




## MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	July 21, 2014
<b>TO</b>	Psychology Board Members
<b>FROM</b>	 Antonette Sorrick Executive Officer
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Organizational Update 17 (a)</b>

**Background:**

Below is an organizational update for the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Board of Psychology.

**Action Requested:**

This item is for informational purposes only.

### **Department of Consumer Affairs Update**

**Denise Brown, Director** – Since Denise was appointed by Governor Brown on January 9, 2012 as the Director of the California Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), she has overseen the nearly 40 regulatory entities and other divisions and has more than 30 years of service with DCA. During her tenure, she has held numerous positions within DCA and its various boards. Denise retired on July 2, 2014 and members of the Board and staff extend a sincere thank you to her for the work that she has done to ensure Boards and Bureaus are protecting the consumers in California.

**Donald Chang** - Don was appointed assistant chief counsel at the California Department of Consumer Affairs in August 2012 and has served in multiple positions at the California Department of Consumer Affairs since 1979, including supervising attorney, supervising counsel and staff counsel I, II and III. He earned a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. Don was the assigned legal counsel to many boards within DCA and has assisted the Board of Psychology on various issues during his tenure. Don retired on July 30, 2014 and members of the Board and staff extend a sincere thank you for the years of legal guidance he has provided to the Department.

**Awet Kidane** was appointed director of the California Department of Consumer Affairs effective July 3, 2014 following the retirement of director Denise Brown. Awet has served as chief deputy director at the California Department of Consumer Affairs since 2012. He was chief of staff for California State Assembly Member Steven Bradford from 2009 to 2012 and senior advisor to California State Assembly Speaker Karen Bass from 2008 to 2009. Awet served as a legislative consultant for the California State Assembly from 2003 to 2009, where he was an associate consultant from 2002 to 2003. This position requires Senate confirmation.

**Tracy Rhine** was appointed chief deputy director at the California Department of Consumer Affairs, where she has served as deputy director of legislative and policy review since 2012. Tracy served in multiple positions at the California Board of Behavioral Sciences from 2008 to 2012, including assistant executive officer and legislative analyst. She was a consultant for the California State Assembly Committee on Business, Professions and Consumer Protection from 2005 to 2008 and consultant for the California State Assembly Speaker's Office of Member Services from 2002 to 2005. Tracy was a graduate research assistant in Governor Gray Davis' Office of Innovation in 2002. This position does not require Senate confirmation.

### **Board of Psychology Update**

Since the May, 2014 meeting, Governor Brown has made the following reappointments to the Board:

Nicole J. Jones, of Los Angeles, has been reappointed to the California Board of Psychology, where she has served since 2012. Nicole has been director of external affairs at Crystal Stairs Inc. since 2011. She was associate director of corporate and foundation relations at Loyola Marymount University from 2008 to 2011, senior program director at Southern California Grantmakers from 2007 to 2008 and program director at the California Wellness Foundation from 2002 to 2007. Nicole was program officer and program associate at the California Community Foundation from 1998 to 2001, fellow and special

assistant at the National Urban Fellows from 1997 to 1998 and a fellow with the Coro Fellows Program from 1996 to 1997. She served as a field representative for California State Assembly Member Kevin Murray from 1994 to 1996 and as a field deputy for Los Angeles City Council member Rudy Svorinich Jr. from 1993 to 1994. Nicole earned a Master of Public Administration degree from the City University of New York, Baruch College. This position does not require Senate confirmation.

Michael Erickson, of Gold River, has been appointed to the California Board of Psychology, where he has served since 2010. Michael has been a clinical and forensic psychologist in private practice since 1980. He was assistant clinical professor of psychiatry and clinical instructor at the University of California, Davis School of Medicine from 1987 to 2003 and clinical psychologist and acting director for the Eskaton-American River Mental Health Center from 1975 to 1980. Erickson was a management psychologist at the Weyerhaeuser Company from 1973 to 1975 and served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Colombia from 1965 to 1967. Michael earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in clinical psychology from the University of Oregon. This position does not require Senate confirmation.

**Staffing Update**

Authorized Positions: 20.30  
 BL 12-03 (999 Blanket) Positions: 1.20  
 Temp Help: 5.00

<b>New Hires</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>Program</b>
Sandra Monterrubio	Staff Services Manager I (Enforcement Program Manager)	Enforcement
Chris Siefert	Program Technician	Administration
Taylor Hattersley	Student Assistant	Administration

<b>Promotions</b>		
Liezel Isadore	Staff Services Analyst (Licensing Analyst)	Licensing
Karen Johnson	Associate Government Program Analyst (Licensing Lead)	Licensing

<b>New Assignments</b>		
Lavinia Snyder	Associate Government Program Analyst (Examinations and BreEZe	Licensing

	Coordinator)	
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Vacancies: Two AGPA Positions in Enforcement  
One .5 SSA Position in Licensing