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A Word from the Executive Director

As the days get noticeably longer, we see more sunshine, and plants bloom into brilliant colors, I have been reflecting on transitions and observing how our daily lives are a mix of consistency and constant change. At the Mental Health Regulatory Agency, transition is a daily reality. Watching individuals transition from college graduate to associate to licensee is a rewarding experience, as well as helping others to join the community of Oregon Licensed Psychologists. Here are some updates on transitions and activities since our last newsletter.

We have been very fortunate recently to add to our Licensing team - Blake Ballweber has joined the MHRA as our Licensing Manager, coming to us from the Oregon Employment Department. Blake brings proven experience in developing teams, improving processes, and effecting excellent customer service in a regulatory environment. He has been able to make an immediate impact and has added value to our team. Welcome, Blake!

The 2025 Legislative session is in its 4th month. We have now passed the deadline for most bills to transition from one house to the other (House to Senate; Senate to House), so we are getting our first look at what bills are still alive in the process and which ones appear to be dead (for this session, anyway). We continue to track and inform the Board on bills of interest which are still at play. These include SB 789, which authorizes the Board to assess costs associated with disciplinary action to the person against whom the disciplinary action is taken, and HB 2387, which clarifies the ability of licensees of certain boards (OBOP is one) to provide services if they hold a psilocybin service facilitator license issued under ORS 475A.325. We also are monitoring the progress of our budget bill and remain optimistic to receive funding for a new licensing system. At this time it appears HB 3339, which would have enacted the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact, will not be passed this session.

Additionally, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Oregon Psychological Association for inviting MHRA and the Board to a town hall at their annual conference earlier this month. There were many great questions, and we appreciated the warm welcome and the opportunity to meet some of you. Thank you!

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Administrative Rulemaking

On March 26, 2025, the Board filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the following rule amendments and adoption:

Implements Senate Bill 1552, petition for predetermination based on criminal conviction, fee, and definitions.

- Amend OAR 858-010-0001: Removes unused and obsolete terms. Clarifies that the most current version of the DSM is the fifth edition. Adds definition of “petitioner” for licensure predetermination based on criminal history. Updates the definition of regionally accredited institution (accrediting agency) to conform with a July 2020 change to federal rule that removed the distinction of “regional” versus “recognized” accrediting agencies.
- Adopt OAR 858-010-0019: Establishes procedures for filing of petition for licensure predetermination based on criminal conviction. Sets forth filing requirements, expiration, disclosure requirements, review process, reconsideration, and other provisions.
- Amend OAR 858-030-0005: Establishes petition for licensure predetermination fee of \$125.

The agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule’s substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business. Please email your comments to laree.stashek@mhra.oregon.gov or mail them to the Board’s office at 3218 Pringle Road SE, Ste. 130, Salem, OR 97302. All comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 23, 2025.

Please visit our [Administrative Rulemaking Webpage](#) for more information.

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Oregon Psilocybin Advisory Board

Established by ORS 475A, the Oregon Psilocybin Advisory Board (OPAB) makes recommendations to OHA on available scientific studies and research on the safety and efficacy of psilocybin in treating mental health conditions and makes recommendations on the requirements, specifications and guidelines for providing psilocybin services in Oregon. The board will also develop a long-term strategic plan for ensuring that psilocybin services will become and remain a safe, accessible, and affordable therapeutic option for all persons 21 years of age and older in this state for whom psilocybin may be appropriate and monitor and study federal laws, regulations and policies regarding psilocybin.

Members of the OPAB are appointed by the Governor to serve four-year terms. These positions are filled as vacancies become available. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please go to the following page to learn more: [Apply to become an Oregon Psilocybin Advisory Board member](#).

Review of 2024 Board Disciplines

In 2024, the Board issued 14 orders in 14 cases of alleged misconduct. These orders represent the following violations of the APA Ethical Standards, Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR), and Oregon Revised Statute (ORS). Note that 3 of the 14 orders involved more than one type of violation, totaling 21 violations cited overall.

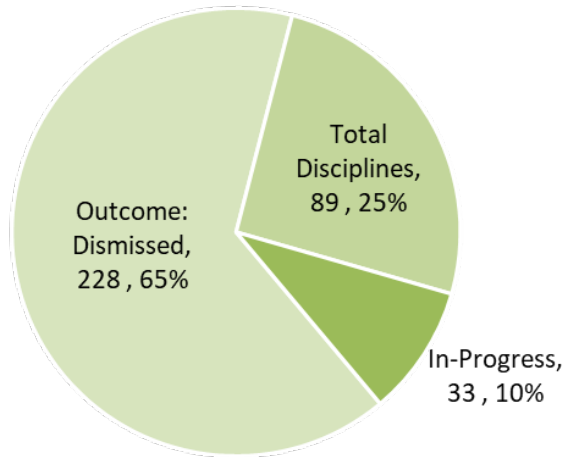
Violation	Count	% of Violations	% of Orders
ES 10.01 Informed Consent to Therapy	1	4.8%	7.1%
ES 10.08(a)- Sexual Intimacies with Former Therapy Clients (<2 yrs)	1	4.8%	7.1%
ES 2.01(b)- Boundaries of Competence	1	4.8%	7.1%
ES 2.06- Personal Problems and Conflicts	1	4.8%	7.1%
ES 3.04(a)- Avoiding Harm	1	4.8%	7.1%
ES 3.10- Informed Consent	1	4.8%	7.1%
ES 6.01- Documentation of Professional and Scientific Work and Maintenance of Records	1	4.8%	7.1%
ES 6.04- Fees and Financial Arrangements	1	4.8%	7.1%
ES 9.01- Bases for Assessments	1	4.8%	7.1%
ES 9.02- Use of Assessments	1	4.8%	7.1%
ES 9.06- Interpreting Assessment Results	1	4.8%	7.1%
OAR 858-010-0020(6)- Omission, False, or Deceptive Statement on Application	1	4.8%	7.1%
OAR 858-020-0045(5)- Failure to Cooperate with Board Investigation	1	4.8%	7.1%
ORS 670.070(2)(f)- Attempt to Obtain License by Material Misrepresentation	1	4.8%	7.1%
ORS 675.020(1)- Unlicensed Practice or Representation	6	28.6%	42.9%
ORS 675.070(2)(d)(A)- Unprofessional Conduct	1	4.8%	7.1%
TOTAL	21		

The 14 orders issued by the Board in 2024 included the following disciplinary outcomes (sanctions). 2 out of the 14 orders involved more than one type of outcome.

Outcomes	Count	% of Outcomes	% of Orders
Agreement Not to Reapply (5 years)	1	6.3%	7.1%
Civil Penalty	10	62.5%	71.4%
Continuing Education (4 credits)	1	6.3%	7.1%
Denial of Initial License	1	6.3%	7.1%
License Placed on Inactive Status	1	6.3%	7.1%
Voluntary Surrender of License	2	12.5%	14.3%
TOTAL	16		

Review of 2024 Board Disciplines Continued

Investigative Case Outcomes
Cases Received 2019 - 2024



This article is presented for informational purposes only. Violations and outcomes will vary based on the specific facts of each case.



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Clarifying the Use of Licensee Contact Information

The Board recently received concerns from licensees about whether their contact information is being sold to solicitors. The purpose of this article is to clarify the facts, explain the legal framework that governs public information, and to educate licensees on how to manage what's visible. The key takeaway: *you have control over your data.*

Oregon has very open, transparent Public Records Laws that requires public access to records maintained by government agencies, including the Board. The law includes a strong disclosure standard that assumes records are public unless there is an exemption. Some personal privacy information like SSNs, date of birth, and home address are generally protected. Boards are required to maintain public contact info for licensees and to make this information accessible to the public. The Board carries out this mandate firstly via its [Online License Search](#) that displays name, license status, and public address and phone number. Secondly, a formal request can be made for a downloadable list of public licensee contact information. This includes the public address, public phone number, and any optional public email address you've chosen to provide. The current processing fee is \$35, as allowed by law.

Licensees are encouraged to review the information they have provided in the [Licensee Portal](#) to ensure it is as they expect. To view and edit your contact information, click the "Personal Information" left-side menu option. The "Public" address, phone number, and email (optional) fields are public information disclosed by the Board. The Primary Email is used to log into the Portal and for Board communication, and is not shared publicly. Below is how the email fields appear in the Portal.



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Clarifying the Use of Licensee Contact Information Continued

Primary E-mail *

sally.smith@personal.com

Note:

- The primary e-mail address that you enter here will become your new login if changed.
- The "Mailing" address and "Primary E-Mail" fields are what the Board will use to contact you.
- Important notices and reminders will be sent to the primary email address throughout the year. Please make sure to check your inbox as well as spam folder on a regular basis. If you find our email in your spam folder, please ensure that you add us to your safe senders list.
- The "Public" address information is available to the public and posted to the Online Lookup. Do not enter personal information that you do not wish to share in these fields.

Public E-mail

sally.smith@public.com

Important Reminders:

- If you update your Primary Email in the Portal, it becomes your new username. The system won't send password resets to your previous email for security reasons.
- Licensees are required to update their name, address, email, and phone number within 30 days of any change. These tasks are all completed via the [Licensee Portal](#).
- System automated notifications, including renewal reminders, are sent from obop@thentiacloud.net. Please add this email to your contacts or safe sender list to avoid missing important communications. This email does not receive replies; if you have questions, contact psychology.board@mhra.oregon.gov.

Enforcement Actions

During the period of time from January 16, 2025, to April 14, 2025, the Board took the following actions:

Douglas R. Kutner, Psy.D. (Licensee) was previously licensed by the Board to practice psychology in the State of Oregon. Licensee has a history of past disciplinary action with the Board, specifically, cases 2003-026 and 2013-039. He was initially licensed by the Board in approximately 1985 and surrendered his license on April 24, 2014. In 2023, the Board learned that in 2007, when Licensee had been under the November 25, 2006, stipulated order which prevented him from working with female clients under the age of 24, he began providing psychological services to Client, a 17-year-old female. Licensee met with Client for psychological services on at least three separate occasions in 2007. During the sessions, Licensee made statements to Client that made her uncomfortable,

asked her to pose for photographs (clothed), sat unnaturally near to her during session even though other seats were available to him, and asked her to hug him. In February 2024, when investigating allegations that Licensee provided services to Client in violation of his stipulated order in case, the Board's investigator found that Licensee represented himself as a "Psychologist" in Lake Oswego, Oregon on LinkedIn. The acts and conduct of Licensee described above constitute violations of ORS 675.070(2)(d) and ORS 675.020(1)(b). Licensee's license to practice psychology in Oregon is revoked and Licensee was ordered to pay a civil penalty.

Cassie Brown (Respondent) is not licensed by the Board to practice psychology in the State of Oregon. Respondent is not licensed by the Board but is licensed in the State of Utah as a Marriage and Family Thera-

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pist. When Client (an adult) was resident in Utah, Respondent provided therapeutic services to Client under her Utah license. In December 2019, Client came to Oregon without a specific plan of whether Client would remain in Oregon indefinitely or only for a few weeks. Ultimately, Client remained in Oregon and did not return to Utah. While in Oregon during the December 2019 timeframe, Client contacted Respondent and reported suicidal ideation. Respondent provided telehealth services to Client at that time. At the request of Client, Respondent continued to provide telehealth therapeutic services to Client while Client remained in Oregon and Respondent remained in Utah. Therapeutic services continued on monthly basis until approximately September 2021. Respondent did not contact the Board at any time to seek licensure, a limited permit, or temporary practice authorization. Respondent mistakenly believed that due to the COVID crisis which began in March 2020, her Utah license was adequate licensure for her practice with Client in Oregon. Respondent's conduct violated ORS 675.020(1)(a). Respondent was ordered to pay a \$1,000 civil penalty.

David Manfield, Ph.D. (Licensee) is licensed by the Board to practice psychology in the State of Oregon. In January-March 2024, Licensee provided four EMDR treatment sessions to an adult woman in Oregon (Client). Client had a history of profound childhood trauma, including sexual abuse, and a prior abusive marriage although she was happily married by

the time of treatment. Licensee asked Client at each session to report her distress but did not record Client's Subjective Units of Disturbance (SUD) result in his session notes. At the second treatment session, Licensee noted that Client was "eager to please" which may have undermined accurate report last session." However, despite having recognized that Client may not have been able to report her true level of distress Licensee proceeded with EMDR treatments without considering that Client's self-reports that traumatic events were resolved very quickly or with one treatment might not have been reliable and that she might be experiencing distress from the EMDR process. Licensee did not create a "safe place" for Client, which is a standard part of the EMDR protocol and progressed through Client's traumatic memories in a direct manner which Client experienced as rushed and retraumatizing. At a fifth session (where EMDR was ultimately not provided), Client confronted Licensee about his failure to provide her with a safe place and rushing into direct treatment, including his use of the word "rape" with respect to sexual abuse in her family of origin. At that confrontation, the therapeutic relationship ended abruptly. Client later sought support from another professional to address her feelings of trauma arising from the sessions with Licensee. Licensee neither admits nor denies but the Board finds that the acts and conduct of Licensee described above constitute violations of ES 3.04. Licensee was ordered to submit a self-reflective essay and to pay a \$1,000 civil penalty.

Tips from the Licensing Team

Maintaining your license is an infrequent but critical task which requires both timeliness and attention to detail. Renewing your license is a relatively simple procedure, but the process can feel unfamiliar when only done every two years. We are here to assist you by highlighting some helpful tips for completing your renewal.

Know your renewal date.

The online license portal is the primary source for all information on your license. Please keep your login current and make sure you know the expiration date of your license. Odd-numbered licenses renew in even years, even-numbered licenses renew in odd years.

License Portal: <https://obop.us.thentiacloud.net/webs/obop/service/#/login>

The renewal window and the expiration date of the license is based on the month you were born. You are required to renew your license every two years before the last day of the month. The ability to renew your license will become available through the online portal 45 days before the expiration date. For example, if your birthdate is in the month of May, your renewal window will open in the middle of

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April and your license renewal will be due no later than May 31st.

Now that you know when your renewal will be available...

Don't wait until the last day!

The online system is password protected, and it is possible to get locked out of your account. If this happens after hours or on a weekend, we will not be available to unlock your account until the next business day. This may result in a late fee, so please do your best to complete the renewal before the end of the month. NOTE: the security questions for your account are case sensitive. If you get locked out of your account for any reason, please send us an email and we will help you as soon as possible.

CE Attestation

Continuing Education is due at the time of the renewal. If you have any questions about CE requirements, please see our Continuing Education Page - www.oregon.gov/psychology/pages/CE.aspx

You will attest to your Continuing Education attainment through the renewal process on the online portal.

Oregon Health Authority survey

The 2nd to last item in the renewal process is the Oregon Health Authority survey. As this survey is administered directly by OHA, you will be redirected to another webpage to complete this. After the survey, please ensure you log back into your profile to complete the renewal process.

Don't forget to pay!

The last step in the process will be the license renewal fee. If you do not submit a payment, or the payment does not go through, your license is not renewed. The charge you will see on your card statement will be "STATE OF OR MHRA".

If you make a mistake entering your credit card information or see a message that says: credit card payment failure, do not make another payment attempt with the same card. Duplicate charges may occur, and your credit card company may lock your account. Please contact the board before proceeding with additional payment attempts. If you have any questions about the process, or run into any difficulties, please let us know. For troubleshooting help please see our licensing system page here: <https://www.oregon.gov/psychology/Pages/Portal.aspx> or contact us through our email: psychology.board@mhra.oregon.gov



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2025 BOP Calendar

May 2025

- 5/09: **Board Meeting**
- 5/19: Education & DEI Committee Meeting
- 5/26: Office Closed, Memorial Day

June 2025

- 6/18: Consumer Protection Committee Meeting
- 6/19: Office Closed, Juneteenth
- 6/20: Education & DEI Committee Meeting

July 2025

- 7/04: Office Closed, Independence Day
- 7/11: **Board Meeting**
- 7/18: Education & DEI Committee Meeting

August 2025

- 8/15: Consumer Protection Committee Meeting
- 8/21: Education & DEI Committee Meeting

September 2025

- 9/1: Office Closed for Labor Day
- 9/12: **Board Meeting**
- 9/19: Education & DEI Committee Meeting

October 2025

- 10/16: Consumer Protection Committee Meeting
- 10/17: Education & DEI Committee Meeting

November 2025

- 11/11: Office Closed for Veteran's Day
- 11/14: **Board Meeting**
- 11/15: Strategic Planning Meeting
- 11/21: Education & DEI Committee Meeting
- 11/27-11/28: Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- 8/21: Education & DEI Committee Meeting

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