



Ohio Board of Psychology

August 9, 2019

The Honorable Mike DeWine
Governor of Ohio
The Statehouse
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Annual Report – State Board of Psychology [FY19]

Dear Governor DeWine:

Pursuant to ORC 149.01, this will serve as the annual report of transactions, proceedings, and official acts of the State Board of Psychology for FY19. I am pleased to offer an overview of the Psychology Board's accomplishments and activity during FY19. Between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019, the State Board of Psychology:

- Held public meetings in July and November 2018, and January, March, and May 2019
- Examined 165 psychologist licensure candidates and 8 school psychologist candidates on their mastery of the Ohio laws and rules governing the profession
- Conducted 5 pre-certification workshops and administered pre-licensure examinations to 138 candidates for the Certified Ohio Behavior Analyst (COBA) credential
- Issued 157 psychologist licenses and 8 school psychologist licenses
- Issued 130 COBA certificates
- Issued 53 authorizations for 30-day temporary practice to psychologists licensed in other states
- Completed the biennial license registration period between July and October 2018, renewing over 4,000 licenses.
- Received 132 new complaints and closed 159 total complaints:
 - 98 complaints closed No Basis to Proceed
 - 35 complaints investigated and closed No Fault Found
 - 17 complaints closed No Jurisdiction
 - 9 complaints closed with formal disciplinary action:
 - License Revocation 3
 - License Suspension 2
 - Reprimand 4

- As of July 1, 2019, the following licenses were active:
- Psychologist 3,431
 - COBA 514
 - School Psychologist 204

The Psychology Board had expenditures totaling \$659,000, approximately 81% of which was payroll/personal services and benefits (Board payroll \$9,700 and staff payroll \$351,000). Revenue from license and application fees totaled \$1,407,000. We exceeded our 15% goal relative to the DAS MBE program, and exceeded the 5% goal for the EDGE program.

The eLicense Ohio 3.0 license management database is delivering on its promised efficiencies and an improved user experience for our applicants, license holders, and employees. Our staff operates an efficient and friendly workplace focused on customer service and the dissemination of accurate and timely information to the public. We offer customer service hours between 8:30am and 4:30pm.

We currently have one (1) vacancy on the board for a consumer advocate. Our board members are very involved and critically needed in the areas of investigations and conducting face-to-face examinations of psychologist license candidates. Our board members are integral to the successful completion of critical board business and maintain day-to-day responsibilities, including carrying investigation caseloads and examination schedules. Therefore, the public, licensees, complainants, and candidates for licensure all benefit from the Psychology Board being fully functional with 9 appointees.

Finally, Columbus psychologist Dr. Denise Rabold was elected president of the Board for a one-year term beginning October 5, 2019.

Thank you for your ongoing support and leadership.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

cc: Secretary of State
State Library of Ohio
Members, State Board of Psychology