



## ISSUE MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	December 29, 2015
<b>TO</b>	Policy and Advocacy Committee Members
<b>FROM</b>	Kelli Okuma <i>Kelli Okuma</i> Retired Annuitant
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Agenda Item #4 – Approval of Minutes: April 27, 2015

This agenda item contains the minutes of the April 27, 2015, meeting of the Policy and Advocacy Committee for your consideration and approval.

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3 **POLICY AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE**  
4 **MEETING MINUTES**  
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17 **Monday, April 27, 2015**  
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20 **Agenda Item #1: Call to Order/Roll Call**  
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22 Nicole Jones, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum of the  
23 Committee was present and due notice had been sent to all interested parties.  
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25 **Members Present:**

26 Nicole Jones, Chairperson  
27 Johanna Arias-Bhatia  
28 Michael Erickson, PhD  
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31 **Others Present:**

32 Antonette Sorricks, Executive Officer  
33 Jeffrey Thomas, Assistant Executive Officer  
34 Kurt Heppler, Legal Counsel  
35 Norine Marks, Legal Counsel  
36 Jonathan Burke, Administrative Coordinator  
37 Sandra Monterrubio, Enforcement Program Manager  
38 Pamela McCrory, PhD, Los Angeles County Psychological Association  
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41 **Agenda Item #2: Chair Welcome**  
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43 Ms. Jones welcomed the Committee Members, and those in attendance both in person  
44 and via telephonic connection.  
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46 **Agenda Item #3: Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda**

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48 There were no public comments.

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51 **Agenda Item #4: Approval of Minutes: February 26-27, 2015**

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53 Dr. Erickson requested a correction to the first paragraph of page 5 to insert the word  
54 "committee."

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56 Ms. Jones requested a correction to section 6 of page 3 to correct the spelling of the  
57 word "counsel."

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59 Ms. Jones referred the Committee to section 7 of page 4, stating that there were other  
60 comments made that are not reflected in the minutes. Mr. Burke stated he would review  
61 the recording of the meeting and insert all public comments.

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63 It was M(Erickson)/S(Jones)/C to approve the minutes as amended.

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65 Vote: (Aye - Arias-Bhatia, Erickson, Jones. No - none)

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68 **Agenda Item #5: Review and Consideration of Proposed Legislation,**  
69 **Recommendations to Full Board**

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71 **#5 a) Legislation Update and Review, Recommendations to Full Board**

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73 **#5 a 1) AB 12 (Cooley) State Government: Administrative Regulations: Review**

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75 Ms. Jones reported this bill would, until January 1, 2019, require each state agency to,  
76 on or before January 1, 2018, and after a noticed public hearing, review and revise the  
77 agency's regulations to eliminate any inconsistencies, overlaps, or outdated provisions  
78 in the regulations, adopt the revisions as emergency regulations, and report to the  
79 Legislature and Governor, as specified. The bill would further require each agency to,  
80 on or before January 1, 2017, compile an overview of the statutory law the agency  
81 administers.

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83 Mr. Burke reported the bill was read a second time in the Assembly, amendments were  
84 made to the bill, and it was re-referred to the Committee on Accountability and  
85 Administrative Review to be heard Wednesday the following week at 9 a.m.

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87 Ms. Jones recommended the Board continue to watch AB 12.

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90 **#5 a 2) AB 19 (Chang) State Government: Regulations**

91  
92 Mr. Burke reported this bill would require state agencies to review all existing  
93 regulations annually for relevance, redundancy, and impact on the business community.  
94 The bill was read a second time, amended, and re-referred to the Committee on Jobs,  
95 Economic Development and the Economy.

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97 Ms. Jones recommended the Board continue to watch AB 19.

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99 **#5 a 4) AB 259 (Dababneh) Personal Information: Privacy**

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101 Mr. Burke reported this bill would require an agency, if that agency was the source of a  
102 breach of a person's personal information, to provide affected persons with identity theft  
103 prevention and mitigation services at no cost for not less than 12 months. The bill was  
104 referred to the suspense file.

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106 Ms. Jones recommended the Board continue to watch AB 259.

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108 **#5 a 5) AB 317 (Maienschein) Health Care Professionals**

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110 Ms. Jones reported this bill was amended to apply only to the Veterinary Medical Board  
111 and no longer impacts the Board of Psychology.

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113 Ms. Jones recommended AB 317 be removed from the Board's watch list.

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115 **#5 a 7) AB 483 (Patterson) Healing Arts: Initial License Fees: Proration**

116  
117 Ms. Jones reported this bill was similar to AB 773; the Board of Psychology was  
118 amended out of the bill.

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120 Ms. Jones recommended the Board continue to watch AB 483 for any future  
121 amendment that may include the Board of Psychology.

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123 **#5 a 8) AB 507 (Olsen) Department of Consumer Affairs**

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125 Mr. Burke reported this bill was amended to require the Department of Consumer Affairs  
126 provide an annual report on the functionality of the BreEZe system.

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128 Ms. Jones recommended the Board continue to watch AB 507.

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130 **#5 a 9) AB 611 (Dahle) Controlled substances: prescriptions: reporting.**

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132 Mr. Burke reported that this bill would authorize an individual designated to investigate a  
133 holder of a professional license to apply to the Department of Justice to obtain approval  
134 to access information contained in the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and  
135 Evaluation System (CURES) Prescription Drug Monitoring Program regarding the

136 controlled substance history of an applicant or a licensee under the Department of  
137 Consumer Affairs for the purpose of investigating alleged substance abuse of a  
138 licensee. He informed the Committee that Board staff rarely accesses CURES and for  
139 that reason, the bill would have little to no impact on the Board.

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141 Ms. Jones recommended the Board continue to watch AB 611.

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143 **#5 a 6) AB 848 (Stone) Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Treatment Facilities**

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145 Mr. Burke reported this bill would authorize an adult alcoholism and drug abuse  
146 recovery or treatment facility to allow a licensed physician and surgeon or other health  
147 care practitioner, including a psychologist, to provide incidental medical services to a  
148 resident of the facility at the facility premises under specified limited circumstances. The  
149 bill passed out of the Assembly Business and Professions Committee and to the Health  
150 Committee.

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152 Dr. Erickson asked if the language expands the settings in which a psychologist could  
153 provide and bill for services.

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155 Ms. Jones requested staff provide an analysis to address Dr. Erickson's question and  
156 recommended the Board continue to watch AB 848.

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158 **#5 a 20) SB 52 (Walters) Regulatory Boards: Healing Arts**

159

160 Mr. Burke reported this bill would make minor non-substantive technical changes to the  
161 healing arts provisions of the Business and Professions Code relating to the display of a  
162 license. The bill was re-referred to the Rules Committee on January 15.

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164 Ms. Jones recommended the Board continue to watch SB 52.

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166 **#5 a 21) SB 128 (Wolk and Monning) End of Life**

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168 Mr. Burke reported this bill would establish the End of Life Option Act in California,  
169 modeled after Oregon's Death with Dignity Act that was enacted in 1997. The bill would  
170 allow a mentally competent, terminally ill adult in California in the final stages of their  
171 disease to request medication from a physician to assist suicide.

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173 Ms. Jones recommended the Board continue to watch SB 128.

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175 **#5 a 22) SB 130 (Roth) Mental Health**

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177 Ms. Jones reported this bill would make technical non-substantive changes related to  
178 mental health services.

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180 Mr. Burke reported the recipient of those services includes veterans; the bill would be  
181 heard the following day by the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee.

182 Ms. Jones recommended the Board continue to watch SB 130.

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184 **#5 a 23) SB 259 (Bates) Health Care Professionals**

185

186 Mr. Burke reported this bill would make a non-substantive change to current provisions  
187 of the Health Care Professional Disaster Response Act. The non-substantive changes  
188 would not have a direct impact on the Board or psychologists.

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190 Ms. Jones recommended the Board continue to watch SB 259.

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192 **#5 a 24) SB 272 (Hertzberg) California Public Records Act: Local Agencies:  
193 Inventory**

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195 Mr. Burke reported this bill would mandate reporting and disclosure information for local  
196 agencies.

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198 Ms. Jones recommended the Board continue to watch SB 272.

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200 **#5 a 17) AB 1279 (Holden) Music Therapy**

201

202 Mr. Burke reported this bill was amended to include language requiring licensure to  
203 practice music therapy.

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205 Ms. Jones recommended the Board watch AB 1279.

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207 **#5 a 10) AB 618 (Maienschein) Parole: Primary Mental Health Clinicians**

208

209 Mr. Burke reported this bill addresses the materials a parolee may request relative to a  
210 parole hearing and who can conduct a psychological evaluation but has no impact on  
211 the Board directly.

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213 Ms. Jones recommended the Board watch AB 618.

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215 **#5 a 3) AB 85 (Wilk) Open Meetings**

216

217 Mr. Burke reported this bill would revise the definition of a state body subject to the  
218 Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act as an advisory body consisting of less than three  
219 members. Existing law permits an advisory body of two to meet without having to notice  
220 the meeting by preparing a notice and agenda, posting and distributing that agenda,  
221 and preparing subsequent meeting minutes. He informed the Committee that the Board  
222 currently has standing committees comprised of less than three members that have no  
223 authority to make decisions, but rather analyze issues presented to the committee and  
224 make recommendations to the full Board. This bill would require that meetings of those  
225 2-person ad-hoc committees be publicly noticed. Mr. Burke stated that any meeting  
226 involving formal action by a state body should be open to the public; however, an  
227 advisory body has no authority to act on its own and must present any findings and

228 recommendations to a larger body in a public meeting for formal action. He suggested  
229 the Committee recommend the Board take an opposed position.

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231 It was M(Erickson)/S(Jones)/C to recommend the Board oppose AB 85.

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233 Vote: (Aye – Arias-Bhatia, Erickson, Jones. No – none)

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235 **#5 a 6) AB 333 ((Melendez) Healing arts: Continuing Education**

236  
237 Mr. Burke reported that this bill would allow a Board licensee to earn continuing  
238 education credit for participation in a course that instructs the proper use of an  
239 automated external defibrillator, or that results in the licensee becoming a certified  
240 instructor of cardiopulmonary resuscitation. He stated that while beneficial, there is no  
241 relevancy between the proposal and the practice of psychology.

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243 It was M(Erickson)/S(Arias-Bhatia)/C to recommend the Board oppose AB 333.

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245 Vote: (Aye – Arias-Bhatia, Erickson, Jones. No – none)

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247 **#5 a 11) AB 705 (Eggman) – Exempt Settings**

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249 Mr. Burke reported that this Board-sponsored bill would ensure employees in exempt  
250 settings are working towards licensure as psychologists by the Board.

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252 It was M(Erickson)/S(Arias-Bhatia) to recommend the Board support AB 705.

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254 Vote: (Aye – Arias-Bhatia, Erickson, Jones. No – none)

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256 **#5 a 12) AB 773 (Baker) – Expiration of License/Birth Date Renewal Legislation**

257  
258 Mr. Burke reported that this Board-sponsored bill would establish that all psychologists'  
259 initial license periods are 24 months.

260  
261 It was M(Arias-Bhatia)/S(Jones)/C to recommend the Board continue to support AB  
262 773.

263  
264 Vote: (Aye – Arias-Bhatia, Erickson, Jones. No – none)

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266 **#5 a 13) AB 750 (Low) – Business and Professions: licensees**

267  
268 Mr. Burke reported this bill would allow the Board to establish, by regulation, a system  
269 for a retired category of licensure for persons who are not actively engaged in the  
270 practice of a profession or vocation.

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272 It was M(Jones)/S(Erickson)/C to recommend the Board support AB 750.

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274 Vote: (Aye – Arias-Bhatia, Erickson, Jones. No – none)

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276 **#5 a 14) AB 796 – (Nazarian) Health Care Coverage: Autism and Pervasive**  
277 **Developmental Disorders**

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279 Mr. Burke reported that this bill would modify the definition of “qualified autism service  
280 professional” and “qualified autism service paraprofessional” to allow insurance  
281 coverage for types of behavioral health treatment other than applied behavior analysis  
282 (ABA). Staff reviewed this bill as it relates to SB 479. Under SB 479, ABA practitioners  
283 would be licensed and regulated. Under AB 796, there would be no regulatory oversight  
284 of the practitioners. For that reason, staff suggested the Committee recommend the  
285 Board oppose AB 796.

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287 Dr. Erickson asked if a letter detailing the reason(s) for the Board’s position would be  
288 sent to the bill’s author. Mr. Burke informed him Board staff would send such a letter to  
289 the author.

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291 It was M(Erickson)/S(Arias-Bhatia)/C to recommend the Board oppose AB 796.

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293 Vote: (Aye – Arias-Bhatia, Erickson, Jones. No – none)

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295 **#5 a 15) AB 832 – (Garcia) Child Abuse: Reportable Conduct**

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297 Mr. Burke reported that this bill would provide that “sexual assault” for reporting  
298 purposes does not include consensual sodomy, oral copulation, or sexual penetration,  
299 unless that conduct is between a person who is 21 years of age or older and a minor  
300 who is under 16 years of age.

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302 It was M(Erickson)/S(Arias-Bhatia)/C to recommend the Board support AB 832 if  
303 amended to read:

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305 “Sexual assault” for the purposes of this article does not include voluntary conduct  
306 between minors of a like age in violation of Section 286, 288, or 288a unless the  
307 conduct is between a person 21 years of age or older and a minor who is under 16  
308 years of age.

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310 Vote: (Aye – Arias-Bhatia, Erickson, Jones. No – none)

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312 **#5 a 18) AB 1374 (Levine) Submission of Supervised Professional Experience/Fee**  
313 **(Business and Professions Code Sections 2903 and 2914(c))**

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315 Mr. Burke reported that this Board-sponsored bill would address the way the Board  
316 receives Verification of Experience forms and removes the “for a fee” language from the  
317 definition of a psychologist’s scope of practice.

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319 It was M(Erickson)/S(Arias-Bhatia)/C to recommend the Board continue to support AB  
320 1374.

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322 Vote: (Aye – Arias-Bhatia, Erickson, Jones. No – none)

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324 **#5 a 19) AB 2198 (Levine) Suicide Prevention**

325  
326 Mr. Burke informed the Board that this bill would require certain mental health  
327 professionals to complete a training program in suicide assessment, treatment, and  
328 management. Governor Brown vetoed the bill stating that California has an extensive  
329 regulatory scheme that aims to ensure that California physicians, psychologists and  
330 counselors are skilled in the healing arts to which they have committed their lives.  
331 Rather than further legislating in this field, the Governor asked licensing boards to  
332 evaluate the issues which were raised in AB 2198 and take whatever actions are  
333 needed.

334  
335 Mr. Burke reported that a survey was sent to graduate programs to determine the type  
336 of training psychologists receive in this area. The Board received only 15 responses to  
337 its survey. It was determined that the survey was not asking questions in the best way  
338 to the appropriate audience; psychologists do not receive training in this field during the  
339 graduate stage but more so at practicum internships. The survey was re-evaluated and  
340 an improved survey was sent to internship directors, clinical internship directors, and  
341 practicum locations. The Board is now receiving much more thorough responses that  
342 verify psychologists do receive a significant amount of training in the area of suicide  
343 prevention as they progress towards licensure. DCA is taking the lead in determining  
344 ways to address any potential gaps in mental health provider knowledge in the area of  
345 suicide prevention. This information, once finalized, will be shared with the Governor's  
346 Office. The complete survey will be shared with the Committee at its May meeting.

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348 Ms. Jones questioned how the work is being communicated by the Board and DCA, and  
349 asked if the results could be posted on the Board's website.

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351 **#5 a 25) SB 479 (Bates) Healing Arts: ABA**

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353 Mr. Burke reported this bill would establish the Behavior Analyst Act, vest the Board  
354 with the power to enforce the Act, require in part that a person apply for and obtain a  
355 license prior to engaging in the practice of behavior analysis, and establish educational,  
356 training and application requirements. The bill would also create an advisory committee,  
357 and revise the membership of the Board of Psychology.

358  
359 Ms. Jones recommended the Committee take no action, allow the ABA Task Force the  
360 opportunity to meet in two days to review and consider the bill, and bring the matter to  
361 the full Board at its May meeting.

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363 **#5 a 26) SB 800 (Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development**  
364 **Committee) Regarding Submission of Supervised Professional Experience**  
365 **(Business and Professions Code Section 2914(g))**  
366

367 Mr. Burke identified this as the Board's Omnibus legislation. The Board adopted a  
368 support position at its February meeting. The Assistant Executive Officer will testify in  
369 support of this bill on this date.  
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371 It was M(Erickson)/S(Arias-Bhatia)/C to recommend the Board continue to support SB  
372 800.  
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374 Vote: (Aye – Erickson, Arias-Bhatia, Jones. No – none)  
375

376 **#5 b) Update regarding the California Child Abuse and Neglect Report Act**  
377 **(CANRA) and Mandated Reporting – Penal Code Sections 261.5, 288 and 11165.1**  
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379 Mr. Burke reported that the Board asked for an opinion from the Attorney General to  
380 determine whether oral copulation and sodomy between minors of like age is  
381 reportable. Assemblymember Garcia forwarded the request for the official opinion. It is  
382 anticipated that an official opinion may be completed by the summer.  
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384 **#5 c) Regulation Update and Review Recommendations to Full Board**  
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386 **#5 c 1) Title 16, CCR Section 1397.12 – Uniform Standards Related to Substance**  
387 **Abuse and Disciplinary Guidelines**  
388

389 Mr. Burke reported the Rulemaking File had been submitted to the Department of  
390 Consumer Affairs for review. A 15-day notice to modify the language was subsequently  
391 noticed to address inconsistent language relative to the authority to suspend a license  
392 rather than ordering a cease practice. The language will be presented to the Board in  
393 May for approval. The Rulemaking File will then be resubmitted to DCA for review prior  
394 to submission to Agency, Department of Finance, and the Office of Administrative Law.  
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396 **#5 c 2) Title 16, CCR, Sections 1388, 1388.6, 1389, 1392 – Examinations, License**  
397 **Requirements and Waiver of Exemption. Reconsideration of Examinations,**  
398 **Psychologists Fees**  
399

400 Mr. Burke reported that the Rulemaking File has been submitted to the Director of the  
401 Department of Consumer Affairs for approval, then it will be submitted to Agency. Once  
402 approved by Agency, a formal request for an expedited review will be prepared and filed  
403 with the Office of Administrative Law.  
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405 **#5 c 3) Title 16, CCR, Sections 1397.60, 1397.61, 1397.62, 1397.67 – Definitions,**  
406 **Continuing Education Requirements, Continuing Education Exemptions and**  
407 **Exceptions. Renewal after inactive or Delinquent Status**  
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409 **#5 c 3 i) Discussion and Review of Comments Received During the 15-Day Notice**  
410 **Period**

411  
412 Mr. Burke reported that at its February 26, 2015, public hearing, the Board voted to  
413 modify the proposed amendments to raise the cap of traditional continuing education  
414 coursework from 18 hours to 27 hours per renewal cycle. 671 public comments were  
415 received to the modifications. 622 (93%) of the comments disagreed with the 27-hour  
416 cap and requested the continuation of 36 hours of traditional continuing education  
417 courses. 32 (5%) of the comments were not related to the second modified language.  
418 16 (2%) of the comments were supportive of the proposed modifications. 1 comment  
419 suggested a 30-hour cap.

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421 The Committee questioned whether the matter was to be brought to the full Board for  
422 direction at its May Board meeting. Ms. Marks clarified that the Board could either adopt  
423 the modifications as noticed explaining why it was rejecting the public comments, or it  
424 could make further modifications with another 15-day notice to accommodate the public  
425 comments. She asked the Committee if it wanted to make a recommendation to the  
426 Board one way or the other.

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428 Ms. Arias – Bhatia excused herself from the remainder of the meeting.

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430 It was M(Erickson)/S(Jones)/C to bring the public comments and staff summary to the  
431 full Board for its review and consideration.

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433 Vote: (Aye –Erickson, Jones. No – none)

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435 Ms. Jones requested the categories in the summary be further broken down into areas  
436 of concern/objection.

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438 **#5 c 4) Title 16, CCR, Section 1380.5 – Filing of Addresses**

439  
440 Mr. Burke presented proposed amended regulatory language to allow a licensee to  
441 provide an address of record that differs from the current mailing address, and to  
442 require a licensee to report to the Board his or her electronic mail address, specifying  
443 that a change must be reported to the Board within 30 days of such change.

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445 It was M(Erickson)/S(Jones)/C to recommend the Board approve for public hearing the  
446 proposed amendment as follows:

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448 **§ 1380.5. Filing of Address.**

449 (a) Each person holding a license as a psychologist shall file with the board his or her  
450 address of record, which shall be used as the mailing address for the licensee and shall  
451 be disclosable to the public proper and current mailing address, and shall report  
452 immediately to the board at its Sacramento office any and all changes of address, giving  
453 both his old and new address. The licensee may provide a post office box number or  
454 other alternative address as his or her address of record; if a post office box number or

455 other alternative address is used as the address of record, however, the licensee shall  
456 also provide a physical business or residential address for the Board's internal  
457 administrative use, and not for disclosure to the public.

458 (b) Each applicant and licensee who has an electronic mail address shall provide to the  
459 Board that electronic mail address and shall maintain a current electronic mail address,  
460 if any, with the Board.

461 (c) Within 30 days after a change of any address above, the applicant or licensee shall  
462 report to the Board any and all changes, giving both his or her old and new address(es).

463 (d) Failure to comply with the requirements of this section may subject the licensee to  
464 citation or administrative action.

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466 Note: Authority cited: Section 2930, Business and Professions Code. Reference:  
467 Sections 12.5, 27, 136, and ~~2982~~ 2948, Business and Professions Code  
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469 Vote: (Aye – Erickson, Jones. No – none)  
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472 **Agenda Item #6: Recommendations for Agenda Items for Future Committee**  
473 **Meetings**

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475 There were no recommendations for agenda items for future Committee meetings.  
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478 **Agenda Item #7: Adjournment**

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480 Ms. Jones adjourned the meeting at 1:04 p.m.