

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

**MINUTES  
LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING  
BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL  
DECEMBER 14, 2009**

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1 **Dr. Harry Reiff called the meeting to order at approximately 8:34 a.m. Those present**  
2 **for all or part of the meeting, included the following:**

3 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

7 **DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

8 **Tab 1.** Proposed Legislation: Delegation of Professional Responsibilities or Activities by  
9 Licensed Psychologists to Paraprofessionals

10 During the discussion the subcommittee was addressed by the following individuals:

11 Dr. Russell Addeo, Licensed Psychologist  
12 Dr. Valerie Masten Hoese, Licensed Psychologist  
13 Connie Galietti, J.D., Executive Director of the Florida Psychological Association (FPA)  
14 Dr. Steven Bloomfield, Co-Chair FPA, Legislative Affairs and Public Policy Board (LAPPB)

15 Dr. Harry Reiff reported that during the discussion at the October 17, 2009 Florida  
16 Psychological Association (FPA), Legislative Affairs and Public Policy Board (LAPPB)  
17 meeting which he attended, the Florida Psychological Association (FPA) expressed a  
18 neutral position on the delegation issue and will continue to work with the Board through the  
19 process of developing the language.

20 The subcommittee discussed the issue of direct and indirect supervision as it relates to the  
21 necessity to have a licensed psychologist onsite and immediately available while an  
22 assistant is performing a delegated duty. Dr. Harry Reiff stated that he would research  
23 federal legislation for The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and other established  
24 disciplines, in order to be aware of language already promulgated.

25 The subcommittee discussed amending the definition section of the current draft language  
26 to clarify that, for use in the section, the definition of psychological assistant should include  
27 the phrase "an individual not otherwise licensed or certified by the State of Florida."

28 The subcommittee decided to provide the full Board with Dr. Rafael Rivas-Vazquez's list of  
29 some of the functions performed by psychologists for further discussion at the January 2010  
30 meeting. The list, specifically items (g) and (h), should be amended as shown below:

- 1 (a) Obtaining History
- 2 (b) Performing mental status examinations
- 3 (c) Rendering diagnostic impression
- 4 (d) Developing a treatment plan
- 5 (e) Administering and scoring psychometric instruments
- 6 (f) Interpreting results from psychometric assessments
- 7 (g) ~~Creating~~ Generating written consultation or evaluation reports
- 8 (h) Providing psychotherapeutic, health, behavioral, or crisis intervention services
- 9 (i) Providing Biofeedback or relaxation training
- 10 (j) Initiating involuntary examination pursuant to Chapter 394
- 11 (k) Reporting child and elder abuse/neglect pursuant to Chapters 39 and 415 respectively

12 The list is not exhaustive; however, the subcommittee members would like to share with the  
13 Board their recommendations in the context of the list, and would like to use the list to  
14 further the discussion with the full Board during the January 2010 meeting. The  
15 subcommittee would also like to get Board consensus on the changes to the definition of  
16 psychological assistant, and the suitability of delegation of activities such as:

- 17 -Obtaining history to be reviewed by a Psychologist
- 18 -Administering and scoring psychometric instruments
- 19 -Providing therapeutic, health, behavioral, or crisis intervention services
- 20 -Providing Biofeedback or relaxation training

21 **Tab 2.** Report on the October 17, 2009 Florida Psychological Association, Legislative  
22 Affairs and Public Policy Board (LAPPB) Discussion, re: Chapter 490.0149  
23 Florida Statutes, Specialties (this item was discussed out of order before tab 1)

24 Dr. Harry Reiff reported on the outcome of the October 17, 2009 Florida Psychological  
25 Association (FPA), Legislative Affairs and Public Policy Board (LAPPB) meeting which he  
26 attended. Dr. Harry Reiff reported that FPA does not plan to file any legislation regarding  
27 the specialty boards. FPA will craft additional language with an aim to address the issue  
28 during the 2011 legislative session. However, the association is resigned to maintain the  
29 status quo during the 2010 legislative session.

30 During the discussion, Dr. Steven Bloomfield, Co-Chair of LAPPB, addressed the  
31 committee. Dr. Bloomfield expressed his appreciation for Dr. Harry Reiff's attendance at the  
32 meeting, and informed the committee that he could better explain the association's position  
33 after the newly elected association officers take office in January 2010 and an executive  
34 committee meeting takes place.

## 35 **ADJOURNMENT**

36 The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.