MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 29, 2018

TO: Psychology Board Members

FROM: Liezel McCockran
    CE/Renewals Coordinator

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #17 – Continuing Education/Renewals Report

Attached please find the following Continuing Education (CE) Audit/Renewals for Psychologists and Psychological Assistants statistics (as of January 4, 2018):

A. Psychologist and Psychological Assistant Renewal Applications Processed: January 2017 – January 2018*
B. Online vs. Mailed In Renewals Processed
C. Citations Issued for CE Deficiencies
D. CE Audits Timeline

Staff has resumed audits and will provide historical audit data in the upcoming May Board Meeting Continuing Education Report. Audits have been initiated for the months of May and June 2016.

Staff has been working with the BreEZe Team to create the capability for licensees to load documents into BreEZe. The uploading function is anticipated to launch in March 2018.

**Action Requested:**
These items are for information purposes only. No action requested.
An average of 327 Psychologist renewal applications were processed in the past 13 months, with an average of 563 renewing as Active and 91 renewing as Inactive. Additionally, an average of 59 Psychological Assistants applications were processed each month.

*As of January 4, 2018*
On average, 358 Psychologists renew online per month and an average of 296 Psychologists mail in

*As of January 4, 2018
Citations Issued for Continuing Education Deficiencies

Date Range Reported: 10/27/2017 - 01/29/2018

Total # of Citations Issued: 31

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Definitions:

Live: As compared to "independent learning," where the instructor and student are not in direct visual or auditory contact. A minimum of nine (9) "live" hours are required per renewal cycle.

Abatement: Licensee has submitted documentation to come into compliance with the continuing education requirements.
August 8, 2008:
Former Vice President Dr. Sharon O'Connor stated there have been ongoing discussions regarding a major overhaul of the continuing education regulations, including the elimination of the requirement for individual course review and the necessity of the 100% compliance auditing requirement. Dr. O’Connor stated staff will work with the MCEP Accrediting Agency (MCEPAA) to work out some language and will bring back to the November meeting.

November 21, 2008:
Dr. O’Connor presented the Board with two proposals for amending the continuing education regulations:
Proposal #1: Eliminate the requirement for individual course approval by MCEPAA but keep the 100% audit performed by the MCEPAA
Proposal #2: Eliminate MCEPAA as well as the 100% audit they perform. Under this proposal, licensees would be responsible for keeping track of their continuing education. The Board would conduct random audits and the licensee would furnish documentation upon request.

February 20, 2009:
The Board voted to accept Proposal #2.

February 26, 2010:
The Board approved the draft language to be noticed by Office of Administrative Law and set for hearing.

December 3, 2010:
The Board conducted a public hearing and voted to implement the proposal on January 1, 2013. As of that date the MCEPAA will cease to exist and the new reporting requirements would take effect.

January 1, 2013:
The Board transitioned to the new continuing education reporting system, and the Board began conducting random audits.