



MEMORANDUM

DATE	February 12, 2015
TO	Psychology Board Members
FROM	Jonathan Burke Administrative Services Coordinator
SUBJECT	Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Task Force Report

Background:

At the January Board Meeting the Board passed four motions regarding the Applied Behavior Analyst Sunrise Application. The Board determined that three of these motions should be communicated to the Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee (B&P Committee) via a letter. The letter was sent on January 26, 2014. The three motions were;

- That any licensure bill contain an exemption for licensed psychologists and their supervisees,
- That any licensure bill exclude diagnosis in the ABA practitioners scope of practice and;
- That it be communicated that ABA is within the existing scope of practice for licensed psychologists.

The fourth motion was that staff prepare an analysis on how feasible it would be for the Board to “house” the ABA practitioners and the potential impact on staffing, licensure, facilities, BreEZe, and enforcement.

Action Requested:

This item is for informational purposes and no action is requested.

Attachment A: is the letter sent by the Board to the Senate B&P Committee

Attachment B: is the ABA “Housing” Analysis



January 26, 2015

The Honorable Jerry Hill
Chair, Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee
State Capitol, Room 5035
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS SUNRISE PROPOSAL

Dear Senator Hill:

The California Board of Psychology (Board) formed an Applied Behavior Analysis Task Force (Task Force) to discuss and analyze the Sunrise Application submitted by the California Association for Behavior Analysis (CalABA). The members of the Task Force are representative of the professions potentially affected by any licensing act for ABA practitioners;

- Johanna Arias-Bhatia, Board of Psychology, 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 for Behavior Analysis

The Task Force submitted three unanimously approved motions to the Board for its consideration. These motions were formally adopted by the Board;

- That any licensure bill contain an exemption for licensed psychologists and their supervisees,
- That any licensure bill exclude diagnosis in the ABA practitioners scope of practice and;
- That it be communicated that ABA is within the existing scope of practice for licensed psychologists.

The Board looks forward to working with the Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee during the Sunrise process. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Antonette Sorrick, Executive Office of the Board at (916) 574-7113.

Sincerely,

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

MICHAEL ERICKSON, PHD
President, Board of Psychology

cc: Senator Patricia C. Bates (Vice Chair)
Senator Tom Berryhill
Senator Marty Block
Senator Cathleen Galgiani
Senator Ed Hernandez
Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson
Senator Tony Mendoza
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