



Board of Behavioral Sciences

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To: Board Members

Date: October 26, 2022

From: Steve Sodergren
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Subject: Board Chair Report

a. BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE FY 2021/2022

Please refer to Attachment A- Board Attendance 2021-22 and Attachment B-Board Attendance 2022-23.

b. FUTURE BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Policy & Advocacy Committee	January 13, 2023
Licensing Committee	January 13, 2023
Full Board	February 2-3, 2023
Full Board (Petitioner Hearings)	March 16, 2023
Policy & Advocacy Committee	April 14, 2023
Licensing Committee	April 14, 2023
Full Board	May 4-5, 2023
Full Board (Petitioner Hearings)	June 15, 2023
Policy & Advocacy Committee	July 21, 2023
Licensing Committee	July 21, 2023
Full Board	August 17-18, 2023
Full Board (Petitioner Hearings)	September 21, 2023
Policy & Advocacy Committee	October 12, 2023
Licensing Committee	October 12, 2023
Full Board	November 16-17, 2023

c. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM	DATE PROPOSED	PROPOSED BY	STATUS
Discuss training Board staff regarding gender identity.	5/6/2021	Sovec	Pending
Discussion regarding license mobility issues.	9/10/2021	Ranasinghe	Pending for Licensing Committee
Discuss regulations regarding life coaching.	9/10/2021	Ranasinghe	Will be discussed in Licensing Committee
Discuss ideas or suggestions to assist elderly who have difficulty with technology and accessing services via telehealth.	9/10/2021	Friedman	AB 1759 requiring baseline 3-hour coursework in providing services via telehealth. Ensuring access issues should be covered in this training.
Recognition of National Adoption Month on the November agenda.	10/4/2021	Ranasinghe	Staff will schedule social media posts to recognize National Adoption Month.
Discussion on extending the 6-year period to earn hours due to COVID.	11/4/2021	Public	6-year rule was discussed at the July 2022 P&A meeting.
Consider a needs-based waiver for catastrophic incidents experienced by licensees.	11/5/2021	Public	6-year rule was discussed at the July 2022 P&A meeting.
Presentation about consumer satisfaction regarding telehealth.	11/5/2021	Friedman	Pending
Discussion regarding a possible exemption for medical leaves and military service as part of the 6-year rule.	11/5/2021	Public	6-year rule was discussed at the July 2022 P&A meeting.
Discussion about life coaches working in professional corporations.	11/5/2021	Public	Will be discussed in Licensing Committee

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Resolution for mental health month in May.	2/10/2022	Ranasinghe	Staff will be creating a media campaign to recognize Mental Health Month in May of 2023.
Resolution for domestic violence month in October.	2/10/2022	Ranasinghe	A proposed process for the Board to adopt resolutions will be brought to the November 3, 2022 Board meeting. Will consult with legal on the process.
Discuss how the Board can support in increasing the bilingual therapist workforce.	2/10/2022	Friedman	Part of the Board's effort in this area was adopting the English as Second Language additional examination time regulations in late 2017. The Board has also taken support positions on numerous legislative efforts for loan repayment/grant programs to try to encourage therapists to work in underserved settings. Additionally, as more workforce data is collected, we will have a better understanding of where we can assist.
Discuss how the Board can assist in attracting more people to pursue a career as a therapist.	2/10/2022	Friedman	Pending. The Board has participated in several outreach efforts with organizations and schools as resources allow. The Board has also supported numerous legislative efforts to provide educational loan repayment/grants to those pursuing a master's degree in a field designed to lead to Board licensure. Staff continue to seek additional ways to perform outreach.

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Discuss the workforce crisis in children’s mental health, strategies to address this crisis, and strategies that the Board could employ to expedite the processing times of applications. Particularly related to the rise and short-term residential treatment programs in California, and not enough people to work in those programs.	2/11/2022	Public	Pending
Discussion on creating a consortium with the Board of Psychology (BOP) and the Medical Board of California to explore the influence and effects of corporate telehealth on California consumers	2/11/2022	Sovec	Will be discussing national telehealth corporations at an upcoming Telehealth Committee meeting or listening session.
Discussion on creating a consortium with the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) and the BOP to discuss how to address the encroachment of coaching on the mental health professions.	2/11/2022	Sovec	Pending
Discussion on data surrounding the Board’s disciplinary process	2/11/2022	Public	Pending
Discussion regarding the applicant process and ways to streamline and make it more efficient to avoid backlogs.	2/11/2022	Public	Board staff are actively pursuing changes to processing procedures and are working with the DCA’s Organizational Improvement Office to identify possible improvements.

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Resolution for National Social Workers month.	2/11/2022	Ranasinghe	A proposed process for the Board to adopt resolutions will be brought to the November 3, 2022 Board meeting. Will consult with legal on the process.
Discussion on how to gain better participation from consumers and therapists at Board meetings.	2/11/2022	Ortega	Staff continues to monitor legislation designed to update Bagley Keene to better allow online meeting platforms permanently. The Legislature has been working on this, and staff expects it to move such a bill forward next year. Staff will bring any such proposed bill to the Board for input and a position.
Discussion on exam passage rates and how the board can support education institutions.	5/5/2022	Walker	Board staff participates in numerous MFT consortiums to support and inform educators. Staff would like to discuss this topic at a future Licensing Committee.
Discussion on the eligibility of Licensed Educational Psychologists (LEPs) to open a professional corporation.	5/5/2022	Jones	This would require an amendment to corporation code. May be preferable for staff to consult with California Association of School Psychologist (CASP) and seek an amendment.
Discussion about disciplinary outcomes.	5/4/2022	Public	Pending
Discussion on removing street addresses from the Breeze license look-up.	8/12/2022	Public	Pending

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Discussion on making dead names confidential and not viewable by the public on the Breeze license look-up	8/12/2022	Public	Staff has opened discussions with DCA and will continue to inquire.
Discussion about the ASWB's release of demographic data and the racial disparities of licensing exams in general.	8/12/2022	Public	This discussion will be on the agenda for the Board's November 4 th meeting.

BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE

ATTACHMENT A

FY 2021-22

Project Start:

7/1/2021

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	Brown	88%	7/1/21	11/28/21																					
	Casares Willis	50%	7/1/21	6/30/22																					
	Disposti	92%	7/1/21	6/30/22																					
	Erlich	58%	7/1/21	6/30/22																					
	Friedman	100%	7/1/21	6/30/22																					
	Herweck	75%	7/1/21	6/30/22																					
	Huft	86%	9/23/21	6/30/22																					
	Jones	92%	7/1/21	6/30/22																					
	Maddox	60%	7/1/21	9/23/21																					
	Ortega	100%	11/10/21	6/30/22																					
	Ranasinghe	83%	7/1/21	6/30/22																					
	Sovec	100%	7/1/21	6/30/22																					
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	Jones	83%	7/1/21	6/30/22																							
	Ranasinghe	100%	4/11/22	6/30/22																							
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ATTACHMENT B

FY 2022-23

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	Uribe		9/1/22	6/30/23												
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Telehealth								
	Friedman		7/1/22	6/30/23				
	Jones		7/1/22	6/30/23				
	Ranasinghe		7/1/22	6/30/23				