



MEMORANDUM

DATE	November 5, 2014
TO	Psychology Board Members
FROM	Jonathan Burke Administrative Services Coordinator
SUBJECT	Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Task Force Report

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 (ABA). Board Staff were tasked with identifying prospective members and sending 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.

The Board invited and received positive responses from the following individuals who represented the various stakeholders in the developing ABA arena:

- Johanna Arias-Bhatia, Committee Chair
- Miguel Gallardo, PsyD, Board of Psychology
- Don Crowder, PhD, Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB)
- Elizabeth Winkelman, PhD, JD, California Psychological Association (CPA)
- Jim Carr, PhD, Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB)
- Gina Green, PhD, Association of Professional Behavior Analysts (APBA)
- Daniel Shabani, PhD, California Association of Behavior Analysis

The ABA Task Force meeting was held on October 13, 2014 at the Department of Consumer Affairs in Sacramento to discuss the goals of the Task Force and begin introductions. Task Force members introduced themselves and discussed the goals and interests of the organizations they represent. It was decided at the meeting that an official goal of the Task Force will be to identify where behavior analysis licensure will be housed.

It was indicated that future discussions will further address the scope of practice, examinations, language and titles used in the proposal, and availability of providers in comparison to other states.

There was one motion carried at the Task Force meeting that determined the goal of the Task force to be where ABA Practitioners should be housed. The vote was unanimously in favor.

The California Association of Behavior Analysis has submitted as Sunrise Application to the Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Committee and the response questionnaire will be published in mid -December and the second ABA Task Force Meeting will take place after the release of the questionnaire, but before Christmas.

Action Requested:

Approve or reject the ABA Task Force's recommendation that the official goal of the Task Force be to identify where behavior analysis licensure will be housed.