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At the same meeting, Joe Dickhaus, M.S., of Winchester was elected vice-chairperson at the same meeting. He will serve the same term as Dr. Markham. Mr. Dickhaus fills the unexpired term of Dr. Markham, who ascended to chairperson. Dr. Markham became vice chairperson earlier this year upon the expiration of the term of Jean Deters, Psy.D.

Two new members join Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology

Governor Andy Beshear appointed two new members of the Board of Examiners, who began their terms at the Board's July meeting. The new members are Leslie Jenkins, Ph.D., of Louisville, and Harwell Smith III, Ph.D., of Lexington. You can read more about Dr. Jenkins and Dr. Smith later in this newsletter.

Board of Examiners elects new chairperson and vice-chairperson at July board meeting

At the July 2023 board meeting and annual retreat, Eva Markham, Ed.D., was elected unanimously as chairperson by the Board of Examiners of Psychology. Dr. Markham is a retired professor of pediatrics at the University of Louisville and is a consulting psychologist in Louisville. She will fill the remainder of an unexpired term, through the December 2023. The position was vacated upon the expiration of the Board term of former chairperson Brenda Nash, Ph.D.

Thank you to our departing board members

The Board of Examiners expresses its hearty thanks and sincere best wishes to departing board members Jean Deters, Psy.D., of Fort Mitchell and Brenda Nash, Ph.D., of Louisville. Their terms expired in June 2023. Both Dr. Nash and Dr. Deters provided exemplary service to the Board, and we are grateful to them for their leadership during some of the most challenging times in recent memory, including navigating the Covid-19 pandemic and adopting the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PsyPact) in Kentucky. Each of you will be missed.

Continuing Education Update

In-person continuing education required until further notice

One of the most common questions the Board has received this year is whether licensees may continue meeting all of their continuing education requirements via online training following the automatic termination of the Covid-19-related emergency regulations. At this time, at least three hours of CE must be performed in person, with the remaining 36 hours subject to existing rules about delivery of CE. The Board is actively working on a solution to this. However, the Board has no authority under existing Kentucky statutes and regulations to waive the requirement of in-person CE for any licensee. The Board is currently engaged in the rule-making process with a goal of updating the Kentucky regulations to recognize qualifying online CE for all required hours. However, the rule-making process is defined by statute and cannot be expedited. As soon as new regulations are

proposed, they will be published with a public comment period before final consideration for implementation by the Board.

Qualifying international CE credits may be accepted by the Board

A licensee recently asked whether CE credits earned in Canada may be transferred to Kentucky to count toward the annual continuing education requirement. The answer is: maybe! The Board's administrative regulations, 201 KAR 26:175 Section 5(1)(b) states that licensees may get credit for participation in "a continuing education program that is approved, offered, or sponsored by" a "recognized state, regional, national, or international psychological association" or a "state or provincial psychology licensure board." Thus, if a program otherwise meets the requirements for credit, it does not matter that it was completed through an agency outside the United States.

Meet Crystal Baker, the board administrator for the Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology

Crystal is here to help, but it is limited what she is allowed to do for licensees.

The Board of Examiners is assisted by a dedicated board administrator, assigned by the Kentucky Public Protection Cabinet, Department of Professional Licensing. Crystal has been the board administrator since mid-2022. With limited assistance from other staff within the Department of Professional Licensing, Crystal is responsible for administratively processing all applications for licensure and renewal of various Kentucky psychology licenses for more than 1,600 psychologist and psychological associate licenses administered by the Board. In addition, she is responsible for scheduling and proctoring all exams, processing all paper documentation, processing all EPPP test scores, handling all correspondence for the board, receiving all Complaints and all mail sent to the Board, and for handling all inquiries by phone and email to the Board, among many other duties assigned by the Board.

As licensees and applicants, please understand that the staffing resources of the Board are very limited. While the Board and board administrator are here to serve licensees and applicants, there are many questions that the board administrator simply is not authorized or qualified to answer. These include any legal questions about applying regulations to a specific licensee, and any questions about whether specific continuing education sessions are qualified in Kentucky.

Before contacting the board administrator with questions, we ask that you check the Board's website at <https://psy.ky.gov/>. The website includes much useful information about the rules and regulations that apply to Kentucky psychologists, psychological associates, and applicants. In the event you have a question that that is not covered by information available on the website, we recommend you seek legal counsel of your own, or talk to a colleague who has been through the same procedure.

Board Member Spotlight

The Board of Examiners of Psychology is made up of eight licensees plus a citizen-at-large, who are appointed by the governor for four-year terms. All Board members are volunteers and take time away from their busy practices and private lives to do the work of the Board of Examiners, to help ensure the integrity of the psychology profession in Kentucky. In addition to monthly Board meetings and an annual two-day retreat, each member spends countless hours on various committee assignments and meetings, ranging from reviewing applications for new licenses and renewals, considering and adjudicating Complaints, reviewing and revising Kentucky Administrative Regulations relating to the profession, and more.

Here is a spotlight on the two newest members of the Board:

Leslie Jenkins, Ph.D. Dr. Jenkins holds independent licensure as a health service psychologist in Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky as well as PSYPACT certification. She is a Nationally Certified School Psychologist and she holds a Diplomate in School Neuropsychology.

Attending Indiana University Bloomington, Dr. Jenkins earned a Master of Science in Educational Psychology (2010) and a Doctorate in School Psychology with a minor in Counseling (2013). During her internship with the Illinois School Psychology Internship Consortium, she continued to pursue her interests in assessment for learning & attention concerns, health psychology across the lifespan, and developmental-behavioral pediatrics. Upon graduation, Dr. Jenkins was hired to serve as the inaugural postdoctoral psychology resident at St. Vincent's Family Medicine Residency Program in Jacksonville, FL. Alongside 30 M.D. & D.O. residents, Dr. Jenkins facilitated the development of an integrated behavioral healthcare model and ADHD clinic.

Dr. Jenkins is passionate about multidisciplinary teaming and integrated care as evidenced by her record of serving children, teens, and adults in homes, schools, residential facilities, and community mental health centers. More recently, she served as Assistant Professor and Clinical Psychologist for the Neurobehavioral Clinic at Rush University Medical Center in

Chicago, IL. Today, Dr. Jenkins maintains a full-time private practice in Louisville specializing in health psychology and therapy for chronic conditions, as well as second opinion assessment, disability evaluations, and biomedical research.

A native of Jeffersonville, Ind., Dr. Jenkins is a proud UofL alumna ('04) & Cardinals fan, and has played competitive tennis for more than 25 years!

Harwell Smith, Ph.D. Dr. Smith, graduated from Oak Ridge High School in 1969. He attended the University of Tennessee – Knoxville where he received his bachelor's degree in 1973, his master's in 1975. He was conferred a Ph.D. in clinical psychology in 1978, and ABPP board certified in clinical psychology in 1992. After working in adult outpatient mental health in Lenoir, North Carolina for three years, he came to Kentucky in 1982. Dr. Smith started his career here at Eastern State Hospital, where he ran a ward for young, chronically-mentally-ill people from 1982 until 1985. He then transitioned to private practice, working under contract with Adanta Group, Bluegrass West and Kentucky DDS until 1988. For the next 10 years, he had an outpatient psychotherapy practice, including EAP and weekly forensic evaluations in the jails of Eastern and Central Kentucky under contract with Bluegrass Regional Mental Health-Mental Retardation Board, as well as performing competency, fitness for duty, and disability exams for attorneys, insurance companies and the Social Security Administration. Dr. Smith was in independent practice from 1998 until 2015, when he retired. In July 2023, he began contract work with the Kentucky Department of Disability Services as a 'medical consultant.' He is married with one child, who is a speech pathologist. Most recently, Dr. Smith is learning to play and playing Contract Bridge.

Board disciplinary actions can be found:

http://psy.ky.gov/newstatic_Info.aspx?staticID=432&menuid=116

under the "Quick Links" section on the right side of the page

The Board of Examiners is prohibited from participating in legislative advocacy

During this year's legislative session, Board members received several questions about the Board's role in the General Assembly's consideration of House Bill 470. Although ultimately that Bill did not receive a final vote in the Kentucky Senate, the proposed legislation involved gender reassignment and related services provided to minors. The Board of Examiners is prohibited from participating in proposed legislation that does not affect the operation of the Board itself. Thus, the Board had no role in the consideration of HB 470 or any other legislation introduced in the 2023 General Assembly.

The Board is bound by a non-advocacy policy that states as follows:

The Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology ("KBEP") is charged with enforcing KRS 319, *et seq.*, and 201 KAR 16:115-310 regarding the practice of psychology. Such enforcement includes the licensing and disciplining of individuals practicing psychology. As such, the Board will only advocate for or against legislation that affects the enforcement of these laws. The Board will not advocate for or against other legislation that may impact the profession in some way, but does not involve the licensing or enforcement.

COMMUNICATING WITH THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

No matter what the situation, please remember to always use the official Board email address to communicate with the Board:

psy@ky.gov

Board meetings and committee meetings

The Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology meets each month at 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY 40601. Meetings are open to the public and typically conducted by Zoom. Board meetings typically begin at 10:00 a.m., unless noted. The meeting schedule is available online at https://psy.ky.gov/newstatic_Info.aspx?static_ID=413.

RESPONDING TO BOARD NOTICES

Please remember to respond timely to any and all notices or correspondences received by the Board. Failure to respond may result in disciplinary action.