

Oklahoma Senate Committee on Appropriations

2015-16 Performance Report

Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

AGENCY MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists is to protect the public by regulating the practice of psychology in Oklahoma to ensure that only properly qualified psychologists practice psychology in the state and that the psychology profession as a whole is conducted in the public's best interest. The Board was established 1966.

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GOVERNANCE:

The Board consists of seven (7) members appointed by the Governor. Five members are licensed Psychologists in various areas of psychology and 2 lay members:

Teri Bourdeau, Ph.D.	Chair of the Board
Ray Hand, Ph.D.	Vice Chair
Pamela C. Fischer, Ph.D.	Member
Shawn Roberson, Ph.D.	Member
Susan Howard, Ph.D.	Member
Steve Turner	Public Member
Benjamin Harris	Public Member

Committees:

Probable Cause Committee; comprised of the Investigator, counsel to the Board and other appropriate individuals is an advisory body whose function is to summarize the request for inquiry and to make an informed recommendation regarding disposition of the requests for inquiry to the Board. The Probable Cause Committee's recommendation is presented at an open meeting of the Board in which the requesting party and licensee are both provided notice.

Application review committee; comprised of a psychologist who is a previous board member, and the vice chair of the board. All applications to sit for licensure examinations and supervision agreements are reviewed by members for approval. Approval of Rule Changes in 2014 allow applications to be approved by a committee in lieu of having to wait to be reviewed at a board meeting.

Psychological Technician review committee; comprised of a psychologist who is a previous board member and the vice chair of the board. All Psychological Technician applications are reviewed by the committee for approval. Approval of Rule Changes in 2014 allow

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Continuing Education committee; comprised of a psychologist who is a previous board member and the vice chair of the board. All applications for Continuing Education sponsors are reviewed and approved by the committee.

Legislative committee; consisting of the chair of the board, vice chair of the board and the AG representative and Executive Officer. Reviews existing rules and proposes new rules each year as needed.

Exam Committee; comprised of a psychologists who is a previous board member and two board members. Review and update exams as necessary. Make recommendations for revision to the board for approval.

#### GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITY:

Title 59 O.S. 1357. After giving a written statement of the charges and an opportunity to be heard thereon, the Governor may remove any member of the Board for misconduct, incompetency, or neglect of duty. Any vacancy in the membership of the Board shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term....

Title 59 O.S. 1358 The Board shall hold a regular meeting at which it shall annually select from its membership a chair and a vice-chair. Other regular meetings shall be held at such times as the rules for the Board may provide. Special meetings may be held at such times as may be deemed necessary by the Board or a majority of its members. Reasonable notice of all meetings shall be given in the manner prescribed the Rules of the Board. Four member of the Boar shall constitute a quorum.

#### MODERNIZATION EFFORTS:

The Board of Examiners of Psychologists continues to provide online license renewal with 98% online renewal. Additionally, in 2011, the Board partnered with the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Board (ASPPB) mobility program to pilot the online Psychology Licensure Universal System (PLUS). This process allows applicants' information to be retained in the ASPPB credentialing data bank for future use if applicants wish to become licensed in other states or provinces. This application automatically qualifies an applicant eligible for a Certificate of Professional Qualification in Psychology which enables the licensee to be licensed in other states. The PLUS application is now fully functional and utilized by many states.

Currently, the process of entering all Applications for Licensure, Application for Licensure via Reciprocity, Supervision Agreements and Psychological Technician Applications online is being implemented. Once all materials are received, the committees will be able to login in and review applications online.

This past year, all licensee past complaints with no action were scanned and are stored electronically. Currently the process of storing complaints with discipline is in the process.

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To keep expenses at a minimum the Board shares an Administrative Assistant, office space and copy expenses with another agency.

CORE MISSION:

What services are you required to provide which are outside of your core mission?

***There are no services that are preformed that are outside our core mission.***

Are any services you provide duplicated or replicated by another agency?

***There are no services performed by this agency that are duplicated or replicated by another agency.***

Are there services which are core to your mission which you are unable to perform because of requirements to perform non-core services elsewhere?

***This agency is not required to perform non-core services elsewhere.***

PRIVATE ALTERNATIVES:

Are any of the services which are performed by the agency also performed in the private sector in Oklahoma? ***No, all services provided by this agency are exclusive to the agency and not available in the private sector.***

In other states? ***The services this agency provides to the public and profession cannot be performed outside the state of Oklahoma.***

Has the agency been approached by any foundation, for-profit or not-for-profit corporation with efforts to privatize some of the functions of the agency? ***This agency has not been approached by any foundation, for-profit or not-for-profit corporation with efforts to privatize some of the functions of the agency.***