

## REGULATION AND LEGISLATION STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

### **RL-1 Review statutes and regulations for possible revisions while ensuring clarity of legislative intent.**

#### **Conduct review of laws and regulations, including periodic comprehensive reviews.**

September 2009: The Board conducted regulation hearings for Criteria for Evaluation of Education/Approved Schools and Psychological Assistant Limitation of Registration Period. The Board implemented regulations for Psychological Assistant Plans for Supervised Professional Experience (SPE), and Psychological Assistant Renewals. The Board is currently reviewing: California Code of Regulations (CCR) Articles 1 - 3; proposed draft language - Disclosure of Out-of-State Discipline and Criminal Convictions as a Condition of Renewal; and proposed draft language - Continuing Education Provider System.

November 2009: The Board withdrew proposed regulations regarding Criteria for Evaluation of Education/Approved Schools as a result of the passage of AB 48. The Board conducted a regulation hearing for Renewal of License - Disclosure of Discipline and Criminal Convictions. The Board reviewed and approved modified text for proposed regulation - Psychological Assistant Limitation of Registration Period. The Board reviewed CCR Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5.1 & 6; and proposed draft language - Continuing Education Provider System.

February 2010: Gil DeLuna, DCA Representative, reported on SB 1111 and requested the Board's support for this legislation. Gil DeLuna reported on SB 1441 and urged the Board to implement these guidelines and adopt regulations as necessary at its next meeting. Proposed regulations Section 1391.1 - Psychological Assistant Limitation of Registration Period was reported as still in progress. The Board reviewed and approved modified text for - Renewal of License-Disclosure of Discipline and Criminal Convictions and directed staff to complete the rulemaking process. The Board reviewed and approved modifications to the draft regulation language for Continuing Education Provider System and voted to proceed to public hearing. The Board approved modifications to CCR Articles 4 and 6 and approved draft language for notice of public hearing.

May 2010: Kimberly Kirchmeyer, DCA Representative, reported that SB 1111 failed passage and that the Department has defined provisions of the CPEI formerly contained in SB 1111 that can be accomplished through regulatory changes and requested that the Board adopt these provisions. The Board reviewed and approved changes to CCR, Articles 1 - 6 for notice of public hearing. Proposed regulations Section 1391.1-Psychological Assistant Limitation of Registration Period is in progress and will be submitted for review soon. The Board approved modified text for Renewal of License-Disclosure of Discipline and Criminal Convictions proposed regulations. The Board voted to notice a hearing for the proposed regulatory changes for Continuing Education Provider System .

August 2010: Ms. Kirchmeyer, DCA Representative reported on the CPEI, the BREEZE project, and Licensing Reform efforts. The Board approved the 2nd modified text for Renewal of License-Disclosure of Discipline & Criminal Conviction Regulations and directed staff to finalize the rulemaking file. The Board directed staff to notice the proposed Continuing Education Regulations for hearing at the December 2010 Meeting. The Board approved all changes to Articles 1-6, with the exception of certain sections requiring additional review, and directed staff to prepare a Notice for Hearing.

December 2010: Ms. Kirchmeyer, DCA Representative encouraged the Board to move forward with the CPEI regulations. Ms. Kirchmeyer stated that the Director is encouraging Boards to implement the uniform standards contained in SB 1441. Ms. Kirchmeyer invited Brandon Rutschmann from the Office of Information Services to provide the Board a presentation on the BREEZE Project. The Board conducted a regulatory hearing on the proposed Continuing Education (CE) Requirements. The Board approved proposed language related to SB 1111. The Board discussed modifications to Articles 1-6 and directed staff to finalize language and notice for public hearing. Ms. Kassis reported on the status of the Renewal of License - Disclosure of Discipline & Criminal Conviction regulations currently under review by the Department, to be submitted to OAL by December 24, 2010.



**RL-2 Monitor national trends in legislation and regulation to evaluate impact**

**Attend relevant conferences regularly, returning to the Board with information concerning advances in national trends in regulation and licensing.**

September 2009: The Board in conjunction with California Psychological Association (CPA) held a Diversity Conference on Enhancing Services to Consumers on September 25, 2009.

November 2009: The Executive Officer attended the Association of State and Provincial Boards (ASPPB) meeting in Coeur D'alene, Idaho with the focus on consistency in regulation and licensing across jurisdictions held October 26 - November 1, 2009.

February 2010: The Executive Officer will extend an invitation to Dr. Carol Falender to attend the May Board Meeting to share information regarding Telepsychology, a topic of discussion at the April 2010 ASPPB Midyear Meeting.

May 2010: Carol Falender, Ph.D., gave a presentation regarding Telepsychology.

August 2010: Kimberly Kirchmeyer, DCA, Deputy Director, Board/Bureau Support reported that the Director and Executive Officers have been discussing federal health care reform and the impact of increased licensing and enforcement processes and the need to expand some scopes of practice to provide more health care coverage. Drs. Sherman and Rodolfa attended the APA Convention in San Diego and heard various presentations, including the subject of telehealth and the interjurisdictional issues involved. The Executive Officer was unable to attend due to the Budget impasse.

December 2010: The Board reviewed the ASPPB Model Licensing Act

**RL-3 Evaluate legislation regarding Board function.**

**Implement Board procedures to comply with review process.**

September 2009: ongoing.

November 2009: The Board reviewed AB 48, regarding the reinstatement of the Board of Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) and discussed the need to incorporate previous disclosure requirements included in AB 400 which were sunsetted with the prior Reform Act.

February 2010: The Board reviewed the Consumer Protection Enforcement Initiative (CPEI) and Uniform Standards Regarding Substance-Abusing Healing Arts Licensees (SB 1441).

May 2010: The Board reviewed sunset review legislation and various bills.

August 2010: The Board reviewed bills from the 2010 Legislative Session, including: Sunset Review; Consumer Protection Enforcement Initiative (CPEI); Confidentiality of Medical Information: Disclosure; Child Abuse Reporting; Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse; BBS Retirement Status; Peer Review; and other bills of interest.

December 2010: The Board reviewed recently chaptered bills not previously reviewed, including: Health Care Practitioners: Disclosure of Education; Professions and Vocations: Licenses: Military Service; and Healing Arts: Licensure Exemption.

**RL-4 Advocate for legislation, increasing consumer protection.**

**Review current laws and proposed legislation to identify means to increase consumer protection.**

September 2009: ongoing.

November 2009: The Board discussed SB 294, Healing Arts legislation introduced to streamline enforcement processes and expand authority to the Director and the Executive Officer.

February 2010: Gil DeLuna, DCA Representative, reported on SB 1111 and the Departments efforts to improve enforcement processes and reduce the time to prosecute licenses from 3 years to 12-18 months.

May 2010: The Board reviewed draft language for CPEI issues and will bring back in August for further review.

August 2010: The Board reviewed proposed changes to the disciplinary guidelines and recommended changes for further review in December.

December 2010: The Board reviewed proposed changes to the disciplinary guidelines and recommended clarification for further review in February.