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May 4, 2015,

Antonette Sorrick
Executive Officer
California Board of Psychology
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Dear Ms. Sorrick:

The California Psychological Association is proposing a joint program with the Board of Psychology on the topic of the intersection of ethics and the laws that apply to the practice of psychology. Similar programs have been offered in North Carolina, Vermont, Ohio, and Connecticut and have received outstanding reviews by the participants in attendance.

In each case, the professional association has partnered with the regulatory board to provide the content for the program. In some cases, members of the board of psychology were panelists with members of the professional association's Ethics Committee. In all of the programs, Dr. Stephen Behnke, Director of Ethics at the American Psychological Association, was a lead presenter.

We propose this as a joint program with members of CPA's Ethics Committee, Dr. Behnke, and one or more members of the Board of Psychology as participants. Optimally, we might also have the board's attorney as a participant.

At our recent annual convention we held a full-day institute of a similar nature that included a member of the Board of Psychology and Dr. Behnke, as well as members of our Ethics Committee. It received very high ratings and many said that it was a superb learning experience that they felt would help them in making sound decisions when complex professional situations arise.

We are fortunate to have a positive and collaborative working relationship with the BOP, and this would give us an opportunity for that message to be very visible to licensed psychologists. We believe that this kind of program is an important element not only for practicing psychologists, but also for the consumer that utilize their services.

I have attached a proposed description of the program, which should be considered as a draft. We hope to work with the Board of Psychology to plan the final program together.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to answering any questions that Board might have.

Best always,

Jo Linder-Crow, PhD
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