MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

It has been an honor to serve as a Governor-appointed public member since 2012. At the May 2016 meeting I was elected to serve as the Board Chair for the upcoming 2016-2017 year. I look forward to my increased role as Board Chair and continuing the work of the Board.

The past year was very busy. I am pleased to share that current members Dr. Leah Brew (LPCC) and Ms. Betty Connelly (LEP) were reappointed by Governor Brown, and Dr. Christine Wietlisbach (public member) was reappointed by the Senate. Additionally, we welcomed Mr. Max Disposti as our newest and 13th member of the Board. Mr. Disposti was appointed by the state Assembly as a public member in April 2016. Mr. Disposti is the Executive Director for the North County LGBTQ Resource Center and it is a pleasure to have him on our Board.

Congratulations to the Board and staff for their exemplary work on and Senate approval of the Board’s Sunset Review. The Board was given a four-year extension. This is the second four-year extension the Board has received.

As we are about to start a new legislative year, we are concluding much work that has been done in past years. The Supervision Committee—chaired by Dr. Brew and including members Ms. Connelly, Ms. Sarita Koli, and Ms. Patricia Lock-Dawson—has accomplished valuable work on defining and refining the qualifications of licensed supervisors. I would like to thank all of the stakeholders who participated in these meetings. Your contributions to revise and establish qualifications for supervisors were so valuable. As a result, these changes will benefit registrants and improve mental health services to the public.

Looking ahead, the Board will begin to explore exempt settings and how services in these environments can be improved. A committee of both public and licensed members of the Board will be appointed at the beginning of 2017.
BOARD CHAIR MESSAGE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

I am excited to share with you that as a result of additional staffing resources, Board processing times for applications are now less than 40 days. Most applications are processed in less than 30 days.

I look forward to serving the Board and members of the public in the upcoming year.

Deborah N. Brown, MPA
Chair, Board of Behavioral Sciences

BBS STAFF NEWS

During the August Board meeting, Board members recognized BBS staff for their dedication and service. The Board’s mission and goals cannot be accomplished without its staff.

The following individuals were recognized for five years of service:

Joanna Huynh—Licensing Analyst
Flora Lopes—Enforcement Analyst
David Jones—Office Assistant and Support
Ellen Viegas—Cashiering Analyst

The following individuals were recognized for 10 years of service:

Marsha Gove—Examination Analyst
Michelle Eernisse-Villanueva—Enforcement Analyst

LAW AND ETHICS EXAM REMINDER FOR REGISTRANTS AND INTERNS

The initial grace period for registrants and interns to defer taking the California Law and Ethics Examination has ended. As of July 1, 2016, all registrants and interns must take the Law and Ethics exam to renew their registration. The registration will remain delinquent until this requirement is satisfied, even if the Board has cashed your check. To avoid any delays in processing your renewal, submit your application to take the California Law and Ethics Examination early. Once the Board receives confirmation a registrant has taken the exam, the hold on the renewal will be released.

BRAIN SERVICES

Did you know that if you have a BreEZe account you can do any of the following activities online?

• RENEW your license/registration
• SUBMIT a change of address
• REQUEST a replacement or duplicate certificate

Don’t have a BreEZe account? Create one: Select the BreEZe icon on the Board’s website and follow the steps for a new registration. Candidates experiencing difficulty registering should contact the Board for assistance.
LICENSING NEWS

CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDITS

Effective January 1, 2016, the Board resumed auditing licensees for compliance with the continuing education requirements. From January to June 2016, a total of 217 licensees were randomly selected for an audit. A total of 76 licensees (35 percent) failed the audit and were issued a citation and fine.

The top three reasons for failing the audit are as follows:

• Failing to take six hours of Law and Ethics (required every renewal period).
• Missing first-time course requirements.
• Taking the continuing education course from an unapproved provider.

Take a moment to review the continuing education brochure available on the Board’s website. The information is located at www.bbs.ca.gov. Select the “Licensees” tab and then select the “Continuing Education” link. Select the link to “Licensee CE Requirements.” Reviewing this information will ensure you are compliant with the continuing education requirements.

COMMON DELAYS IN THE RENEWAL PROCESS

Annually, the Board receives nearly 50,000 renewal applications from licensees and registrants. Renewing your license or registration is a straightforward process—complete the renewal application and submit a fee. Yet, every year many licensees and registrants experience a delay in processing their renewal. Why?

Simply put, the renewal process was not completed. The renewal process requires a completed application, required fee, and approval of the renewal application. The Board will process the fee submitted with the renewal application. This simple action leads the individual to believe the renewal process is complete, even if the individual never receives an updated license or registration. However, until the individual completes the renewal process, the renewal application cannot be approved.

These are the most common reasons a renewal application will be delayed:

• Failed to answer the conviction question.
• Failed to answer the continuing education question.
• The renewal form is not signed.
• A signature is missing from the check.
• The dollar amount is missing from the check.
• The incorrect fee is submitted.

So take a moment to review your next renewal application to be sure it is complete. Doing so will help you avoid a delay in renewing your license or registration.
EDUCATIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Health Professions Education Foundation is now accepting applications from mental health professionals who desire to provide mental health services in California communities who are underserved. The deadline to submit your application is November 18, 2016. If you have any questions or would like more information about these programs, please visit www.healthprofessions.ca.gov.

Apply!

Application Cycle is Open
August 1, 2016–November 18, 2016

The Health Professions Education Foundation can help you meet your career goals so you can focus on caring for California’s underserved. Health professionals serving the mental health community may benefit from two loan repayment programs:

- **Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program**, which may award up to $15,000
- **Mental Health Loan Assumption Program**, which may award up to $10,000

For more information please visit: www.healthprofessions.ca.gov or call the Health Professions Education Foundation at (916) 326-3640.
NEXT STEPS FOR A REGISTRANT OR INTERN AFTER TAKING THE LAW AND ETHICS EXAM

You just completed your California Law and Ethics Examination and are anxiously waiting for your score report. You wonder: Did I pass? What do I do next? The next steps depend on your examination results.

If you passed the examination, you have completed the first exam in the licensure process. Celebrate this accomplishment! Your next steps are either continuing to gain the required number of supervised work experience hours or apply for the clinical examination. You will not be required to take this examination in the future to renew your registration.

If you were unsuccessful in the Law and Ethics Examination, you will have a few extra steps in your licensure process. If your renewal was on hold, the hold will be released since you took the examination. If your renewal is due soon, you will be able to renew your registration without delay.

Registrants who were not successful in their attempt to pass the Law and Ethics Examination are permitted to retake the exam every 90 days. To retake the examination, the registrant must submit an application and fee to the Board. Once the 90-day wait period has passed, the Board will send the registrant’s eligibility to take the examination to the testing vendor. The registrant is able to contact the testing vendor to schedule their examination.

Also, registrants who are unsuccessful in their attempt to pass the Law and Ethics exam should be aware of when they are required to complete the 12-hour Law and Ethics course. The course is required in the next renewal cycle following the unsuccessful attempt(s).

For example, a registrant’s registration expires on October 31, 2017. Prior to October 31, 2017 (current renewal cycle), the registrant may retake the Law and Ethics Examination as many times as permitted by law, without taking the 12-hour Law and Ethics course. After October 31, 2017 (the next renewal cycle following an unsuccessful attempt), the registrant must complete the 12-hour Law and Ethics course. Proof of completion of this course must be submitted to the Board before the Board will approve the application to retake the Law and Ethics Examination.

Important information for registrants or interns who may need a subsequent registration number after January 1, 2017: Effective January 1, 2017, an individual cannot be granted a subsequent registration number unless he or she has passed the Law and Ethics Examination. There are no exceptions.
NEW TELEHEALTH REGULATIONS

On July 1, 2016, the Board’s telehealth regulations became effective. The new regulations specify that to practice with a client who is located in California, the mental health practitioner must have a valid California license or registration.

The new regulations also specify actions that must be taken at the initiation of telehealth with each client (one-time actions) and actions that must be taken each time telehealth is performed with each client (ongoing actions).

Specifically, at the time telehealth services are initiated, the mental health professional must:

• Obtain informed consent from the client consistent with Section 2290.5 of the Business and Professions Code.
• Inform the client of the potential risks and limitations of receiving treatment via telehealth.
• Provide the client with his or her license or registration number and the type of license or registration.
• Document reasonable efforts made to ascertain the contact information of relevant resources, including emergency services, in the patient’s geographic area.

Each time telehealth services are provided, the mental health professional must:

• Verbally obtain from the client and document the client’s full name and address of present location at the beginning of each telehealth session.
• Assess whether the client is appropriate for telehealth, including, but not limited to, consideration of the client’s psychosocial situation.
• Utilize industry best practices for telehealth to ensure both client confidentiality and the security of the communication medium.

California licensees and registrants may provide telehealth services to clients located in another jurisdiction, but only if the California licensee or registrant complies with the licensure laws of that jurisdiction, and if that jurisdiction allows telehealth services.

More information regarding the new regulations may be found on the Board’s website (www.bbs.ca.gov).

FOLLOW BBS ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER

These two social media venues will provide licensees, registrants, applicants, and consumers increased access to BBS activities and updates. Join the nearly 2,100 followers of BBS and become one of the first to know what’s new at BBS. Simply “like” us on Facebook and follow BBS on Twitter to stay current on all BBS activities.
LICENSING TOTALS
AS OF JULY 1, 2016

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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 of Behavioral Sciences (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 ACTIONS

ENFORCEMENT CITATIONS APRIL 1 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016

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<td>James Lane Snell</td>
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<td>Wrote an unsolicited biased letter to a judge in a child custody case.</td>
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<td>Kerrie Anne O’Leary</td>
<td>PCCI 566</td>
<td>Failure to report conviction.</td>
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<td>Crystal Ann Hedlin</td>
<td>LCSW 62418</td>
<td>Failure to report conviction.</td>
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<td>Charlene Cummings Rodriguez</td>
<td>LMFT 34208</td>
<td>Breach of confidentiality.</td>
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<td>Marnie Higgins Webster</td>
<td>LMFT 7714</td>
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<td>Scott Ben-Yashar</td>
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<td>Miriam Bruff Covington</td>
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<td>Naomi Farrow</td>
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<td>Augrey L. Sagerman</td>
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<td>Judith A. Legrand</td>
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<td>Bailey Bruce Mccune</td>
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<td>Nancy Gail Gustafson</td>
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<td>Virginia Hawkins</td>
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<td>Barbara Ann Heiman</td>
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<td>Hilda Patricia Ayala</td>
<td>IMF 67505</td>
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<td>James Martin Hollomon</td>
<td>LMFT 37788</td>
<td>Provided supervision to a trainee in a private practice setting.</td>
<td>$1,000</td>
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<td>Isaac Louis Burns</td>
<td>LMFT 44245</td>
<td>Failure to report conviction.</td>
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<td>Alicia Aurora Vasquez</td>
<td>ASW 29792</td>
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<td>George Efrain Montoya</td>
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<td>Failure to report conviction.</td>
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<td>Leticia Velazquez</td>
<td>LCSW 59556</td>
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<td>Beverly Sue Nalls-Demar</td>
<td>LCSW 14453</td>
<td>Working on a delinquent license.</td>
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<td>Samuel Mark Schwarzmer</td>
<td>LEP 2172</td>
<td>Failed to complete the required continuing education course in Law and Ethics.</td>
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<td>Renee Elaine Bond</td>
<td>LPCC 471</td>
<td>Failed to complete the required continuing education courses in HIV/AIDS and Law and Ethics.</td>
<td>$400</td>
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<td>Naomi Deedra Silva</td>
<td>LPCC 453</td>
<td>Completed HIV/AIDS course and 1 hour of Law and Ethics after renewal period.</td>
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<td>Jennifer Lynn Moore</td>
<td>LCSW 25827</td>
<td>Failed to complete 36 hours of continuing education during renewal period. Completed the necessary 4 hours after renewal period.</td>
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FORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Below are the formal disciplinary actions effective April 1 through June 30, 2016. All formal disciplinary documents are available on the Board’s website, www.bbs.ca.gov.

ADAM MARTIN SCHILLING
IMF 93298
Long Beach, CA
CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS
Action: Registration issued, immediately revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five years with terms and conditions. Effective 6/23/2016

BART BARBARA M. KITADA
LMFT 50140
Auburn, CA
CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

BENJAMIN DAVID GREENE
IMF 70460
San Francisco, CA
FRAUD/DISHONEST ACT
Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five years with terms and conditions. Effective 5/6/2016

BRENDA KAYING LEWMAN
IMF 65801
Stockton, CA
CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS
Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three years with terms and conditions. Effective 6/17/2016

CAROLINE AMBER SHEEHAN
ASW 33502
Reseda, CA
CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS
Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three years with terms and conditions. Effective 5/6/2016

CHERYL L ROBINSON
IMF 72125
Pasadena, CA
CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

COLLEEN PATRICIA HENDERSON
IMF 73320
Lafayette, CA
CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS
Action: Registration surrendered. Effective 6/17/2016

CAROL LOUISE SAND
IMF 92833
aka CAROL LOUISE RICHARD
Salinas, CA
CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS
Action: Registration issued, immediately revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five years with terms and conditions. Effective 5/6/2016

ERIK MONSEN
LCSW 15907
Gorham, ME
CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS
Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five years with terms and conditions. Effective 6/17/2016

IRENDA RIOS
IMF app
Heber, CA
CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

IACQUELINE ELYDA SILK
LMFT 8984
Sun Valley, CA
DISCIPLINE BY ANOTHER AGENCY
Action: License revoked. Effective 5/6/2016

JACQUELINE EL YDA SILK
LMFT 8984
Sun Valley, CA
DISCIPLINE BY ANOTHER AGENCY
Action: License revoked. Effective 5/6/2016

JANE LOUISE COLLIER
LCSW 28057
Orange, CA
CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

JEFFREY K. LARSEN
LMFT 45671
San Diego, CA
CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS
Action: License revoked. Effective 5/6/2016

JUAN C. VASQUEZ
LCSW 12876
San Jose, CA
CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS
Action: License surrendered. Effective 5/6/2016

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FORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10

KAREN ELIZABETH MOONEY
LMFT 44724
aka KAREN ELIZABETH GUVLEKJIAN
Palmdale, CA
CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS
Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five years with terms and conditions.
Effective 6/23/2016

KATHERINE ANDREA MORALES
IMF 70585
Fairfield, CA
MISREPRESENTATION ON APPLICATION/ACTS OF DISHONESTY
Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three years with terms and conditions.
Effective 5/6/2016

LAUREN C COLSON
ASW 31817
Lodi, CA
CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS
Action: Registration revoked.
Effective 6/17/2016

LESLIE ARNELL LUKEN
LCSW 24863
Redding, CA
CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS
Action: License revoked.
Effective 6/23/2016

LINDSAY ANNE CLIFTON
IMF 64800
Moraga, CA
CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS
Action: Registration surrendered.
Effective 6/17/2016

MARTHA MASON DRUMMOND
LCSW 13023
San Diego, CA
CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS
Action: License surrendered.
Effective 6/17/2016

MENU SINGHAL
IMF 70701
Los Angeles, CA
CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS
Action: Registration revoked.
Effective 6/23/2016

MICHAEL GEORGE YOUNG
LMFT 45281
Fresno, CA
UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT/NEGLIGENCE
Action: License revoked.
Effective 6/17/2016

RENE SANCHEZ MESA
ASW 34222
Rocklin, CA
CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS
Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five years with terms and conditions.
Effective 5/6/2016

ROBERT HOWARD MEAD JR.
LMFT 47245
Modesto, CA
CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS
Action: License revoked.
Effective 6/23/2016

SANDRA J. WELBOURN
LMFT 39746
Sebastopol, CA
CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS
Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five years with terms and conditions.
Effective 4/8/2016

STACI LOUISE MONTGOMERY
IMF 73364
Redwood City, CA
CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS
Action: Registration revoked.
Effective 5/6/2016

STELLA MONDAY
LMFT 22363
Sebastopol, CA
FRAUD/ACTS OF DISHONESTY
Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three years with terms and conditions.
Effective 5/6/2016

STEPHANIE CEDAS-BARKETT
LMFT 48062
Sacramento, CA
SEXUAL MISCONDUCT
Action: License revoked.
Effective 6/17/2016
UPCOMING MEETING DATES

**Board Meetings**

November 2-4, 2016

**Southern California**

**2017 MEETING DATES**

March 1-3, 2017
May 10-12, 2017
August 23-25, 2017
November 1-3, 2017

**Policy and Advocacy Meetings**

September 30, 2016

**Sacramento**

**2017 MEETING DATES**

February 3, 2017
April 21, 2017
June 23, 2017
September 15, 2017

**Sacramento**