

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

**MINUTES  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL  
AUGUST 31, 2009**

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**Dr. Harry Reiff called the meeting to order at approximately 9:03a.m. Those present for all or part of the meeting, included the following:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Harry J. Reiff, Psy.D.  
Rafael Rivas-Vazquez, Psy.D.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Allen Hall, Executive Director  
Anna L. Hart King, Program Operations Administrator  
Lisa N. Dillon, Regulatory Specialist II

**ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Donna C. McNulty

**DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Tab 1. Delegation of Professional Responsibilities or Activities by License  
Psychologists to Paraprofessionals**

During the Discussion, the committee was addressed by Carolyn Stimel, Ph.D., ABPP, Director of Professional Affairs, Florida Psychological Association.

The committee discussed the development of language which would define, and clarify what the delegation of duties to paraprofessionals encompasses. The committee will initially focus on identifying the credentials needed by paraprofessionals who are not licensed under any chapter of the Florida statute and are not eligible for licensure. The committee will keep in considerations individuals licensed under chapters other than Chapter 490 of the Florida Statutes, as well as individuals who hold certification in related fields.

The committee members agreed to continue the discussion at the September 2009 Quorum call to allow the full Board an opportunity to opine on the definition; duties that can be delegated; duties that should not be delegated; and possible language to give the Board authority to further specify the requirements through rule development. Dr. Harry Reiff will continue to develop language for the definition section, and possible language to give the Board authority to develop rules pertaining to the delegation of professional responsibilities. Dr. Rafael Rivas-Vazquez will prepare a global list of duties performed by psychologist, to present to the full Board for input on which duties should not be delegated.

## **Tab 2. Chapter 490.0149 Florida Statutes, Specialties**

During the Discussion, the committee was addressed by Carolyn Stimel, Ph.D., ABPP, Director of Professional Affairs, Florida Psychological Association. Dr. Stimel raised concerns about the pragmatism of the Florida Psychological Association (FPA) being able to address the issue of specialty boards in light of their limited resources and other priorities raised by members of FPA's Legislative and Public Policy Board (LAPPB).

The committee agreed to further discuss the issue at the September Quorum call. The committee members would like to recommend to the full Board that it may be beneficial to postpone extensive discussion until after the Florida Psychological Association's Legislative and Public Policy Board has a meeting in October 2009. Dr. Rafael Rivas-Vazquez asserts that he is inclined to continue to explore rule development in the event that the issue does not appear on FPA's legislative agenda. The committee agreed to report on the committee meeting at the September 2009 Quorum call. The committee would like direction from the full Board as to whether the committee should meet again to further develop language, or if the committee should wait until the October 2009 meeting to discuss with the Board language presently drafted.