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Dear Colleagues:

This past year has brought many changes for the State of Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners. Among these are changes in Board membership. Patrick Ghezzi, Ph.D. has been added as the behavior analyst representative to the Board. Sheila Young, Ph.D. is the newest Board member from the North. Michelle Carro, Ph.D. has been added a Board member from the South. We are very pleased with the additions and welcome the valuable contributions of all three new members. Our public member, Tibi Ellis has resigned. As a result, we have one open position on the Board.

Legislation during the past two sessions has produced many changes for the Board. As most of you know, we are now licensing behavioral analysts and assistant behavior analysts, as well as certifying autism behavior interventionists. The licensing examination has recently been completed for the behavior analysts and the assistant behavior analysts, and we have begun the process of licensing this profession.

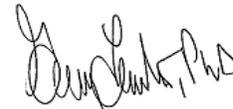
The recent legislature session also brought an improvement in our ability to address the problems of individuals practicing psychology without a license. This includes individuals who are conducting psychological testing who are not licensed as a psychologist, as well as individuals who present themselves as psychologists who do not hold licensure. The Board now has the authority to issue cease and desist letters to individuals practicing psychology without a license, as well as the ability to fine such individuals for this practice.

By far the biggest change for the Board of Psychological Examiners is the resignation of our longtime Executive Director, Laverta MacKie. Laverta's contributions to the Board

and the field of psychology in Nevada cannot be overstated. She has been an invaluable contributor to the success of the field of psychology in Nevada. Her patience, understanding, and assistance has helped all of us at some point in our licensing process, and has provided a steady hand in assisting the Board in all of its actions. Laverta will be greatly missed. We wish her well in her retirement.

Morgan Alldredge, our former assistant, has assumed the position of Executive Director for the Board. Morgan comes to us with great experience working with the Board and Laverta, and has made the transition to a new Executive Director a very smooth process. While Laverta is an extremely tough act to follow, we are very pleased to have Morgan on Board. Please join me in welcoming her as our new Executive Director.

Sincerely,



Gary Lenkeit, Ph.D.
Board President



A reminder that the Board office hours are:

Monday through Thursday—8:00am to 7:00pm

*Office personnel will be unavailable between the hours of
12:00pm and 1:00pm

The office is **closed** Friday through Sunday and on all state holidays.

The State of Behavior Analysis in Nevada

Patrick M. Ghezzi, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LBA

In her final installment to this newsletter as president of the State of Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners in July 2010, Dr. Betsy Neighbors highlighted the tremendous effort put forth by the Board in establishing a process for licensing and certifying practitioners of behavior analysis in our state. Dr. Neighbors drew attention to one Board member in particular, Dr. Kimberly Berens, for her hard work and indispensable guidance throughout the development of the process. Dr. Berens resigned from the Board in June 2010, leaving behind the process she helped create as well as the dual distinction of being the first behavior analyst to serve on the state's board and the first behavior analyst in the nation to work alongside licensed psychologists and state board members to craft a licensure and certification process for behavior analysis practitioners. Unfortunately, Dr. Berens also left behind an empty seat on the Board.

It was my good fortune to follow in Dr. Berens' footsteps by accepting Governor Sandoval's appointment to the Board in April 2011. My first meeting as a member of the Board was in June 2011.

That's a lot of time to cover, and there has been a lot of activity related to the licensing and certification process over this period. Chronologically, the Board miraculously met the state's deadline to have a licensing and certification process for behavior analyst practitioners in place by January 1, 2011. The Board began accepting applications on that date for two levels of licensure—Licensed Behavior Analyst (LBA) and Licensed Assistant Behavior Analyst (LaBA)—and one level of certification, a Certified Autism Behavior Interventionists (CABI). By the end of October 2011, provisional licenses and certificates had been granted to 27 LBAs, 3 LaBAs, and 26 CABIs throughout Nevada.

Focus on our Finances

Barbara Parry, Ph.D, Secretary/Treasurer

The Board receives no monies from state tax dollars. The Board, although sanctioned and empowered by the Executive Branch of the State of Nevada to oversee and discipline licensed psychologists so as to comply with state law, is not funded by the state. All the Board's monies come from licensing and other fees. The fee schedule has not changed substantially. You can find it at NAC 641.135, Fees.

This is a renewal year and your license will have to be renewed by December 31, 2012. You will receive a statement in the mail this fall. Psychologist fees will be \$500.00, LBA fees will be \$400, LaBA fees will be \$275, and CABI fees will be \$175, unless the payment is submitted late, in which case a late fee of \$100.00 is applied. Please don't be late.

Our monthly budget continues to be about \$8,000.00 per month. Our largest regular expense continues to be legally related and includes fees charged by the DAG and for disciplinary hearings. This year, the majority of our expenses have been related to the development of a new state written examination and also, the development of the licensing code and testing for AB 162, the Autism Bill.

The Board continues to cut costs by having video conference meetings so that members do not have to fly from Southern to Northern Nevada and vice versa. These meetings are always open to the public and we hope you will attend one some time. The agendas which post the meeting locations, dates, and times are also available via the Board's website at www.psyexam.state.nv.us; you can also contact the Board office with any questions.

Most of these "provisionally" licensed and certified individuals have since become fully licensed or certified due to yet another astounding feat by the Board: Developing, administering, and scoring the Nevada State Licensing Exam. The exam was held in Reno and Las Vegas in November 2011. 46 individuals sat for the exam, 26 in Reno and 20 in Las Vegas. The results of the exam were distributed to examinees in December 2011. On the basis of those exam results, 14 LBAs, 2 LaBAs, and 18 CABIs are fully licensed or certificated in Nevada today. A second exam is tentatively planned for this May 18, 2012, in Reno. It is the Board's hope to receive applications to sit for the exam from all of the provisionally licensed or certified individuals who were unable to sit for the exam last November and from all of the individuals who have since been provisionally licensed or certified and are waiting to sit for the exam in May.

Looking ahead, the Board will continue to do all of the "little things" that are necessary to license and certify behavior analyst practitioners in Nevada, including making the online forms and instructions more user-friendly, processing applications, answering emails, and returning phone calls. On the horizon are comparatively larger tasks such as refining the state statutes regarding the practice of behavior analysis, generating additional exam questions, clarifying the requirements for supervision, and the obligations of the individuals who are supervised.

It is a good time to be a practicing behavior analyst in Nevada. We have the Board to thank for that, particularly Dr. Berens, whose contributions to the state, to the Board, to the state's behavior analysts, and to the consumers we serve will not be forgotten. I am honored to take her place on the Board and shall strive to be as hard working and productive as she was throughout her brief tenure.

Remember: Board meetings are open to professionals and the public. We encourage you to attend! If you are interested in receiving an agenda, contact the Board office with your mailing address and one will be sent to you as soon as each agenda is posted.

Changes to Regulations

Please note that NRS 629.051 concerning records retention has been amended to include:

“The health care records of a person who is less than 23 years may not be destroyed: and the health care records of a person who has attained the age of 23 may be destroyed for those records which have been retained for at least 5 years or longer period provided by federal law; and except as otherwise provided...”

Information from the Board

- * **Renewal is this year.** Packets will be going out in October. The renewal form must be completed front and back, signed, and dated. No forms will be accepted that are not complete.
- * Along with renewal, there will be a random Continuing Education Audit. Those selected must provide, along with the required CE log, proof of all CEUs attended. These will be reviewed by the Board members and staff.
- * When requesting a verification of licensure, please do so in writing and include a check for the required fee of \$15.
- * When requesting copies of items within your licensure file, there is a cost of \$.25 per page. This will be charged at the time copies are made.
- * The Board is continuing the process of updating the website.

A SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT ADDRESSES:

The Board has encountered multiple times over the past two years of psychologists who have moved, recorded incorrectly or changed their address, phone number, or email, causing their mail to be returned to us. PLEASE, double check and make sure that all your information is correct with the Board. It is not the Board’s responsibility if the address provided is one that is not monitored on a regular basis.

- Please make all address changes in writing. The majority of correspondence from the Board is done through the mail and may affect your license if you miss a mailing.
- The address listed on the mailing label is the address on record listed with the Board. This is the address that is given to the public upon request and where renewal forms are sent.
- The Board recommends that you not use your residential address as your address on record for reasons of personal security. If it is necessary, please provide an additional address that will not be public but that may be used if correspondence is not responded to or returned as undeliverable.

If you wish to change your address on record, you can either mail the request to the Board’s office in Reno or e-mail the request to: nbop@govmail.state.nv.us

Disciplinary Breakdown

	2010	2011
New Complaints:	14	17
Resulted in discipline:	1	0
Pending action:	0	9
Dismissed with action:	1	1
Dismissed with no action:	12	7

Top Five Reasons for Complaints:

- Unprofessional conduct
- Unethical conduct
- Falsified/inaccurate reports and evaluations
- Incorrect diagnosis
- Release of records

Complaint Investigation Process

- Upon receiving a complaint against a licensed psychologist, the Board office will notify the psychologist in question. We will provide you with a release of records that has been signed by the complainant.
- The psychologist has thirty (30) days to provide the Board office with the requested documents. With the approval of the Deputy Attorney General, an extension of time can be provided.
- Once the office receives the psychologist’s response, the requested records and evidence for the complaint, the information is forwarded to a Board member who has no prior knowledge of the psychologist in question.
 - Because Nevada is a small state, there are times when the reviewing Board member may know the psychologist in question, but does not have a positive or negative prejudice towards them.
- The Board member then reviews the complete complaint to determine if the complaint is “frivolous” (NRS 641.270)
- If found to have validity, the complaint is forwarded to the Attorney General’s office for formal investigation and a possible hearing/discipline.
- The Board must review each complaint that is filed. Each complaint filed with the Board should be complete and include all necessary information in order to facilitate the Board’s review pursuant to NRS 641.270 and to allow the psychologist in question to understand the allegations in the complaint in order to provide the Board with a response. In most cases, it is crucial the complainant provide his/her name, address, and signed release of records to the Board along with the complaint.

WANTED:

The Board is currently seeking licensed psychologists who would be willing to assist the Board with complaints and disciplinary issues.

If you are interested, please contact the Board office with a letter of interest stating your specialties and attach a curriculum vita.

Continuing Education Update

Sheila Young, Ph.D.

I continue to be the CEU Chair. In that capacity, I review applications for continuing education units for lectures and workshops put on by local agencies and organizations. I also review requests from individual psychologists for continuing education units for programs not approved by the Nevada Psychology Board or the American Psychological Association.

To renew your license in Nevada (coming in October 2012!), you are required to complete 30 units, six of which need to be in the area of SCIENTIFIC AND PROFESSIONAL ETHICS AND STANDARDS. If a course you would like to take is not already approved by the Nevada Board or APA, send a copy of the brochure to the Board office, along with the \$25 fee for review and possible approval of the CE courses. If we find that we've already approved the course for the biennium, we will refund the fee. Please note that when you are making your choices, look for ethics courses with relevance to the practice of psychology or provision of mental health services in general.

Fifteen of the required 30 units can be obtained through distance learning programs, which can include home study or online courses.

NAC 641.136-137 is the section of the Nevada code that outlines the rules for determining what kinds of education programs can be approved for continuing education for psychologists. This section of the code can be found online. To summarize, programs need to be formal, organized workshops, seminars, or classes that are certified by a state licensing board, national or international agency. The course needs to be at the DOCTORAL or POST DOCTORAL level, appropriate for professional psychologists. There are many courses and workshops designed for educating the public on topics such as stress management; these are the kinds of courses most any psychologist is qualified to teach, and generally are not doctoral level courses. Topics need to be related to the practice of psychology or have the potential application to the practice of psychology. The broad categories listed in NAC include professional ethics and standards, forensic issues, research design and methodology (applicable to the study of psychology), tests and measurements, psychotherapeutic techniques, biological basis of behavior, social bases of behavior, and individual differences. If you have questions about whether a particular program could be applied toward your biennial CE requirements, please submit the information to the Board office for review.

If you would like to plan a workshop and offer CEs, NAC 641.138 provides instructions for submission to the Board for consideration for approval. These forms are on our website. Hard copies can be obtained from the Board office as well.

During each biennial period, Board members conduct random audits of continuing education courses taken by psychologists renewing their licenses. Without the required CEs, your license will not be renewed. Please keep copies of your certificates for at least the last five years, in case you are randomly selected for audit (NAC 641.132(1)).

Changes at the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services

Elizabeth Neighbors, Ph.D.

Beginning with the retirement of Harold Cook, Ph.D. on September 30, 2012, the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services (MHDS) has undergone a number of changes. On that date, Mike Willden announced the appointment of Richard Whitely, M.S., as acting director of the Division and essentially created a marriage of the new Division MHDS with the Department of Public Health, at least for the present. The new Medical Director for the Division is Tracy Green, M.D., who also is the Medical Director for the Public Health Department. Director Willden discussed the coming of full implementation of the Affordable Health Care Act during his announcement of the new Administrator and some of the effects that this legislation may have on the delivery of health services by the state. With the advent of universal access to health care, he suggested that a number of the services provided by the state may move to the community. He also talked about the likelihood of new innovative practices like "Health Homes" that may be available to provide care. In general, the Division appears to be looking at ways to enhance the delivery of services so that mental health is integrated into a well-coordinated array of health care services for all of an individual's needs.

Both of the civil hospitals North and South have new administrators. At Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services, Cody Pinney, MPH, has been appointed to be the Agency Director subsequent to the resignation of Rosalind Reynolds, MSN, who has moved into a clinical program management position at West Hills Hospital in Reno. Jodie Gerson, LCSW, is newly appointed acting Community/Outpatients Services Program Manager subsequent to the resignation of Stuart Ghertner, Ph.D.

Psychological services for the Division have experienced change in available staff. Dean Nelson, Ph.D. remains Chief Psychologist at Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services, but notes his staff of psychologists has shrunk from 18 to 7 in recent years. Despite shrinking resources, the department continues to work with students in the community and presently supervises two practicum students from UNLV's clinical psychology program. Kambiz Alaei, Ph.D. is the Chief of Psychology at Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services and presently oversees five psychologists with one post-graduate psychological assistant. Lake's Crossing Center, the forensic facility, has lost one psychologist position in the wake of recession cuts, but presently supervises one practicum student from a forensic program in California. Planning will begin soon to fund services over the next biennium.

Hellos and Goodbyes

Let's also give a warm welcome to Iris Saltus, who has joined the Board office staff as our Executive Assistant this past October. She looks forward to working with each of you.

Michelle Carro, Ph.D.

Dr. Michelle Carro earned her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Vermont in 1997. Following completion of her internship at the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine, she moved to Las Vegas where she completed her postdoctoral training and became licensed in 1999. She was recruited to join the UNLV Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program as the Associate Director of Clinical Training in 2004. At UNLV, Dr. Carro has been fully devoted to the coordination and oversight of graduate students' clinical competency development. Her duties have centered on teaching clinical courses, providing clinical supervision and overseeing practicum training. She has taught courses in assessment of children, clinical supervision, and professional topics. She developed the UNLV Psychological Assessment and Testing Clinic and recently became the Director of a new community mental health training center, UNLV's PRACTICE Clinic, where graduate students in mental health counseling, school psychology, and clinical psychology will provide services under faculty supervision. Dr. Carro has strong generalist clinical training with particular interests in children, families, and psychological assessment. She has also been devoted to professional service and maintaining strong ties between the University and the community of practicing clinicians. As an active member of the Nevada Psychological Association, she served as the Public Education Coordinator, Legislative Committee Chair, Southern Region President, and Executive Board President for two terms. She is currently President of the Nevada Psychological Association Training Consortium Executive Board. She was honored by the association for "Outstanding Advocate for Psychology" in 2004, 2008, and 2011, and received the James Mikawa Award for Outstanding Psychologist in 2009. She also served the state psychology licensing board as an examiner and test-item developer. She looks forward to serving the profession in her newest capacity as a member of the licensing board where she hopes her experience in professional education and training will be useful in promoting the Board's primary mission of protecting the public.

Patrick Ghezzi, Ph.D.

Dr. Patrick Ghezzi earned his Ph.D. from Utah State University in 1985. He became BCBA certified in 2004 and became the first Licensed Behavior Analyst in the state of Nevada. He has been an associate professor at the University of Nevada, Reno, since 1992. Since his start at the university, he has been the Director of the Behavior Analysis Program in the Psychology Department and is currently the Director and co-founder of the UNR Early Childhood Autism Program in the Behavior Analysis Program. He is very active in National and State organizations. He is currently the Vice-President of Recovering Education, Chair of the Graduate Accreditation Committee of the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI), member of the Education Board of the

ABAI, member of the Behavior Analysis Certification Board Disciplinary Review Committee, and a member of the Department of Applied Behavior Analysis Advisory Board at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology in Los Angeles. He has been a field reader for the U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs since 1989, and is also a member of the Advisory Board and Gambling Advisory Board for the Cambridge Center for Behavior Studies. Aside from being one of the newest members to the Board of Psychological Examiners in Nevada, Dr. Ghezzi is also a member of the Board of Directors for the Autism Coalition of Nevada. In 2011 he was awarded the Dean's Special Award for Outreach, sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Nevada, Reno, and in 2010 he was awarded the Enduring Programmatic Contribution Award from the Society for the Advancement of Behavior Analysis. He is a two-time nominee for the UNR Outstanding Undergraduate Faculty Mentor award in addition to being nominated for Outstanding Graduate Advisor and Distinguished Outreach Faculty Award at UNR. Dr. Ghezzi hopes to be instrumental in promoting the field of and shaping regulations for behavior analysis.



hello!
goodbye!

Laverta MacKie

As many of you have learned, our much loved Executive Director has retired. Laverta MacKie began in March of 1988 as the office manager, working part-time, to assist then president Dr. Jerry Nims and the Board members to keep the information moving. Since that time, Laverta has been instrumental to the Board in countless ways. She has guided many through the licensing process and kept the growing psychologist community from falling into a jumble. Her tenure has overseen the licensing of 453 psychologists, the addition of a new license, numerous changes to the rules and regulations, dozens of Board members, and four assistants, all of whom she molded to the needs of the public and the licensing community. Laverta took care of the Board's needs while shepherding her own family. She saw her children grow and have children of their own—each earning a graduate degree and launching successful careers. While Laverta had to retire unexpectedly, she is still working very closely with the Board and loves to hear from all of you. If you are interested in sending Laverta your good wishes, please do not hesitate to send them to the Board office, and they will be forwarded on to her.

**New Psychologists, Behavior Analysts,
Assistant Behavior Analysts, and Certified
Autism Behavior Interventionists
August 2010 to March 2012**

LBA:

- Jennifer Bonow
- Michelle Canning
- Erick Dubuque
- Molly L. Dubuque
- Vanessa Fessenden
- Patrick Ghezzi
- Lenise Kryk
- Alicia MacAleese
- Kenneth MacAleese
- William Newsome
- Kendra Rickard
- Lena Sankovich
- Maria Stevenson
- Daniel Sutich
- Marc A. Tedoff

CABI:

- Catherine M. Christmas
- Amber L. Dowling
- Alisha L. Holder
- Shannon S. Kiehm
- Elin N. Kuzmack
- Teal M. McAllister
- Kristin L. McKee
- Anna O'Malley
- Hali G. Navarro
- Scott V. Page
- Lyndsay M. Pfeiffer
- Tonisha Porter
- Robert Schienle
- Emily L. Skorzanka
- Victoria R. Smith
- Alison Szarko
- Gayle L. Thompson
- Karissa L. Thornburgh
- Rebecca Weber
- Vanessa Willmoth

LaBA:

- Rwida Abdel-AL
- Margaret Mary Curler

The Board acknowledges the following psychologists for their participation in the 2011 State Examination development process:

Michelle Carro, John Crawford, Sally Farmer, Chris Heavey, Nicole Jacobs, Martha Mahaffey, Earl Nielsen, Tony Papa, and Amy Patterson.

**Psychologists
Overview of the Psychology Licensure
Examination Process**

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Sharon...
Timothy...
Brian...
Robert...
Noelle...
James...
Karen...
Joel...
William...
Angel...

Examination statistics during the past two years for all applicants, including first time and multiple time test takers, are as follows:

EPPP Exam	# Applicants	# Passed	% Passed
2010	21	16	76
2011	16	11	69
Total	37	27	73

State Exam	# Applicants	# Passed	% Passed
2010	36	32	89
2011	44	31	70
Total	80	63	79

The next psychology state examination is planned for August 16, 2012 in Reno, Nevada.

- Stephanie A. Stowman, Ph.D.
- Rodney Y. Torigoe, Ph.D.
- Rebecca T. Thompson, Ph.D.
- Jennifer L. Vecchio, Ph.D.
- Jennifer M. Wilson, Ph.D.
- Stephanie A. Woodard, Ph.D.
- Ruth Ann Wright, Ph.D.
- Richard Yao, Ph.D.

FAQ's

Q: How many hours must I complete for my pre-doctoral internship? My postdoctoral Internship?

A: For first time licensure, 1 year of internship must consist of 1750 hours.

Q: When will I be able to take the state exam?

A: Once the Board receives all supporting documentation in your application file. The Board will then review and approve your file at a Board meeting. After you have been approved by the Board, you will be notified via mail approximately 2-3 months prior to the scheduled exam.

Q: How can I pay my Biennial fee?

A: As with all fees, Biennial fees can be paid by cash, personal or certified check, or money order, only. We are not set up to do credit card or online payments.

Q: Can I send a post-dated check?

A: No.. All post-dated checks will be returned to the sender immediately.

Q: Are post-doc logs important ?

A: Yes. They allow the office to monitor your progress so that you can be notified of the state exam so as to continue the process without missing an opportunity.

Q: Can Minors be involuntarily hospitalized under a legal 2000-R by psychologists?

A: No. Only parents have the right to hospitalize their children. A psychologist can help the parent with the decision process and encourage them to take the children to the hospital. If the psychologist thinks the minor is a danger to self or others, and the parents refuse to hospitalize, the psychologist can call the police or CPS.

Q: Can I turn in my application and/or supporting documents though e-mail or fax?

A: No. Unless otherwise notified by the Board office staff, all originals must be sent to the Board office through US Mail, FedEx, or UPS. If you live in Reno, you may also deliver documents in person.

Q: Can an out of state psychologist perform supervision assessment and therapy via distance methods with entities in Nevada?

A: No, only a psychologist licensed in Nevada can supervise any form of psychological service performed in Nevada, whether by a "technician", student or a psychological assistant. This typically works in reverse as well: Beware offering therapy or assessment or any other psychological service to a person or entity outside of Nevada if you are not licensed in that state or province or if you are not on visiting psychologist status in that state or province. You will be practicing without a license and the Board of that state or province can move against you.

Q: Can I provide services to someone out of state via phone or in person?

A: No. You cannot provide services to clients in another state unless you are licensed in that state. Psychologists licensed in another state cannot provide services to Nevada residents without a license. This includes teletherapy of any type.

Q: To get the state psychology and behavior analyst exam online, what must happen?

A: The exams are regulated by law under NRS. To change how the test is given requires the Board to go through the legislature and change the law. The Board has not done this yet and is currently evaluating how much it would cost to create and maintain a secure web-based licensing examination.

Q: How many continuing education units are required for renewal?

A: For psychologists, LBAs, and LaBAs, you must take 30 hours in two calendar years. CABIs must take 24. Six hours must be in ethics. Up to one-half of the required hours may be distance learning (computer based, video based, etc.)

Q: Can someone call him- or herself a psychologist if he or she has a Ph.D. but are licensed as an MFT or LCSW or if he or she is a school psychologist?

A: No. The term "Licensed Psychologist" can only be used by persons who have completed all the requirements of NRS and NAC 641.

While the majority of questions can be answered by reviewing NAC 641 or NRS 641, the Board office staff is always available to answer your questions. However, we request your patience as it is a two person office and can take up to 48 hours to respond to inquiries.

Upcoming Dates:

April:

- 12-15: 27th Midyear ASPPB Meeting in New Orleans
- 20: Board Meeting,
Agenda to be posted at least 3 business days prior.
- 30: Final day to receive payment for Behavior Analysis State Exam.

May:

- 18: Behavior Analysis State Exam in Reno
- 28: Board office **CLOSED** in observance of Memorial Day

June:

- 15: Board Meeting
Agenda to be posted at least 3 business days prior

July:

- 4: Board Office **CLOSED** in observance of Independence Day
- 23: Final Day to receive payment for Psychologist State Exam

August:

- 16: Psychologist State Exam in Reno

ATTENTION SUPERVISORS AND EMPLOYERS:

During the application process, please direct your supervisees or employees to the Board website. All of the information needed to successfully apply for certification or licensure can be found there.

The Board website is www.psyexam.state.nv.us

Note:

For a topic to be discussed at the Board Meeting, The information must be received in the Board office a minimum of 10 days prior to the scheduled date.
-This includes applications and correspondence.

To be approved for a state exam the application and fee must be received by the Board no more than 90 days prior to the scheduled exam date.
-Exceptions may be made to this rule if the Board has a scheduled meeting prior to the response deadline and applicants have a reasonable amount of time to submit required fee.