the BBS staff for their creativity. This video won a Gold Award in this year's State Information Officers Council Awards.

On behalf of the Board, I want to acknowledge and thank the BBS staff who worked so diligently to reduce the backlog of applications for examination eligibility. Through their efforts, processing times have reduced significantly. Examination applications are now processed in less than 60 days.

Many licensees and registrants are enjoying the positive experience of renewing their licenses online through the Department of Consumer Affairs' BreEZe system. Renewing online is simple, and once you have completed the renewal steps, your license is immediately updated with a new expiration date. Please consider using BreEZe for your next renewal.

July 1, 2015, marked the implementation of the changes to the Board's Continuing Education Program. BBS has discontinued approving continuing education providers, and licensees must now obtain their continuing education units from a recognized approval agency, a recognized continuing education provider, an educational institution, or for a limited time, a BBS continuing education provider with a valid provider number.

These changes will impact all licensees, who are required to complete continuing education units to fulfill the requirements for licensure renewal. Please visit the Board's website for a list of entities that are recognized by the Board as approval agencies and continuing education providers.

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SUICIDE PREVENTION: AN URGENT NATIONAL IMPERATIVE

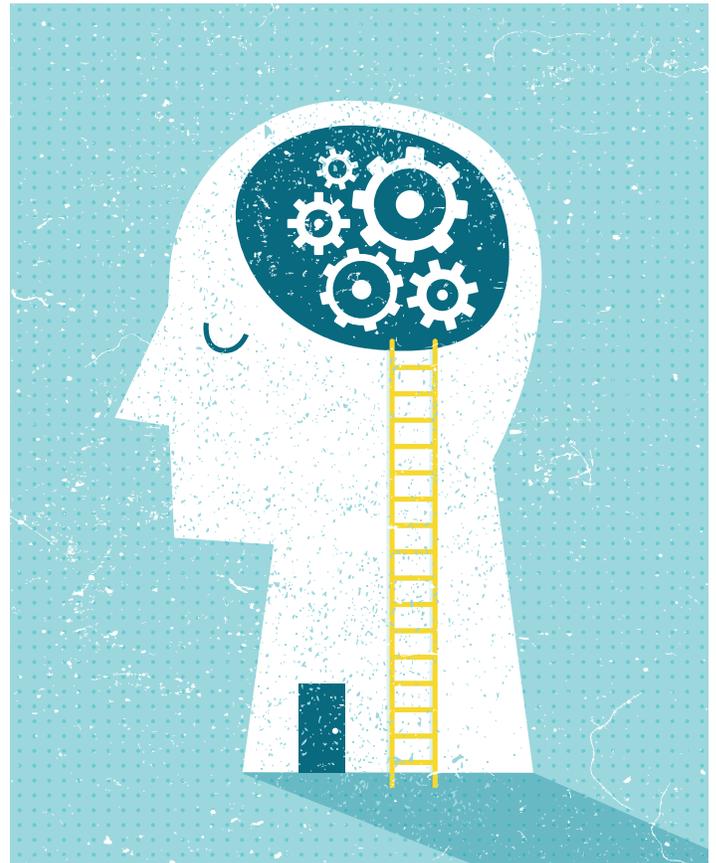
FROM THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA)

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 41,149 Americans died by suicide in 2013, making suicide the 10th-leading cause of death in the United States. From ages 15–39, suicide is the second-leading cause of death. From 1999 to 2010, the age-adjusted suicide rate for adults ages 35–64 increased significantly (28.4 percent). More than twice as many Americans die by suicide as by homicide and more die by suicide than in motor vehicle crashes. In California, 4,025 deaths by suicide occurred. In addition to these tragic losses, 1.3 million Americans age 18 and over made nonfatal suicide attempts and over 9 million adults seriously considered suicide, according to SAMHSA in 2013. These staggering numbers increase even further when youth under age 18 are considered. According to the CDC Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System, in 2013 nearly 17 percent of students in grades 9 to 12 reported having seriously considered suicide, and 8 percent reported having attempted suicide one or more times in the past 12 months.

Suicide touches all ages, backgrounds, and racial and ethnic groups in all parts of the country. It is estimated that 90 percent of people who die by suicide have an underlying mental health issue, including substance use. Alcohol and drug use are second only to depression and other mood disorders as the most frequent risk factors for suicide.

Despite these alarming statistics, too few Americans have access to, or are even aware of, potentially lifesaving interventions. An analysis of SAMHSA's 2008–2013 National Survey on Drug Use and Health data showed that only 56 percent of adults who attempted suicide in the past year received mental health treatment (Han et al, 2014). Those who seek care may have difficulty accessing appropriately trained behavioral healthcare providers, may experience difficulties with continuity of care, and may have limited access to evidenced-based interventions.

In September 2010, SAMHSA helped launch the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention, a public-private partnership to implement the National Strategy for Suicide



Prevention and reduce suicide attempts and suicides in America. In September 2012, the Surgeon General and the Action Alliance released a revised National Strategy for Suicide Prevention to serve as the nation's blueprint for suicide prevention over the next decade. Of particular relevance for mental health clinicians are Goals 7, 8, and 9 of the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention. Goal 7 is "Provide training to community and clinical service providers on the prevention of suicide and related behaviors." Goal 8 is to "Promote suicide prevention as a core component of health care services." Goal 9 is to "Promote and implement effective clinical and professional practices for assessing and treating those at risk for suicidal behaviors."

The National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention's Clinical Care Task Force has found that many mental health clinicians feel that they do not have the training, the skills, or the support to work with suicidal people. Given the vast need, it is essential for licensed marriage and family therapists, licensed clinical social workers,

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A POINT OF VIEW—BBS SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Frequently, the Board will ask licensees to consider serving the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) as a subject matter expert (SME) for examination development, enforcement case review, or consider applying to become a Board member. If the thought of serving BBS intrigues you but you wonder what it is really like to be a subject matter expert or a Board member, the following articles offer insight to BBS service from current licensees serving the Board.

Enforcement Case Review Subject Matter Expert: Dr. Ian Russ, LMFT, Ph.D

Serving as a subject matter expert for BBS has given me the opportunity to serve my therapy community and the community at large, to contemplate continually ethics and the law, to increase my empathy for fellow therapists, and to improve my own clinical skills. Let me explain.

Most therapists believe that the core of a good therapist is the mastery of the science of human behavior, including thoughts, emotions, motivations, and the systems of family and community, as well as the art of entering the client's world with care, sensitivity, and concern. Nevertheless, the State of has not given BBS the task of licensing only the



most adept and knowledgeable therapists. Licensing merely means that the therapist has met the “minimal requirements to assure that an applicant is prepared and qualified...”*

The Board is also given the task of making sure that all therapists behave within the scope of the law and the ethical boundaries of their professions. These are the guideposts that allow the public to use therapy knowing that it is a safe world to enter. Operating within the law and according to professional ethics protects the public as well as the therapeutic communities.

When BBS receives a complaint about a therapist's behavior, the evaluation of the complaint should be careful and thoughtful—protecting both the public and those within the therapeutic community who carefully navigate their therapy in an ethical manner and within the law. As an enforcement subject matter expert (SME), I am given a case to review with a request to define the nature of the complaint (or complaints). I am also asked to assume that the allegations are true and to determine whether the therapist's treatment behavior was within the “standard of care.” I review the complaint and the therapist's response. I then examine relevant laws and various professional ethics codes to formally determine the standards of care that may apply to the complaints. I can opine that the therapist's behavior is within the standard of care or, if the departure is minor, I can comment accordingly. However, if I determine that the behavior is significantly below the standard of care (as described in the allegations), I then must determine whether this behavior represented either “incompetence” or “gross negligence,” and describe—using the standards of various ethics codes and the law—how I reached this determination. Writing this clearly and succinctly is also part of the task.

Serving as an enforcement SME is one of the more difficult responsibilities I have taken on in my professional life. I understand that on one side there is a person who received therapeutic services and believes that he or she was hurt by misconduct. On the other side there is a therapist whose behavior is now being judged by someone he or she does not know. Furthermore, this judgment could have a powerful effect on the therapist's career and livelihood, as well as his or her relationships with peers and friends. I work to get it right, though I am clear that one side or the other will certainly think that I got it wrong. My work is reviewed by BBS and then by an attorney in the California Attorney General's Office. If the therapist is found to be

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Congratulations to Dr. Peter Chiu, who was recently reappointed by Governor Brown as a public member of the Board. Dr. Chiu has been an integral part of the Board. His knowledge and service are greatly appreciated.

Looking forward, 2015–16 will be another busy year for the Board. Staff has been working tirelessly with all parties involved to implement the examination restructure in January 2016. The Board is also preparing for its upcoming sunset review by the Legislature in March 2016. The Legislature will review and discuss a comprehensive report on the Board's activities and accomplishment within the past four years.

The largest group of enforcement subject matter experts has been recruited and will undergo training this summer. Work to complete the licensed educational psychologists' (LEPs) Occupational Analysis will begin this year. The Occupational Analysis is a vital component to the development of the licensure examination for LEPs. Lastly, the Board will continue to participate in the professional associations' conferences and meetings to reach out and educate the public regarding upcoming changes to the examination process.

A special thanks to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for its contribution to our newsletter. The article regarding suicide prevention provides important information for all mental health professionals. As you read this article, please consider seeking out courses that will enhance your skills and knowledge on this topic.

In closing, as the Board Chair, I encourage all stakeholders to participate in our public meetings. Your opinions and input are valuable to the Board in achieving its mission of consumer protection.

Christina Wong, LCSW

Chair, Board of Behavioral Sciences

BOARD VIDEO WINS GOLD!

The Board's video tutorial, "Apply for an Associate Clinical Social Worker Registration in California," received a Gold Award in this year's State Information Officers Council Awards. This yearly award program recognizes the best of the best in State service in the arena of communications.

The video was developed in collaboration with Cristina Valdivia Aguilar and Bryce Penney from the Department of Consumer Affairs' Office of Public Affairs. You may view this award-winning video on the Board's website at www.bbs.ca.gov.



STAY CONNECTED WITH THE BOARD

Keep abreast of all Board activities by joining the BBS subscriber list. BBS subscribers receive notifications regarding upcoming Board and committee meetings, legislation and regulations updates, examination and enforcement news, and other general information.

To join the BBS subscriber list, visit <https://www.dca.ca.gov/webapps/bbs/subscribe.php>. Simply enter your e-mail address and select the type of information you wish to receive.



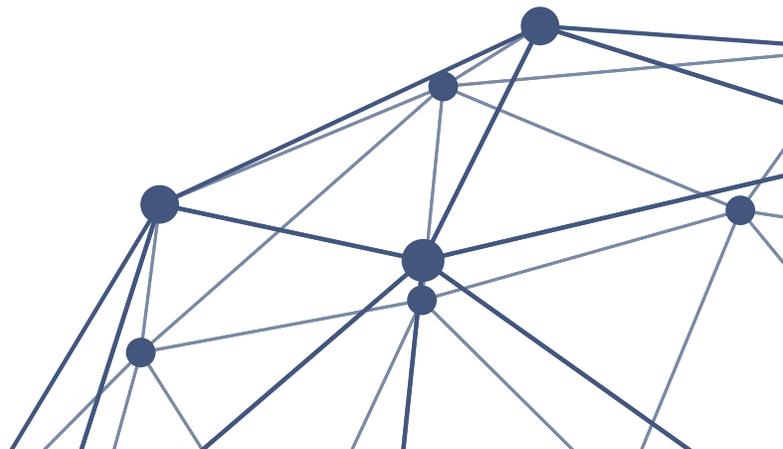
BBS STAFF NEWS

The work of the Board cannot be accomplished without staff to process the applications, implement the direction of the Board members, and investigate consumer complaints. Recently, the Board members recognized eight BBS staff members who have served the Board for 20 years or more. Each staff member was presented with a Board Resolution for their dedication and service to BBS.

Kim Higginbotham, LMFT Intern Evaluator	29 years
Debbie Flewellyn, LMFT Evaluator	28 years
Christy Berger, Regulation Analyst	25 years
Mary Cotto, Special Accommodation Technician	22 years
Paula Gershon, Licensing Manager	22 years
Mary Hanifen, Enforcement Analyst	22 years
Julie McAuliffe, Probation Monitor	22 years
Lynne Stiles, IT Analyst	20 years

BOARD MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to Board Chair Christina Wong, LCSW member, and Board Vice Chair Deborah Brown, public member. Both were re-elected to serve a second term. On June 3, Governor Brown reappointed Dr. Peter Chiu to the Board. Congratulations Dr. Chiu.



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at fault and requests an administrative hearing, then an administrative hearing is available, and a proposed decision is rendered by a judge with the final decision made by the Board. Although I understand that I am just one piece of the procedure designed to review allegations, I am acutely aware of the pain and anxiety a therapist has when the BBS is scrutinizing work with serious allegations of misconduct.

As a result of my role as an enforcement SME, I have come to be deeply cognizant of the importance of helping to preserve the standards of my therapy community while protecting the people I treat in my own practice. Reviewing the laws and ethical codes on a regular basis, I reflect on my own behavior and the nuances of laws and ethical codes. I am aware of the biases I have been raised with and the importance of confronting them and making sure that they do not inappropriately leak into my opinions and clinical responses. Ethical dilemmas confront me (and my colleagues) constantly. That is the nature of our profession.

I use my peer study group to constantly confront my behavior. When I have questions about ethically difficult decisions in my own practice, I quickly seek consultation from peers and experts, telling them ahead of time that I need a real opinion, and not to attempt to spare my feelings.

Thus, being an SME has caused me to reflect upon the quality of my own clinical behavior and also on my responsibility to both the public and my peers.

*Business and Professions Code section 4980.54 (a).

Examination Development Subject Matter Expert: Dr. Julia 'Judy' Johnson, LEP, ABSNP

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as a subject matter expert (SME) for the Board of Behavioral Sciences (Board) with my licensed educational psychologist colleagues in the development of the licensing exams. I began serving in this capacity in 1994 and, with the exception of a 10-year hiatus, as the LEP member on the Board. I have been dedicated to the SME process as a means of strengthening our profession.

My professional journey started in elementary schools as a counselor, working collaboratively with the school psychologists as a team member delivering comprehensive mental health services in the educational setting. I then did therapeutic services within the K-12 framework before I

received my PPS in school psychology and was responsible for the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of students with disabilities. I was compelled to pursue my LEP when I recognized that I could have a greater impact in the lives of students throughout the State with a greater influence on populations who need fair and equitable access to resources.

It has been a joy to offer my expertise as an SME as it allows me to work within a community of colleagues who all hold to high ideals of educational justice and want to participate in the development of an exam that will hold others in our profession to the same standard of integrity and excellence. It is also a time of inspiration and encouragement to gather with fellow LEPs from around the State and discuss how our shared profession is interpreted and exercised in a myriad of diverse ways. In the age of the "Lone Ranger Psychologist" as the specialist in our respective district or county settings, it is incredibly fulfilling personally and professionally to meet with colleagues who have shared experiences in this journey together.

I would encourage all LEPs to apply for service as a subject matter expert—it is well worth the time and effort.

Board Member Experience: Renee Lonner, LCSW

Here is the "Jeopardy" answer:

Part-time job, number of hours varies depending on demand; work involves a variety of tasks, from reviewing and deciding disciplinary cases, to reviewing pending legislation and determining if it adequately protects consumers and your profession. Work is done both individually and as part of a team. Being able to do this almost volunteer job is a tremendous honor and privilege. Appointment to this position is by the Governor's Office, State Assembly, or State Senate and involves an application and interviews, plus recommendations. Position is one of the most challenging and rewarding one will ever encounter in any career.

What is the question?

What is it like to be a Board member for the Board of Behavioral Sciences?

The extent of professional and personal growth I have enjoyed as a member of the Board has been one of the most wonderful surprises for me, since I was appointed after over three decades in practice as a mental health professional. Learning is my lifelong passion and the

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RENEW ONLINE!

Join thousands of licensees and registrants and renew your license or registration online. Renewing your license or registration is just a click away through the BreEZe online renewal system. Renewing online is convenient and helps avoid potential delays in the renewal process. Licensees and registrants must have a profile account on BreEZe to take advantage of online renewal.

If you have created a profile account on BreEZe, you may access the BreEZe system through the Board's website at www.bbs.ca.gov. Select the BreEZe button and follow the instructions to register. NOTE: You may only renew as early as 90 days prior to your expiration date. If you have difficulty registering, please call (916) 557-1208 or e-mail breeze@dca.ca.gov.

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breadth and depth of information to be mastered as a Board member is impressive. Terms like collaboration and consensus take on new meaning when you and your Board member colleagues discuss, examine—and at times, respectfully disagree—about discipline or the details of a piece of legislation. These are very serious matters, for the individual licensee and/or for California consumers, and it is an honor—a most humbling one—to be a part of the process.

The Board is organic, in a sense, and grows as a “body of wisdom” as the individuals find their place and voice and then create an effective working group. I have found this process and this particular service opportunity to be a wonderful experience and I highly recommend it!

For more information about becoming an enforcement subject matter expert, contact Craig Zimmerman at (916) 574-7761 or Sandra Wright at (916) 574-7752.

For more information about becoming an examination development subject matter expert, contact Marsha Gove at (916) 574-7861.

If you are interested in becoming a BBS Board member, please visit the Governor's website at www.gov.ca.gov/home.php and select the Appointments tab.

EXAMINATION RESTRUCTURE

The implementation of the Board's examination restructure is fast approaching. On January 1, 2016, the examination process will change. Under the new law, all registrants (interns) will be required to take and pass a California Law and Ethics Examination and a Clinical Written Examination. The Board has developed a video tutorial that explains the changes in detail. Additionally, the Board has developed Frequently Asked Questions for registrants, non-registrants, and for individuals seeking a subsequent registration. All of this information is available on the Board's website at www.bbs.ca.gov. It's critical you are aware of the changes since there are no exceptions to the new requirements. So if you are currently a registrant with the Board or will be a registrant after January 1, 2016, please take some time to review this information prior to the beginning of 2016.

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licensed professional clinical counselors, and licensed educational psychologists in California to play a leadership role in obtaining training for themselves in suicide risk assessment, management, and treatment, and in helping to train other clinicians, as well as in assuring that systems of care incorporate such training. In a recently published landmark study from Denmark, psychotherapy provided to people who had attempted suicide by clinicians trained and experienced in working with suicidal people, was associated with reductions in death by suicide and nonfatal suicide attempts, over a 20-year period (Erlangsen et al, 2015).

SAMHSA supports many suicide prevention resources that it is important for all mental health clinicians to be aware of. These include the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, which can be reached anytime of the day or night at 1 (800) 273-TALK (8255). Over 160 crisis centers across the country answered over 1.3 million calls last year. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline also includes a “press one” option for veterans, active duty service members, or their families and friends to contact the Veterans Crisis Line. In addition, SAMHSA supports the Suicide Prevention

Resource Center, www.sprc.org, which is likely the largest repository of suicide prevention resources anywhere in the world. In addition, SAMHSA’s new Suicide Safe app provides healthcare providers with a free resource for learning the components of a comprehensive suicide risk assessment.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Suicide among Adults Aged 35-64—United States. *MMWR* 2013; 62:321-325.

CDC. Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS). Available at <http://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/index.html>.

Han B., Compton W., Gfroerer J., McKeon R.; Mental health treatment patterns among adults with recent suicide attempts in the United States. *Am J Public Health*. 2014; 104(12):2360-8.

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BBS REACHES 70-YEAR MILESTONE PROTECTING CALIFORNIA CONSUMERS

As early as 1920, discussions and efforts were underway to establish certification of social workers. Legislative efforts by the League of Women Voters in the late 1920s were unsuccessful. In 1929, a voluntary registration program for social workers within the California Conference of Social Work began. California was the only state with a voluntary registration of social workers.

At the request of the California Conference of Social Work, on January 27, 1945, Assembly Member Lorne Middough (70th District, Los Angeles) introduced Assembly Bill (AB) 1812, an act relating to the government, examination, and registration of social workers. AB 1812 continued through the legislative process, which included proposed and accepted amendments. On May 28, 1945, the Assembly passed AB 1812 and the bill was referred to the Senate. On June 16, 1945, the Senate passed AB 1812 and sent the bill to Governor Earl Warren for signature.

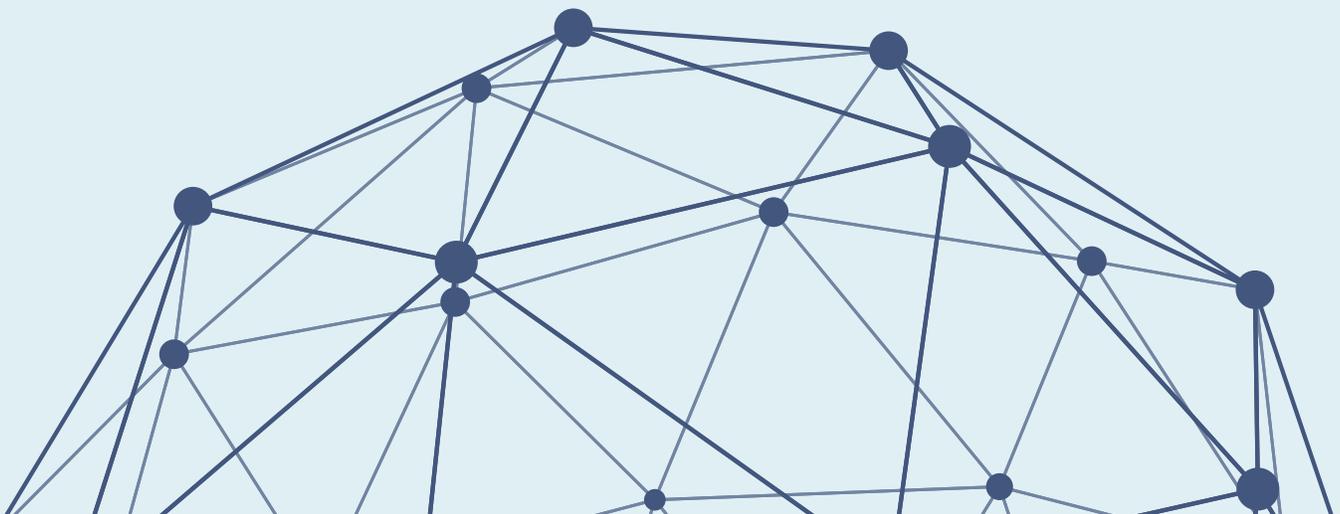
In a June 19, 1945, letter to Governor Warren requesting his signature, bill author Middough stated, "This bill attempts to begin a process of standardizing services rendered by Social workers, creating a Board of seven members to serve, without compensation, at the pleasure of the Governor."

Documented supporters of AB 1812 included Karl Holton, Director of the Youth Authority and Chairman of the Registration Board of the California Conference of Social Work; Charles M. Wollenberg, Director of the Department of Social Welfare; Percy Heckendorf, Director of the Department of Professional and Vocational Standards (now known as the Department of Consumer Affairs); and Charles Gardner Bullis, President of the California Conference of Social Work. Mr. Bullis was later appointed by Governor Warren as one of the first board members to serve on the Board of Social Work Examiners.

On July 18, 1945, Governor Warren signed AB 1812, which created the Board of Social Work Examiners, now known as the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS). California became the first state to register social workers.

In 70 years much has changed in the mental health profession and at BBS. Consumers seeking mental health services have several options for care as opposed to only a private practice. The mental health practice has expanded to include competencies that address the diverse population of California. Since 1945, nine Governors have presided over California and numerous Board members have been appointed to serve BBS. Yet, the mission of BBS has remained constant—protecting consumers and setting and enforcing licensure standards.

This year, BBS will look back at its early endeavors and rich history to share with its stakeholders in future newsletters. As BBS remembers the past, it also looks forward to continuing the work and vision of those early supporters.



LICENSING NEWS

REGISTRANTS AND THE SIX-YEAR RULE

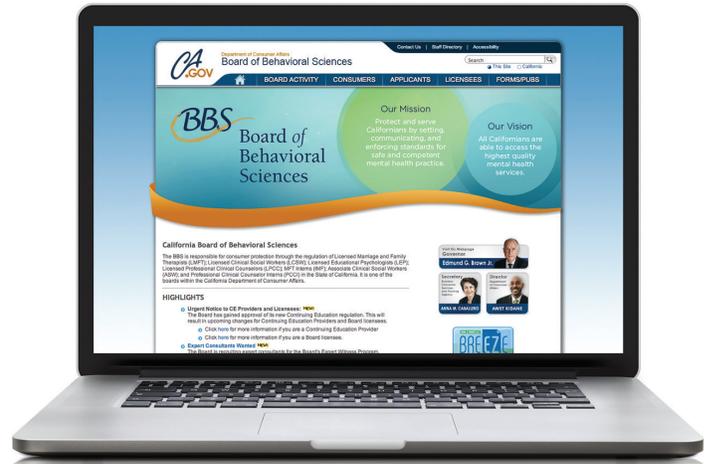
Congratulations! You have your registration and are gaining your supervised work experience hours to qualify for the licensure examination. Yet, as you gain these hours you begin to hear talk that you only have six years to gain your hours. What if you can't gain all of your hours in six years? What happens? Are you allowed to get another registration?

There are two six-year rules. The first applies to the number of years a registration number is valid. The second six-year rule applies to supervised work experienced hours that the Board may accept when a registrant submits an application for the licensure examination. Let's discuss both of these rules and their application.

Initial Registration Time Limit

A registrant's initial registration may only be renewed a maximum of five times (Business and Professions Code sections 4984 (c), 4996.28 (b), and 4999.54 (d)). This means the initial registration is valid for a total of six years. However, registrants are not required to earn all of their supervised work experience under this first registration number.

The Board recognizes that during the accumulation of supervised work experience hours, some registrants may take longer than others to gain their hours. Sometimes registrants may not gain all of their hours under the first registration. If a registrant is unable to complete his or her supervised work experience hours under the first registration number, the registrant may apply for a second registration number. The registrant is then permitted to continue gaining supervised work experience hours under the second registration number. However, the registrant may not work in a private practice setting under a second registration number.



Supervised Work Experience Hours and the Licensure Examination

Business and Professions Code sections 4980.43 (a)(6), 4996.23 (a)(4), and 4999.46 (c) state that the Board may only accept supervised work experience hours that are no older than six years from the date an applicant applies for the licensure examination.

For example, an applicant submits his or her application for the licensure examination on September 1, 2016. This means the Board may only accept hours from September 1, 2010, up to September 1, 2016. Hours gained prior to September 1, 2010, will not be accepted.

The Board recommends that registrants continue to gain supervised work experience hours until the registrant is notified that he or she is approved for the licensure examination.

LICENSEES AND CONTINUING EDUCATION CHANGES

Effective July 1, 2015, the Board only accepts continuing education (CE) units from the entities listed below. Licensees are encouraged to seek out courses that will enhance their clinical skills and knowledge. Coursework that further educates a licensee on current mental health topics or practice modalities is also encouraged. Licensees should maintain their CE certificates for their records. A licensee is only required to submit copies of CE certificates to the Board if the licensee is audited for CE compliance.

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Recognized Approval Agencies

- National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
- Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)
- National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC)
- National Association of School Psychologists (NASP)
- American Psychological Association (APA)
- California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (CAMFT)
- California Psychological Association (CPA)

Recognized Continuing Education Providers

- American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT)
- American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy—California Division (AAMFT-CA)
- California Association for Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors (CALPCC)
- California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (CAMFT)
- National Association of Social Workers—California Chapter (NASW-CA)
- California Society for Clinical Social Work (CSCSW)
- California Association of School Psychologists (CASP)
- California Psychological Association (CPA)
- California Counseling Association (CCA)
- American Counseling Association (ACA)

Educational institutions accredited by a regional accrediting agency or approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education

BBS CE provider with a valid (non-expired) provider number

Please note that effective June 30, 2015, the Board is no longer renewing BBS CE providers. Prior to taking CE from a BBS CE provider, licensees should verify that the provider has a valid number.

REMINDER FOR LICENSEES AND REGISTRANTS

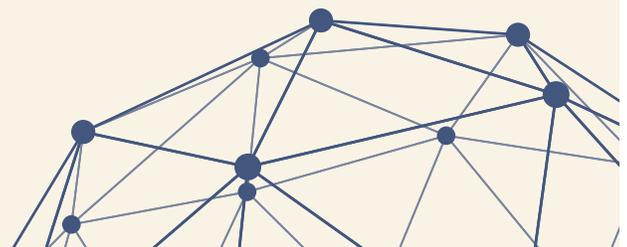
REPORTING OF CONVICTION AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION TO THE BOARD

Effective July 1, 2013, registrants and licensees are required by California Code of Regulations (CCR) sections 1823 (c)(1) and (2) to report a conviction for any felony or misdemeanor to the Board. Arrests processed under Penal Code section 1000.2 or arrests two years or older under Health and Safety Code sections 11357 (b), (c), (d), (e), 11360 (b), or arrests for crimes which records are subject to destruction under Health and Safety Code section 11361.5 need not be reported. You must report all other arrests and convictions and disciplinary action taken by another licensing entity or authority of this State or of another state or agency of the federal government or the United States military to the Board within 30 days.

Further, CCR section 1823 (d) requires registrants and licensees to provide documentation regarding an arrest within 30 days except for records of convictions or arrests protected under Penal Code section 1000.4, or Health and Safety Code sections 11361.5 and 11361.7.

You can report a conviction or disciplinary action by sending a letter to the Board's Enforcement Unit (1625 North Market Street, Suite S-200, Sacramento, CA 95834). Please include in your letter the date of the conviction and what you were convicted of. Documentation regarding an arrest can also be mailed to the same address.

Failure to comply with the above requirements is considered unprofessional conduct and may result in formal disciplinary action by the Board. If you have any questions, please contact the Board's Enforcement Unit at (916) 574-7830.



LICENSING TOTALS AS OF MAY 31, 2015

License Type	Total Number
Associate Clinical Social Worker (ASW)	14,112
MFT Interns (IMF)	19,170
Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW)	22,607
Licensed Educational Psychologists (LEP)	2,140
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFT)	37,920
Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)	1,260
Professional Clinical Counselor Interns (PCCI)	1,102
Registered Continuing Education Providers (PCE)*	2,914
Total Number	101,225

* As of July 1, 2015, the Board no longer approves Continuing Education Providers.

EXPLANATION OF DISCIPLINARY TERMS AND ACTIONS

Accusation—Formal statement of charges against the registrant/licensee.

Statement of Issues—Formal statement of reasons why an application for registration/license should be denied.

Effective date—The date the disciplinary decision goes into effect.

Revoked—The registration/license is canceled, voided, rescinded. The right to practice is terminated.

Revoked, Stayed, Probation—“Stayed” means the revocation is postponed. Professional practice may continue so long as the registrant/licensee complies with specific probationary terms and conditions. Violation of probation may result in the revocation that was postponed.

Suspension—The registrant/licensee is prohibited from practicing for a specific period of time.

License Surrender—To resolve a disciplinary action, the registrant/licensee has given up his or her registration/license; subject to acceptance by the board. The right to practice is terminated.

Citation and Fine—An administrative action used for minor violations. Citations and fines are public information but are not considered to be disciplinary actions.

ENFORCEMENT CITATIONS

January 1–May 30, 2015		
Name	License Number	Fine Amount
Unprofessional Conduct		
Ava Francesca Rose	LCSW 21692	\$2,500
Gail Marie Nelsen	LCSW 19071	\$0
Wayne Wittkop	LCSW 7731	\$1,000
John Michael Zinn	LMFT 34431	\$2,500
Aharon Grossbard	LMFT 27213	\$2,500
Catherine Taylor	LMFT 43757	\$1,500
Unlicensed Practice		
Martin Amble Ponciano	IMF 69904	\$2,500
John Brandeis Boesky	LMFT 39666	\$750
Jennifer Edwards	Unlicensed	\$5,000
Essara Stoeckl	Unlicensed	\$5,000
Gross Negligence		
Barbara Jean Ballif	LCSW 11233	\$1,000

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

JANUARY 1–MAY 31, 2015

ALKIRE, SHELBY CHANTILLY

ASW 32594
Escondido, CA

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for period of five years.

Effective 03/20/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/fy1415/as2014412.pdf

ANDREWS, NICOLE R.

LMFT 85426
El Segundo, CA

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of two years.

Effective 01/16/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/fy1415/im2012562.pdf

BAIN, SHARON LESLIE

IMF 76222
Ramona, CA

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five years.

Effective 03/20/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/fy1415/2002014001296.pdf

CARLIS, SHUKIMBA M.

ASW 65233
Suisun City, CA

INCOMPETENCE/NEGLIGENCE

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of two years.

Effective 01/16/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/fy1415/as2012270.pdf

CARTER, LORALEE ANN

LCSW 66407
Santa Rosa, CA

UNLICENSED/UNREGISTERED PRACTICE

Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three years.

Effective 05/15/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/fy1415/ap2012364.pdf

DECOU, ROXY HARRIS

LCSW 8622
Malibu, CA

UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT/ NEGLIGENCE/INCOMPETENCE

Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three years.

Effective 03/20/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/fy1415/lc20121293.pdf

EKHARDT, BONITA NEVILLE

LMFT 23448, LEP 1733
Bakersfield, CA/Skokie, IL

UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT/ NEGLIGENCE/INCOMPETENCE

Action: License surrendered.

Effective 03/20/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/d12003579.pdf

FARQUHAR, STACEY

ASW 28043
Modesto, CA

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Registration revoked.

Effective 01/16/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/fy1415/as2013782.pdf

FISHMAN, ISAAC DORJE

IMF 86737
Fort Bragg, CA

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three years.

Effective 05/15/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/fy1415/2002014000809.pdf

FRIEDLINGHAUS, TANYA LYNN

IMF 65356
Los Angeles, CA

UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT/ NEGLIGENCE/INCOMPETENCE

Action: Registration surrendered.

Effective 05/15/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/fy1415/im20131721.pdf

GARCIA, DOMINGO

LMFT 44029
Pasadena, CA

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Action: License revoked.

Effective 05/15/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/fy1415/mf20121790.pdf

GRANT, KHADIJAH

IMF 70803
Oakland, CA

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Registration revoked.

Effective 01/16/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/fy1415/im201310.pdf

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HAAS, PAMELA JEAN

LMFT 31651

Quincy, CA

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: License surrendered.

Effective 03/20/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/fy1415/mf20131846.pdf

HARRIS, STERLING REGINALD

LCSW 9788

Redondo Beach, CA

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three years.

Effective 03/20/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/fy1415/lc20101167.pdf

HEATH JR., ROBERT JOSEPH

LMFT 47413

Castro Valley, CA

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three years.

Effective 03/11/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/fy1415/mf20131084.pdf

HILL, LORIE ELIZABETH

LMFT 8417

Emeryville, CA

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: License surrendered.

Effective 02/9/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/fy1415/dp2012830.pdf

JUBB, LUCAS ANTHONY

LMFT 46821

San Diego, CA

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Action: License revoked.

Effective 01/16/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/fy1415/2002014000309.pdf

KLOCKE, MICHELE R

LCSW 65294

Marina del Rey, CA

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three years.

Effective 01/16/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/fy1415/as20121754.pdf

KUNSTLER, GISELA M.

LMFT 46011

Los Angeles, CA

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of four years.

Effective 02/20/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/fy1415/mf2012519.pdf

LARA, VERONICA

IMF 64508

Salinas, CA

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Registration revoked.

Effective 01/16/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/fy1415/im20131256.pdf

LYDERS HORAK, KIRSTEN MEREDITH

LCSW 20046

Salinas, CA

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: License surrendered.

Effective 02/9/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/fy1415/lc20131892.pdf

MCGRATH, MARY ELIZABETH

LEP 2865

Santa Clarita, CA

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: License surrendered.

Effective 01/16/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/fy1415/2002014001211.pdf

MCILNAY, PHILIP KENT

LMFT 2669

Redondo Beach, CA

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: License revoked.

Effective 01/16/15

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MURPHY, MISTY YEAGER

IMF 85795

Temecula, CA

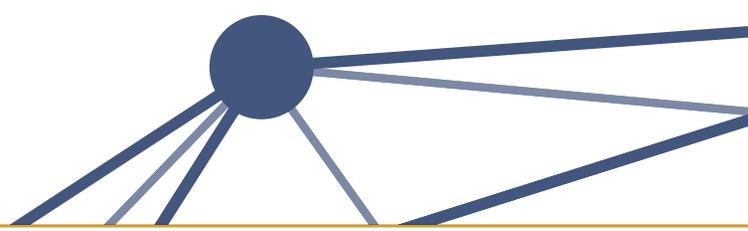
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Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three years.

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PEARCE, KENNETH BUFORD

ASW 29444

Oakland, CA

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Registration surrendered.

Effective 4/15/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/fy1415/as20121025.pdf

PETROU, MICHELLE RENE

ASW 30220

San Leandro, CA

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Registration surrendered.

Effective 04/15/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/fy1415/2002014000068.pdf

PRESKO, GEORGE

LCSW 21746

San Clemente, CA

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five years.

Effective 05/15/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/fy1415/lc20131589.pdf

REDDING, SALEM ALEXANDER

ASW 25786

Lancaster, CA

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Registration revoked.

Effective 04/17/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/fy1415/as20131866.pdf

REESE, ELIZABETH DANIELLE

ASW 30190

San Diego, CA

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Registration surrendered.

Effective 3/11/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_acc/fy1415/2002014001215.pdf

RHINE, REATA LYN

LCSW 17031

Lake Forest, CA

UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT/NEGLIGENCE/ INCOMPETENCE

Action: License surrendered.

Effective 5/15/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/fy1415/lc20131246.pdf

SAMB, GLYNIS JOYCE

LCSW 20936

El Sobrante, CA

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three years.

Effective 3/11/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/fy1415/lc20131849.pdf

SELOVER, DIANA ACEVEDO

LCSW 9578

Northridge, CA

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: License revoked.

Effective 4/23/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/fy1415/lc20101512.pdf

SOUKUP, DEBORA A.

LMFT 39881

Sacramento, CA

UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT/NEGLIGENCE/ INCOMPETENCE

Action: License revoked.

Effective 1/15/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/fy1415/mf20101539.pdf

TYSON, HAROLD L.

LMFT 35916

Fresno, CA

UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT/COMMISSION OF DISHONEST OR FRAUDULENT ACT

Action: License surrendered.

Effective 4/15/15

http://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/enf_docs/fy1415/mf20111215.pdf

VILLEGAS, FERNANDO

LMFT 86875

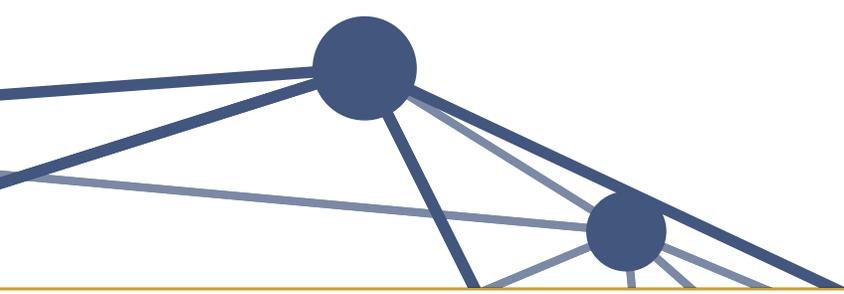
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CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five years.

Effective 5/29/15

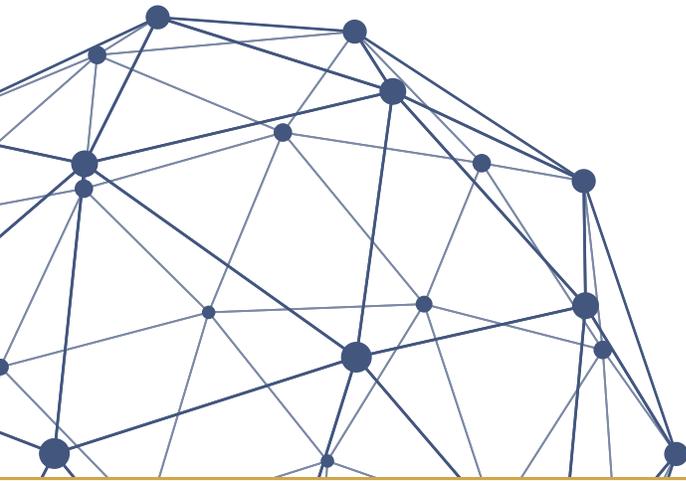
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