

MEMORANDUM

DATE	June 17, 2016
TO	Psychology Licensing Committee Members
FROM	Karen Johnson Licensing Coordinator <i>Karen Johnson</i>
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 7. Review of Proposed New Statutory Language Regarding Coursework in Suicide Risk Assessment and Intervention

Background:

AB 2198 (Levine, 2014) would have mandated a six hour one time continuing education requirement on the subject of suicide prevention, assessment and training for licensees of the Board. It would also require applicants for psychology licensure whose graduate studies began on or after January 1, 2016, take a 15 hour course in suicide assessment, treatment and management. The Board took an oppose position at their August 2014 meeting. Staff provided testimony to the Legislature and wrote opposition letters to the author and committee members. The bill was vetoed by Governor Brown; however, in his veto message he asked, "...licensing Boards to address the issues which this bill raises and take whatever actions are needed".

At their May 2, 2016 meeting, the Licensing Committee review proposed language that would require applicants for licensure to take a six hour course in suicide risk assessment and intervention. The Committee moved to approve the proposed statutory language with additional language to be drafted by staff and legal counsel to require this training in the CPD model as a one-time renewal requirement for current licensees.

At their May 19-20, 2016 meeting, the Board rejected the Licensing Committees recommendation to include additional language to require this training in the CPD model as a one-time renewal requirement, but agreed with the original language to require a six hour course for applicants for psychology licensure.

The Board requested that the proposed language be brought back to the Licensing Committee for further discussion at their next scheduled meeting and for future recommendations to the Board.

The motion at the May 19-20, 2016 Board meeting is as follows:

It was M(Horn)/S(Jones) to support the Licensing Committee's recommendation to accept the proposed language with the addition of language drafted by staff and legal counsel to require this training in the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) model as a one-time renewal requirement.

Vote: 0 aye, 6 no (Acquaye-Baddoo, Gallardo, Phillips, Horn, Arias-Bhatia, Erickson), 3 abstain (Jones, Harlem, Starr)

Attachments:

1. Proposed Language
2. First time renewal requirements

Action Requested:

Review and approve new statutory language requiring coursework in suicide risk assessment and intervention.

New Statutory Language Regarding Coursework in Suicide Risk Assessment and Intervention

§2915.4. Coursework in suicide risk assessment and intervention.

(a) Any applicant for licensure as a psychologist who began graduate study on or after January 1, 20XX, shall complete, as a condition of licensure, a minimum of 6 contact hours of coursework in suicide risk assessment and intervention.

(b) Coursework taken in fulfillment of other educational requirements for licensure pursuant to this chapter, ~~or in a separate course of study,~~ may, at the discretion of the board, fulfill the requirements of this section.

(c) In order to satisfy the coursework requirement of this section, the applicant shall submit to the board a certification from the chief academic officer of the educational institution from which the applicant graduated stating that the coursework required by this section is included within the institution's required curriculum for graduation, ~~or within the coursework,~~ that was completed by the applicant.

(d) The board shall not issue a license to the applicant until the applicant has met the requirements of this section.

Comment [D1]: Possibly move to pathways code?

Comment [D2]: Bring back veto message from governor, survey results, list of requirements from other sections,

Comment [nm3]: Why would you delete this phrase? It's consistent with the aging and long-term care requirement and it allows for the hours to be satisfied by an elective, I believe.

Comment [D4]: Add "1 time post licensure" language and develop cpd language.

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

**HISTORY OF ONE-TIME CONTINUING EDUCATION RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY'S
CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM (OPERATIVE JANUARY 1, 1996)**

SPOUSAL/PARTNER ABUSE ASSESSMENT, DETECTION AND INTERVENTION STRATEGIES					
APPLIES TO:	EXEMPTION ALLOWED?	ADDED/AMENDED BY:	B&P CODE SECTION:	SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS	OPERATIVE DATE:
Licensees who began graduate study prior to 01/01/2004	Yes	Stats. 2002, ch. 481, § 3 (SB 564)	2915	A continuing education course during his or her first renewal period after the operative date of this section in spousal/partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention strategies, including community resources, cultural factors, and same gender abuse dynamics.	01/01/2004

AGING AND LONG-TERM CARE					
APPLIES TO:	EXEMPTION ALLOWED?	ADDED/AMENDED BY:	B&P CODE SECTION:	SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS	OPERATIVE DATE:
Licensees who began graduate study prior to 01/01/2004	No	Stats. 2002 ch. 541 § 5 (SB 953)	2915.7	A three-hour continuing education course in aging and long-term care during his or her first renewal period after the operative date of this section. The course could include, but is not limited to, the biological, social, and psychological aspects of aging.	01/01/2005
	Yes	Stats 2004 ch. 695 § 20 (SB 1913) Stats. 2010, ch. 552, § 3 (AB 2435)		Statute was amended to allow a licensee whose practice does not include direct provision of mental health services to apply to the Board for an exception to this requirement. On and after January 1, 2012, this coursework shall include instruction on the assessment and reporting of, as well as treatment related to, elder and dependent adult abuse and neglect.	