



Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology Newsletter

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The purpose of the State Board of Psychology is to administer and enforce statutory authority and to monitor the needs of the consuming public. The board examines and licenses all eligible candidates for entry into the profession of psychology. It also recommends appropriate changes in the law to assure fairness and equality. The board conducts formal hearings, when necessary, and prosecutes by due process any violators of [KRS 319](#).

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Board Updates

The Board would like to thank Liz McKune and Joe Dickhaus for their service as Chair and Vice Chair respectively. Your contributions to the Board and your profession were immeasurable. Per our recent Board elections, we are excited to announce our new Chair, Jean Deters, and Vice Chair, Jamie Hopkins. We would also like to welcome our Interim Board Administrator, Lyndsay Sipple, who will be replacing Jennifer Beeler. Thank you Jennifer for all of your help, especially in regards to the Board's recent move. You will be missed.

YOUR BOARD

Jean Deters, Board Chair: A Member since 2019, Jean maintains a private practice in Northern Kentucky.

Jamie Hopkins, Board Vice Chair: A Member since 2014, Jamie is a former Board Chair, and also volunteers for KCCRT.

Elizabeth "Liz" McKune: A member since 2016, Liz is a former Board Chair and the current Vice President of Health Integration with the Passport Health Plan.

Emily Skaggs: A Member since 2019, Emily owns Bluegrass Family Consultants, LLC in Lexington.

Joseph Dickhaus: A member since 2016, Joe is a former Board Vice Chair and current Clinic Director for a Community Mental Health Center.

Stacy Seale: A member since 2019, Stacy is also an adjunct faculty member at EKU's psychology department.

Owen Nichols: A Member since 2010, Owen is a past Board Chair, and the current CEO of North Key Community Care.

Erica Pristas: A Member since 2016, Erica has worked with autistic children for 18 years and is in private practice.

Justin S. Gilfert: A Member since 2017, Justin is a healthcare executive in Louisville.

Lindsay Sipple: New Interim Board Administrator.

David Trimble: Board Attorney.

RESPONDING TO BOARD NOTICES

Please remember to timely respond to any and all notices or correspondences received by the Board. Any failure to respond on your part can and will lead to potential sanctions and formal reprimands.

Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Update

Your Board is tracking the hot topic of an interjurisdictional psychology compact. It is seen as a way to facilitate the practice of psychology using telecommunication technologies and/or temporary in-person, face-to-face services. As you no doubt recall, the ASPPB created the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT), a cooperative agreement for participating states to address the increased demand for your services.

The PSYPACT is only available to those states and jurisdictions whose legislatures enact the program. As of early 2019, there were seven state legislatures that had signed PSYPACT into law. As of December 2019, that number had grown to twelve. The issue is now pending before a number of state legislatures, including our own. The national (and regional) trend appears to be adoption by a majority of the states including those that border the Commonwealth).

Your Board is monitoring all PSYPACT developments closely. Most recently at the KPA November 2019 Meeting, we invited Alex Seigel, Director of Professional Affairs, ASPPB, to inform us of these PSYPACT national trends. We will continue to speak with those close to these national developments,

like Mr. Seigel, to monitor local activity occurring here in Kentucky and advise you of any updates or changes as they occur.

Continuing Education Reminder

Remember, pursuant to 201 KAR 26:175, all continuing education **must** be earned **prior** to your **renewal date**. If your continuing education is not completed prior to your renewal date, you must **reinstate** your license, even if your license has not yet expired. Reinstatement incurs an additional \$175 fee and the process cannot be completed online. A paper renewal form must be submitted along with a check or money order and CE certificates, which will have to wait until the next board meeting to be reviewed. Please contact the Board Administrator at psy@ky.gov if you need to reinstate your license.

COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR BOARD

Please remember to always use the official Board email address to communicate with the Board, as follows:

psy@ky.gov

Planning to Move?



Remember to update your current contact information through your eServices account

(Your account is accessible through the "Online Services" dropdown menu on the Board's website)

Reminder - Suicide Assessment, Management, and Treatment Training

Six (6) hours of training in suicide assessment, management, and treatment, or proof of exemption, is **required within the first year of licensure and every six (6) years thereafter**. Please refer to **KRS 210.366** (<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=44306>) and **201 KAR 26:175** (<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/kar/201/026/175.pdf>) for more information.

You should report completion of any suicide training to the Board as part of your renewal during that same renewal cycle. Once a training date or exemption is entered into the system, it will track this date and know that another one is not required until six years later. If you completed suicide training during a previous renewal cycle, the Board should already have that on file and you will not be able to submit that training during the current renewal.

ASPPB – Update from the Annual Meeting

Your Board sent representatives to this year's ASPPB Annual Meeting held in Minneapolis, MN on October 14-20, 2019. One of the main themes discussed by those assembled was that of combatting the current deregulation climate around the nation. Presenters and attendees alike sought to understand the breadth and depth of challenges to professional licensure in general, and then discuss and review strategies to promote licensure best practices in the face of these governmental and legislative agendas.

Attendees worked to develop consensus regarding best practices to promote responsible psychology licensure throughout the nation that would protect the health and welfare of the general public. The discussion made it clear that the push for this deregulation is a national, not just regional, issue.

Several state groups shared materials they were using to directly educate the public and legislatures as to the potential dangers of deregulating the practice of psychology. The main takeaway for all involved was the need for solidarity on this issue, as well as the possibility of countering such legislation by creating more uniformity between all boards.

With those points fresh in your mind, note that we are always monitoring any deregulation discussion or actions as they occur in Kentucky to determine potential impacts on you, your profession, this Board, patients, and the general public.

* New Location for Board Meetings *

Your Board and its meetings are always open to the public and your profession. If you plan to attend, please note that the Board is no longer holding its meetings at the Leawood Drive location. Beginning in December 2019, the Board relocated its meeting space to the new Mayo-Underwood Building in downtown Frankfort at **500 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY 40601**. The new space is located where the Capital Plaza Tower once stood, and is named in honor of a former school that served African American students during a time when public schools were

segregated. General parking is located in a large garage on the side of the new building, while Accessible handicap parking is located directly across from the front entrance. Our meeting location within the building will always be posted on the days of meetings, but please note that wait times for entering the building will be longer than you have encountered in the past.

Kentucky Volunteers for Oral Examinations

Oral examinations for licensure for both psychologists and for licensed psychological practitioners are held six times per year. **1)** Trained licensed psychologists and licensed psychological practitioners with three or more years of requisite experience in Kentucky; or, **2)** certified psychologists with autonomous functioning with three or more years of requisite experience in Kentucky, serve as examiners. Exams alternate between Mondays and Fridays every other month. Oral exams begin at 9:00 a.m. and generally finish around lunch. Examiners are reimbursed for their travel and receive per diem payment.

The Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology welcomes volunteer examiners who have the three or more years of requisite experience in Kentucky as 1) or 2). If you are interested, please notify the Board Administrator.

Board Disciplinary Actions can be found at <http://psy.ky.gov/Pages/disciplinary.aspx>

Upcoming Meetings

Board meetings are open to the public, and generally on the first Monday of each month, holidays excluded. Contact the Board Administrator at least one week prior to the meeting date to be included on the agenda. Meeting dates and locations are listed on the “About Us” dropdown menu located on the Board’s website.

Examination Dates

Examination dates and the corresponding deadlines to submit materials are also listed on the “About Us” dropdown menu located on the Board’s website.