



MEMORANDUM

DATE	August 7, 2014
TO	Psychology Board Members
FROM	Jonathan Burke Administrative Services Coordinator
SUBJECT	Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Task Force: 16 (a)

Background:

At the May Board Meeting Board President Michael Erickson announced the creation of an ad hoc Task Force to review the developing field of Applied Behavioral Analysis. Board Staff were tasked with identifying prospective members and send out invitations to those individuals and organizations.

The goals of the Task Force are to determine whether the work performed by ABA practitioners falls under the Board's Practice Act, and if so, the Task Force would need to identify the scope of practice and most beneficial structure for the regulation of the ABA practitioners.

On July 17 letters were sent to representatives of various organizations inviting them to take part in the Task Force. Positive responses have been received from the following organizations;

- California Association of Behavioral Analysts (CalABA)
- California Psychological Association (CPA)
- Behavior Analysis Certification Board (BACB)
- Association of Professional Behavior Analysts (APBA)
- Board of Psychology Members (Johanna Arias-Bhatia and Miguel Gallardo PsyD)

Action Requested:

This item is for informational purposes only. The Task Force will hold their first meeting before the November, 2014 Board Meeting and be prepared to report their progress at that time.

Attachment A: Copy of Task Force Invitation Letter

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July 17, 2014

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Dear Dr. Linder-Crow,

The Board of Psychology (Board) is creating a Task Force to explore the rapidly developing field of Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA). The field of ABA practitioners has been in development for a number of years. The Task Force seeks to build upon the work already conducted by the Autism Advisory Task Force and work with practitioners and stakeholders to ensure safety for the consumers of Behavioral Health Treatment.

The goals of the Task Force are to determine whether the work performed by ABA practitioners is covered by the Board's Practice Act, and if so, the task force would need to identify the scope of practice and most beneficial regulatory structure for the regulation of ABA practitioners. The Task Force will meet on three or four occasions between September 2014 and February 2015 and report its finding to the Board of Psychology in May 2015.

The Board would appreciate a representative from your organization to be on the Task Force. The organizations that have been invited to take part are;

- California Psychological Association (CPA)
- Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB)
- California Association for Behavioral Analysis (Cal ABA)
- Behavior Analysis Certification Board (BACB)
- Association of Professional Behavior Analysts (APBA)
- Board of Psychology Members

These groups represent the stakeholders that may be affected by the recommended actions of the Task Force.

Please feel free to contact the Board's Administrative Services Coordinator, Jonathan Burke, at (916) 574-7137 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Erickson".

MICHAEL ERICKSON, PH.D.
President, Board of Psychology



MEMORANDUM

DATE	August 8, 2014
TO	Psychology Board Members
FROM	Jonathan Burke Administrative Services Coordinator
SUBJECT	Sunset Review Committee: 16 (a)

Background:

At the May Board Meeting Board President Michael Erickson announced the creation of an ad hoc committee to work with staff during the Sunset Review process. The assigned Board Members for the Sunset Review Committee are Board President Michael Erickson and Board Member Jacqueline Horn.

The goal of the Sunset Review Committee will be to go through the Board's 2012 review and prepare for the Board's next review in 2016.

Action Requested:

This item is for informational purposes only. No action is requested at this time.