

MEMORANDUM

DATE	January 15, 2019
TO	Psychology Board Members
FROM	 Antonette Sorrick Executive Officer
SUBJECT	“Therapy Never Includes Sexual Behavior” Brochure – Update – Agenda Item 18(e)

Background:

In 2011, the Department of Consumer Affairs made some minor edits to the publication “Professional Therapy Never Includes Sex.” With the proliferation of technology and social media, staff recommends the brochure be reviewed for necessary updates. The Outreach and Education Committee recommended staff proceed with working with the Medical Board of California (MBC) and the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) to update the title and content of this brochure. The project was separated into five phases:

- 1) Staff at all three boards will review the content and include suggested amendments - completed
- 2) Licensees (experts) from all three boards will review the suggested amendments and make final edits to the publication – completed
- 3) Medical Board, Osteopathic Medical Board, Board of Behavioral Sciences Board all to share draft brochure with their respective boards and provide feedback to Department of Consumer Affairs’ (DCA) Publication Unit
- 4) Publication Unit to send draft back to all four boards
- 5) Boards provide final feedback to DCA

At the February 2018 Board Meeting, the Board provided edits to the draft document. After, staff forwarded the updated draft to Osteopathic Medical Board. No additional edits were made. On April 26, Dr. Casuga notified staff that an edit was missing from the draft brochure. On September 26, Governor Brown signed AB 2698 which addressed changes to B&P Code sections 337 and 728. At the November Board Meeting, the Board made some technical non-substantive changes to the brochure. The following is the schedule of the other three Board’s reviews of the updated draft brochure.

- 1) Osteopathic Medical Board – January 17, 2019
- 2) Medical Board of California – January 31- Feb 1, 2019
- 3) Board of Behavioral Sciences – March 1, 2019

Action Requested:

This item is for informational purposes only. No action is required.