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Spring 2011

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**L**icensing... The Board thanks you for your help in a successful phasing-in of birth month license renewals. All licensees are now scheduled to have their renewals due on the last calendar day in their birth month. An easy reminder: even-numbered licensees will renew in odd years and odd-numbered licensees will renew in even years. Renewal notices go out about 6 weeks prior to the due date. As with any new procedure, the change can be frustrating. Again, thank you for your patience.



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## ≡ Upcoming Events (2010-2011) ≡



**5/13/11 ~ Board ‘Town Hall’ at OPA Conference in Eugene**  
**5/20/11 ~ Board office closed (Mandatory Staff Furlough)**  
**5/27/11 ~ Jurisprudence Exam**  
**5/27/11 ~ Board Meeting in Salem**  
**5/30/11 ~ Board office closed (Memorial Day)**  
**6/17/11 ~ Jurisprudence Exam**  
**7/4/11 ~ Board office closed (Independence Day)**  
**7/15/11 ~ Jurisprudence Exam**  
**7/22/11 ~ Board Meeting in Salem**

Note: Check the website for updated events

 [www.obpe.state.or.us](http://www.obpe.state.or.us)

## Congratulations New Licensees!

### **January 2011**

Brian L. Parks, Ph.D.  
Babak Govan, Ph.D.  
Joe B. Alexander, Ph.D.  
Robert Aylmer, Ed.D.  
David C. Brillhart, Psy.D.  
Avid G. Farahani, Psy.D.  
Marsha A. Green, Psy.D.  
Christeine M. Terry, Ph.D.  
Winifred C. Henken, Ph.D.  
Steven J. Talmadge, Ph.D.  
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Judith S. Neighbours, Ph.D.

Marie-Christine Rutter, Ph.D.  
Richanne C. Sniezek, Ph.D.  
Andrew R. Stover, Psy.D.  
Elizabeth H. Hawkins, Ph.D.  
Peter H. Shore, Psy.D.  
Kimberly D. Delaney, Psy.D.  
Stephen M. Wall, Psy.D.  
Michelle L. Conley, Psy.D.  
Melissa K. Fredette, Ph.D.

### **February 2011**

Sharon S. Tang, Ph.D.  
Megan B. Alvey, Psy.D.  
Keith A. Miller, Ph.D.

### **March 2011**

Nicole Y. Ball, Ph.D.  
Erin C. Moran, Psy.D.  
Jessica E. Kieras, Ph.D.  
Erin C. Moran, Psy.D.  
Nicole Y. Ball, Ph.D.  
Jennifer R. Metheny, Ph.D.  
Jory L. Smith, Ph.D.

### **April 2011**

Curtis Sudweeks, Ph.D.



## Continuing Education Audit

Continuing education is required for license renewal of all active and semi-active psychologists. CE requirements are necessary so the public will benefit from the most current and effective standards of professional practice.

OBPE conducts a random audit in April of each year. This process is done by randomly selecting (using a spreadsheet function) 20% of license numbers.

Licensees subject to a random audit will be asked to submit documentation of all continuing education for the preceding two years. It is a random audit, so **YES** – it is

possible to be audited every renewal, or not at all.

### **Helpful Tips:**

- Be prepared for a CE audit by maintaining good records (documentation of participation such as certificates).
- Be sure to obtain the required minimum of 4 hours of CE in Ethics.
- Keep a running tab of credits earned. The “CE Tracking Tool” is available on the Board website.

- Choose continuing education that supports your professional growth.
- You are required to keep proof of CE be kept *at least 2 years* after the reporting period.
- Scanned copies of CE records are acceptable.

### How do I know if my CE audit is acceptable?

Once your documents have been reviewed, you will receive a courtesy postcard letting you know we received your documents. Soon after, you will receive an "Audit Status Memo"

letting you know if the report has been approved or if we need additional information. If additional information is needed, you will be given reasonable time to complete the audit requirements.

### Where do I find more information?

CE requirements are established by rule (OAR Chapter 858, Division 40). Please contact Kelli Kelly if you have questions: 503-373-1146 or [kelli.kelly@state.or.us](mailto:kelli.kelly@state.or.us). 🌸

## Exempt Site Clarification

### Are Federal Government Employees Exempt from Licensure?

OBPE statutes were amended during the 2009 legislative session to modify the exemptions from licensure—or what is commonly known as "exempt sites." The change affects:

. . . a person with a doctoral degree in psychology who is employed by and practicing psychology at a local, state or federal government agency or a community mental health program or drug and alcohol treatment program licensed or certified by the State of Oregon may practice psychology without a license under ORS 675.010 to 675.150 for no more than 24 months after the person begins practicing psychology at the agency or program. ORS 675.090(2)(a)

There is a fair amount of confusion by Residents working for the federal government—such as the VA hospitals in Oregon. OBPE staff have also been confused! The Board's Legal Counsel advised Debra McHugh, OBPE Executive Director, of the following:

While federal government agencies are listed in OBPE's statute above, a State Board cannot direct the activities of a

federal government entity—nor their employees. Therefore, the VA, for example, continues to be recognized as an 'exempt setting.' That is, those who are employed by the federal government as psychologists and/or residents are not required to be licensed providing they are practicing within the scope of their employment. The employee would not be exempt if they practiced psychology outside the confines of the VA.

Residents working for the federal government who wish to pursue licensure in Oregon should go through the standard process of completing an application. You are not required to obtain licensure within 24 months of employment; however, your employer may require it. If you are seeking licensure and working at the VA Hospital, you are not required to have a *Contract for Supervision as a Psychologist Resident*. If you apply for licensure in the future; however, the post-doctoral supervisor must attest to dates and conditions of supervision via a reference form in the application packet.

Finally, you must apply for licensure and be an "approved applicant" before the Board will approve a *Contract for Supervision of a Psychologist Resident*. Please contact Kelli Kelly 503-373-1146 if you have questions. 🌸

## PUBLIC BOARD ACTIONS (DISCIPLINES & NOTICES)

All since previous newsletter (1/1/11 – current)

### **FRANCIS GILBERT, Ph.D., Final Stipulated Order.**

Action: Reprimand; One year supervised practice; course on conducting and interpreting the WAIS IV test & testing and scoring of psychometric testing; limited practice.

Basis: EP 2.03 (maintaining competence); EP 2.05 (delegation of work to others); EP 3.04 (failure to avoid harm); EP 9.01 (bases for assessments); EP 9.06 (interpreting assessment results); EP 9.10 (failure to explain results to clients).

### **GARY NIELSEN, Ph.D., Final Order.**

Action: One year supervised practice; Drug and alcohol evaluation; Compliance with treatment recommendations, if any.

Basis: ORS 675.070(2)(d) (unprofessional conduct for failure to truthfully respond to the Board); EP 2.01 (failure to maintain competence); EP 2.06 (personal problems and conflicts); EP 3.04 (failure to avoid harm).

### **KENNETH MORGANSTERN, Ph.D., Final Stipulated Order.**

Action: Two years suspended practice; Drug and alcohol evaluation; Compliance with treatment recommendations, if any; Subsequent supervised practice.

Basis: Misdemeanor driving convictions; EP 2.01 (boundaries of competence); EP 2.06 (personal problems and conflicts); EP 3.04 (failure to avoid harm); EP 3.05 (multiple relationships); EP 3.08 (exploitative relationships); EP 3.09 (cooperation with other professionals).

### **MICHAEL CONNER, PSY.D., Final Stipulated Order.**

Action: \$2,500 civil penalty; One year supervised practice.

Basis: EP 2.01 (boundaries of competence); EP 2.04 (basis for scientific and professional judgments); EP 3.04 (failure to avoid harm).

### **COCHRAN, Ph.D., Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action.**

Basis: ORS 675.070(2)(d) (unprofessional conduct); EP 2.01; EP 2.03; EP 2.04; EP 3.04: 9.01; EP 9.02; EP 9.06; and EP 9.08.

Proposed Action: Two years supervised practice; course on psychological testing.

### **UNLICENSED PRACTICE**

### **RANDY BLAY, Notice of Intent to Impose Civil Penalty.**

Proposed Action: Civil penalty (\$5000).

Basis: Unlicensed practice of psychology. 🌸

### **OBPE Proposed OAR Change**

Licensees, applicants & other interested parties recently received notification of proposed changes to the Board's administrative rules. The proposed changes include various corrections and updates, and two substantive changes:

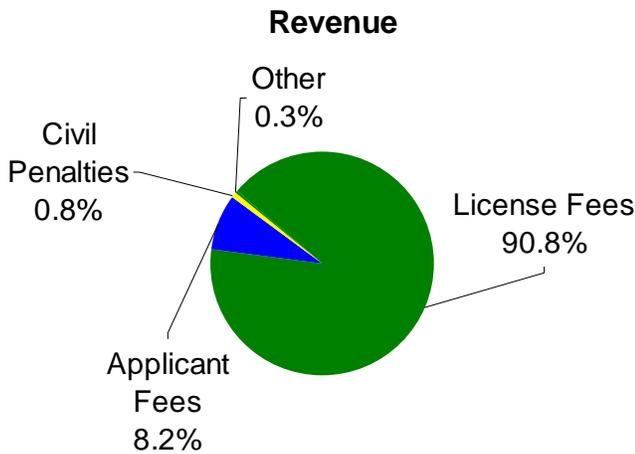
- A new rule that requires licensees to notify the Board within 30 days of the following events:
  - Change of address
  - Change of phone number
  - Change of name
- Elimination of the licensure requirement that post doctoral supervised work experience consist of at least 50% face-to-face client contact.

You may submit written comments to the Board's office via mail, or email ([laree.felton@state.or.us](mailto:laree.felton@state.or.us)). 🌸

## Board Revenue & Expenses

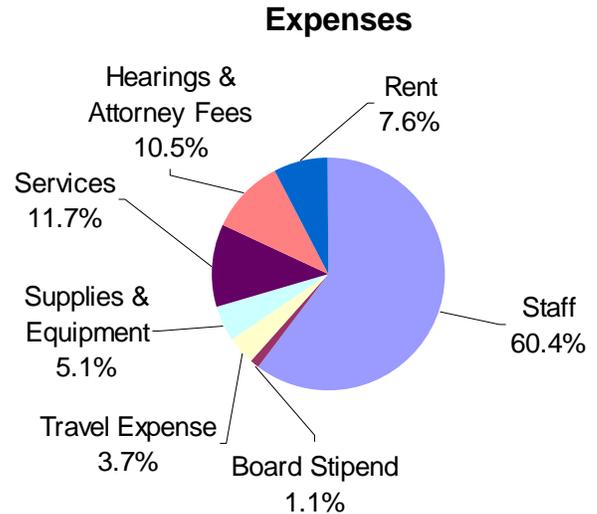
Recently, the Board was asked how we spend licensure fees. The Board is funded completely through "other funds," which mean that we are funded exclusively by fees such as licensing, civil penalties, examination, application, and other miscellaneous fees. This is different from other state agencies and programs that are funded through the "general fund," which comes from the collection of taxes. Schools and other programs are also funded through the State Lottery.

Most of the Board's revenue comes from license renewal fees.

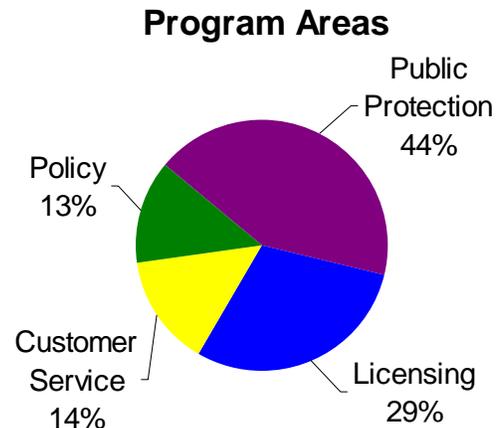


Staff and services are the largest expenses for the Board. The Board's office is currently staffed by four full time employees, and one part time clerical assistant. On July 1, 2011, the beginning of the new biennium and a new budget cycle, OBPE staffing will be reduced to 3.5 employees. Services, second on the list, include banking fees, charges imposed for state services such as human resources, payroll and accounting, computer and phone, and other professional services. Other significant costs are hearings and attorney fees resulting from Board

disciplines, which get quite expensive if a case goes to hearing. For example, in 2008 the Board had two discipline cases that cost nearly \$40,000 each (including hearing costs).



The Board was created for the purpose of examining and licensing all persons in Oregon who engage in the practice of psychology. The Board is also charged with safeguarding the people of the State of Oregon from the dangers of unqualified and improper practice of psychology. Here is a closer look at staff time allocated to major program areas:



## OBPE Education Subcommittee Recommends New Educational Requirements

The Board will be reviewing the Education Subcommittee's recommendations regarding administrative rules that fundamentally change the required educational and practical preparation for licensure. The Subcommittee has been reviewing APA and ASPPB model licensure acts, other states' requirements, feedback provided by licensees at the fall 2010 Education Forum and written feedback by others. Recommendations will include changes to educational requirements, in-residence requirements and a new licensure track for applied psychology.

***BE GREEN!** Please make sure to update your email address with us if it changes so that you continue to receive correspondence. If you have not provided one, please do so. **Also, we are now collecting public email addresses.** Your current email is, of course, kept private, but if you would like to provide a public email please send it to: [oregon.bpe@state.or.us](mailto:oregon.bpe@state.or.us).*

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