



## 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 is continuing to meet and address the regulation of your profession during the COVID-19 phenomenon. Please keep current with any memorandums, announcements, or communications as they are communicated. In particular, make sure to track the COVID-19 Memorandums that are published on our website. Please join the Board in welcoming former Member, Eva Markham, back to the Board. Last but not least, we wish to express our appreciation for Erica Pristas' service to the Board and your profession. 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 Associate Vice President of Population Health and Behavioral Health for Passport Health Plan by Molina Healthcare.

**Emily Skaggs:** A Member since 2019, Emily maintains a private practice 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 the Director of Therapies for Employment Solutions, Inc., in Lexington.

**Brenda Nash:** A member since 2020, Brenda is the Chair of the School of Professional Psychology at Spalding University.

**Eva Markham:** Our new (and former) member just retired from a 25-year career at UofL's School of Medicine. She previously served on the Board from 2008 to 2016.

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

**Felicia Juett:** 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.**

### **Psych Interjurisdictional Compact Update**

Your Board continues to track the hot topic of an interjurisdictional psychology compact. It is seen as a way to facilitate the practice of psychology using face-to-face services, telecommunication technologies and/or temporary in-person 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 and implement the program. As of early 2019, there were seven state legislatures that had signed PSYPACT into law. As of March 2021, the number now stands at fifteen states and one jurisdiction (D.C.). The issue is now pending before a number of jurisdictions, including Kentucky and Indiana. The national (and regional) trend appears to be adoption.

Your Board is monitoring all PSYPACT developments closely, including ongoing discussions with ASPPB, and will continue to update you with developments.

### **Renewal and Continuing Education**

As it relates to your **renewal**, you will have a 90 day extension from the date the COVID-19

emergency is lifted to renew your license pursuant to SB 150 and board vote. For example, if your license is set to expire April 1, you do not currently have to renew your license by that date. If the state of emergency ends June 1, you would have up until 90 days past June 1st to renew your license. The same is true for temporarily licensed providers needing to get their full license. The expiration of a temporary license is also 90 days past the lifting of the state of emergency. While this allows for needed flexibility for such tasks as acquiring CEs and taking the EPPP, it is very important to realize that **the Board has no idea when the state of emergency will be lifted**. 90 days from tomorrow is very different from 90 days after June 1st. The Board urges all licensure applicants and license holders to plan ahead and not wait for the state of emergency to end before taking care of your licensure status.

As it relates to **continuing education** (CE) requirements, please note the Board is also allowing licensees to complete all their CE requirements via remote means and removing any in-person requirements for attendance during the period impacted by COVID-19. If your CE requirements from licensure renewal are not completed prior to the 90 days after the state emergency ends, you will need to reinstate your license. Reinstatement incurs an additional \$175 fee. A 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.

## **COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR BOARD**

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

**[psy@ky.gov](mailto:psy@ky.gov)**

### Planning to Move?



### Remember to update your current contact information through your eServices account

Your account is accessible through the “eServices” link 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.

### New Virtual Meetings, COVID Memorandums, and Virtual Testing

Since March 2020, your Board has worked around the clock to address the challenges presented by COVID-19. The Board moved to visual meetings beginning April 13, 2020. All state meetings are now conducted via Zoom and there is no “public viewing” areas for the general public at state facilities such as the Mayo-Underwood building.

All members of the public can access these Zoom meetings; however, we must mute them unless they are on the agenda to be heard, or if the Chair gives them permission for a public comment. The Board does welcome everyone to join our Zoom meetings. Although it is not required, we ask that you identify yourself through name or video if you choose to join. This helps the Board and all attendees identify who is present.

Please continue to check the Board’s website for COVID Memorandums. The Board is releasing these to update the public on changes necessitated by the pandemic as they occur, and placing them on the website’s main page for ease of access.

Please note that the Board has transitioned to virtual, online testing. The administration of the virtual tests is similar to the in-person testing (such as a proctor, written, and oral presentations). Applicants will now receive their instructions and applicable documentation, such as the acknowledgement, prior to their testing dates and times.

## **ASPPB PLUS Offering**

As you may recall, your Board voted to begin offering the ASPPB Plus Program for psychologist licensee's application processing. The Psychology Licensure Universal System or "PLUS" is an online system designed to allow individuals to apply for licensure, certification, or registration in any state, province, or territory in the United States or Canada currently participating in the PLUS program. The PLUS also enables concurrent application for ASPPB Certificate of Professional Qualification in Psychology (CPQ) and ASPPB Interjurisdictional Practice Certificate (IPC). All information collected as part of an application is deposited and saved in the ASPPB Credentials Bank: a Credentials Verification & Storage Program (The Bank) where it can be accessed by licensees or forwarded to any other licensing board, organization, entity, or individual, upon request at any time in the future (transfer fees may apply).

In addition to forwarding applications to the requested licensing board or college, some forms and information will be forwarded to institutions, organizations and/or individuals where applicants completed their education, training, and experience, for verification. All information provided is also subject to primary source verification by ASPPB.

The Board anticipates beginning PLUS for licensed psychologists this year, likely before Summer 2021. Please note that PLUS will just be for those licensed psychologists, with the Board handling all other licensees internally.

## **New Supervision Manual**

There is now a Supervision Manual for licensees to guide you through submitting supervision documents online. The manual answers general questions on how to submit online through your eServices Account. It also covers, among other things, changing supervisors, requesting to decrease supervision, and completing regular supervision documents. The Supervision Manual is located at:

[http://psy.ky.gov/new\\_docs.aspx?cat=101&menuid=117](http://psy.ky.gov/new_docs.aspx?cat=101&menuid=117)

Navigate to that page, then scroll down and click the "Supervision Documents" link to reveal the actual documents.

## **KPA-CAP "Colleague Assistance Program"**

Many state psychology boards have CAPs to assist their memberships with professional distress and impairments. Although Kentucky is not one of those states, the KPA does maintain such a program for its members. The KPA-CAP's framework is designed to provide these services to psychologists practicing in Kentucky. The Board has no association with the KPA-CAP, but wants our membership to be aware of this important and valuable program. You can contact the KPA directly for more information. If you are a KPA Member, the following link provides you with access to all program information.

<https://kpa.memberclicks.net/kpa-cap-program-overview#What%20is%20a%20CAP/KPA-CAP?>

## **Meet your Former and now New Board Member, Eva Markham!**

Dr. Markham is a native Kentuckian and retired this year after a 25-year career at the U of L School of Medicine where she worked for the Weisskopf Center in the Department of Pediatrics. During that time, she enjoyed working with Practicum students as well as medical trainees (including students, residents and fellows). During her career, she enjoyed providing training at conferences locally as well as nationally and internationally. In retirement, she is now consulting for school systems and providing supervision in a local private practice. Dr. Markham is also an Episcopal clergy person and serves at Christ Church Cathedral in Louisville.

Dr. Markham previously served two terms on the Board, ending in 2016. During that time, she worked on and chaired the Examinations, Supervision, and Complaints Committees respectively. She was a Board Chair for two years.

## **Kentucky Volunteers for Oral Examinations**

Oral examinations for licensure for both psychologists and for licensed psychological practitioners are generally 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 generally alternate between Mondays and Fridays every other month; however, this schedule is subject to change as we continue to navigate our new online testing format. Examiners are reimbursed for their travel (if any) 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/newstatic\\_Info.aspx?static\\_ID=432&menuid=116](http://psy.ky.gov/newstatic_Info.aspx?static_ID=432&menuid=116)**

**(under the “Quick Links” section on the right side of the page)**

## **Upcoming Meetings**

Virtual Board Meetings are still open to the public, and generally on the first or second Monday of each month, holidays excluded. Contact the Board Administrator at least one week prior to the meeting date to be included on the virtual agenda. Meeting dates are listed at:

**[http://psy.ky.gov/newstatic\\_Info.aspx?static\\_ID=413](http://psy.ky.gov/newstatic_Info.aspx?static_ID=413)**.