



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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Farewell and Welcome

The Board would like to thank Melissa Hall for her faithful and exemplary service. Melissa was appointed in 2010 and has contributed a great deal to the Board and your profession over the last eight years. We wish her well on future endeavors. Please also join the Board in welcoming the newest Members, Stacy Seale and Jean Deters.

YOUR BOARD

Elizabeth 'Liz' McKune, Board Chair: A Member since 2016, Liz is the current Vice President of Health Integration with the Passport Health Plan.

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

Jamie Hopkins: A Member since 2014, Jamie is the preceding Board Chair, and also volunteers for KCCRT.

Gerald Walker: Gerald is the preceding Board Vice Chair. He is current faculty for the APA-approved internship in Hazard. Gerald's hobbies include traveling and motorcycling.

Stacy Seale: Newly-appointed Member.

Jean Deters: Newly-appointed Member.

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 17 years and is in private practice.

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

Board Administrator: Chessica Nation

David Trimble: New 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.

ASPPB and EPPP Update

On October 18, 2018, Board Chair, Elizabeth McKune, Board Vice Chair, Joe Dickhaus, and former Board Chair, Jamie Hopkins, attended the ASPPB Annual Meeting. Major topics covered at the Meeting concerned the enhanced EPPP as well as the licensure of foreign graduates. There was also a follow up meeting by the Board of Directors on November 1, 2018, that impacted the future of the current and enhanced EPPP. The following is a summary of the two main topics:

- **EPPP Update** - Detailed discussion on the offering and contents of an enhanced EPPP occurred at the Annual Meeting.
- After the Annual Meeting, on November 1, 2018, the Board of Directors rescinded their August 2017 decision which made an Enhanced EPPP the single licensure exam offered by ASPPB. Instead, the Board of Directors approved two options going forward:
 - one option allowing jurisdictions to continue using the current EPPP; and,

- a second option allowing jurisdictions to offer the Enhanced EPPP.
- There will be more discussion concerning the logistics of this two option decision. For now, the Board of Directors has advised that an enhanced EPPP option will not be available until 2020.
- **Foreign Graduate Training and Valid Credentialing** – Discussion on the current state of foreign graduates seeking licensure, including issues with standardized training, reciprocity concerns, jurisdictional concerns, and the process of uniform credentialing.

Upcoming Regulation Changes

Your Board continually reviews the regulations that govern your profession and protect the public. Recently, the Board filed six amendments with the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission (LRC) and one proposed repeal of a regulation. The amendments and repeal will update and simplify the Board's practices and procedures related to grievances, disciplinary hearings, temporary licenses, supervision requirements, and continuing education.

Specifically, the repeal will eliminate a regulation that established separate education requirements for Psychology Associates. The similarities in requirements for licensure as a Psychologist lent themselves to consolidation into a single regulation governing education requirements at **201 KAR 26:200**, with subsections to differentiate doctorate and master's requirements between Psychologists and Psychology Associates.

Another form is being updated to reflect the requirement that supervision occur either weekly or by other board-approved arrangement.

The public comment period and hearing date have passed with no comments or objections raised to these amendments. It is likely that the amendments and repeal will come before the Joint Legislative Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee in December 2018 or January 2019, and be approved soon thereafter.

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)

Meet the New Board Members

Stacy Seale

Stacy graduated from Eastern Kentucky University in 2007 with a Master's in Clinical Psychology. She began private practice under the supervision of Dr. Myra Beth Bundy, assessing and providing therapy to individuals with Autism and other developmental disabilities.

Along with her work in private practice, Stacy has been an adjunct faculty for ECU's psychology department since 2007.

In 2014, Stacy began working for Employment Solutions, a local non-profit, and now manages its therapies department. She also recently completed the coursework and licensing examination to become a Board Certified and Licensed Behavior Analyst.

Her professional interests include intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Jean Deters

Jean received her Psy.D. from Spalding University, and completed her internship at the Cincinnati VA Medical Center. Her postdoctoral training and professional experience have been in private practice, specializing in forensic matters.

She practices in Northern Kentucky where she assists court-involved families as an expert witness, evaluator, consultant, parenting coordinator and therapist. She is a former director of the CASA Program in two counties. She recently served on the KPA Board of Directors as the Northern Kentucky Representative, and is currently steering a group towards installment of an Association of Family and Conciliatory Courts Kentucky Chapter to emphasize practice standards in court-related psychological services.

She is the author of *Bubbleworks*, a trauma-focused cognitive behavioral program for child witnesses in adult criminal proceedings, and co-author of Northern Kentucky Family Court Local Rules that operationalize KRS 26A.140 (which provides courtroom accommodations to child witnesses and victims). Jean co-facilitates a mediation program for family court *pro se* litigants.

She has served on the Board of Directors for the Academy of Northern Kentucky Collaborative Professionals, as well as New Day Ranch. She instructs Chase College of Law students in child development, attachment theory principles, and adolescent legal competencies. She also serves as a consultant and trainer for legal, mental health, and social services organizations who serve families.

Reminder - Suicide Assessment, Management, and Treatment Training

Remember that this six (6) hours of training or proof of exemption **is required every six (6) years** after the date of your last suicide training completion. You should report completion of any suicide training to the Board as part of your renewal. **KRS 210.366** (<http://www.lrc.ky.gov/Statutes/statute.aspx?id=41814>); and **201 KAR 26:175 2(2)** (<http://www.lrc.ky.gov/kar/201/026/175.htm>) for more information.

You may submit proof of training or exemption: by mail (P.O. Box 1360, Frankfort, KY 40602); by fax (502-696-5630); or, by email (psy@ky.gov).

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 Board Administrator, Chessica Nation.

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.