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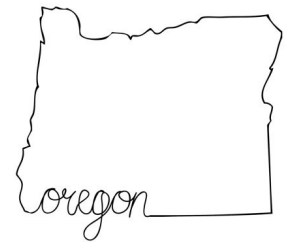
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### **A Word from the Executive Director**

Greetings everyone! This will be my last newsletter to you as I wrap up my time with MHRA and enter the next phase of my life. For most of us, when we begin our working career, retirement is just a dream and seems so distant. But, one day, and suddenly, retirement is knocking on our door. The past 9 years and 4 months has been an extraordinary time in my career, and it has been an honor to serve as the Executive Director for the MHRA. The best part of my job has been getting to know and work side-by-side with so many board members. I have also been blessed with an outstanding management team, and together, we have accomplished much. Below, are some of the major accomplishments as we have strived to protect the public while at the same time streamline our processes while considering the needs of our licensees.

- Removal of required 5-year Criminal Background Check at renewal (effective 4/1/16), BLPCT
- BLPCT administrative rules overhaul (8/8/16/& 10/10/16)
- Creation of MHRA, HB 2319 (2017 session)
- Adoption of American Counselors Association Code (1/1/18)
- Elimination of the 30-day letter for BOP (3/20/17)
- Board of Psychologist Examiners (BPE) name change to Board of Psychology (BOP) (HB 2328 (2017); rule effective 1/1/18)
- Accommodations, Executive Orders, and transition to remote work /online hybrid meetings for COVID
- Improved efficiencies with new online licensing system (2020 BLPCT and 2021 BOP)
- Eliminated Jurisprudence paper exam and moved to online exam, BOP (rule effective 1/14/21)
- Keen Diversity Study (2022)
- Sunset psychologist associates, HB 2117 (2021) (rule effective 1/1/22)
- BLPCT clinical experience direct client contact hours reduction (effective 7/1/23)
- 2024 fee reductions for BOP and BLPCT
- BLPCT move to biennial renewal in 2024
- No more submitting Professional Disclosure Statement (PDS) to BLPCT (HB 4010), rule change effective 6/7/24 (also exception expansion 1/1/24)
- BOP changes to endorsement applications, 1/1/24
- BLPCT relaxed standards for reciprocity, 4/10/24



Regrettably, we were not successful at getting the BOP cost assessment for disciplinary actions passed through the legislature even though we made two attempts (HB 2329 (2017) & HB 2114 (2021)). Cost assessment would allow the BOP to collect costs from respondents who do not prevail during contested cases. This directly affects our ability to lower BOP licensing fees. During my tenure we were also not successful in closing the educational exemption loop-hole for the BLPCT (HB 2361, 2017). My hope is that these two issues can be successfully addressed by my successor. I have spent approximately 75% of my career in the private sector and I am accustomed to getting issues resolved

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## Director's Update, Cont.

in a much shorter amount of time. The gears of government turn much slower than in the private sector and due to the nature of how state government functions it simply takes longer to remove the hurdles that stand in the way of meaningful progress. Despite the slow wheels of state government, I feel that we have accomplished much over the past 9 years and 4 months. This is a credit to the dedication and commitment of our volunteer board members and excellent management team.

Looking forward to the 2025-2027 biennium, the MHRA plans to introduce some legislative concepts; the BLPCT will introduce a concept for Oregon to participate in the interstate Counseling Compact. Likewise, the Board of Psychology will introduce a concept for Oregon to participate in the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT). Once again, the BOP will introduce a concept to recover costs associated with disciplinary actions. MHRA will also introduce Policy Option Packages to restructure staffing to provide better customer service and to replace our online licensing database system. This will be an aggressive agenda that the MHRA will be advancing, and my successor will need the support of our stakeholders to be successful.

I would like to recognize and thank **Dr. Dave Ziegler** who recently termed off the Board of Psychology. Dr. Ziegler served for six years and most recently served as the Chair. Dr. Ziegler's leadership has helped to shape the direction of the Board of Psychology and his guidance has been priceless. We have two new BOP board members: **Dr. Amanda Chiapa** and **Dr. Elizabeth Rapkoch**. The work of the BOP and the BLPCT could not happen without the volunteers who contribute their professional expertise.

Speaking of board members, both boards need Public Members. Public Members cannot be psychologists, LPCs or LMFTs, nor can they be married to or an immediate family member of these professionals. If anyone knows of a colleague who would be interested in serving on either the BOP or the BLPCT, then please have them email our office and we can walk them through the application process.

The Executive Director for the MHRA wears multiple hats, but the most enjoyable part for me has been working with the board members over the years. The BOP has nine members and the BLPCT has eight members, so, at any given time I have the pleasure of working with seventeen board members. Over the years, members term off and new members term on. So, I have had the honor of meeting dozens of board members. I can share that this is a bitter/sweet experience. The sweet part is accomplishing much by working together and establishing lifelong friendships. The bitter part is when members term off the board and saying goodbye. It was with heavy heart that I recently learned of the passing of **Dr. Sandy Jenkins**. Dr. Jenkins had been on the BOP for two years before I came on board in 2015. Dr. Jenkins was a solid supporter and was committed to the BOP and I shall miss her. The psychology community will miss Sandy. Please take a moment and read about Sandy in this newsletter.



—Charles Hill, Executive Director, Mental Health Regulatory Agency

*“Plans are nothing, but planning is everything” – Dwight D. Eisenhower*

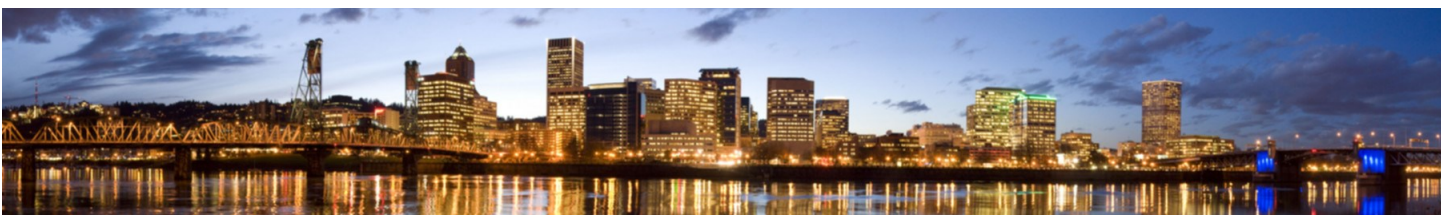


## Administrative Rulemaking

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

## Enforcement Actions

During the period of time from April 16, 2024, to July 8, 2024, the Board took the following actions:  
**There were no disciplinary actions taken.**



## Welcome New Board Members!

The Board is pleased to announce two new psychologist Board members. **Dr. Amanda Chiapa** has



worked in various settings and across populations and lifespan, with an increasing focus in working with pediatric populations. Dr. Chiapa (she/her) attended graduate school at Arizona State University (2017) and completed an APA-accredited internship at the Yale Child Study Center, where she specialized in the Pediatric track.

She remained at Yale for her post-doctoral fellowship and pursued an additional post-doctoral fellowship at MassGeneral for Children at North Shore Medical Center, where she gained continued training in pediatric neuropsychological and psychological assessments and working with psychiatrically acute children and adolescents.

Following training, Dr. Chiapa provided therapy to children and adults through private practice and continued her focus in anxiety, adjustment and coping to medical illness, and social pragmatic concerns. She also provided assessments to children and adolescents. Following private practice, she returned to the Yale Child Study Center as faculty and provided a range of assessment and program development skills, where she honed her expertise in working with pediatric populations and passion for working with healthcare providers around grief-sensitive healthcare.

Dr. Chiapa was privileged to transition to Oregon Health and Science University as director of the inpatient Pediatric Psychology Consultation/Liaison (PPC) Service for Doernbecher Children's Hospital (DCH), where she has effortfully pursued roles on committees and leadership titles that are in line with her professional aims to serve and to train. As the Psychology Division's JEDI Associate Director and affiliate faculty of the Clinical Psychology Program, she has been actively working to bolster support for graduate students and psychology interns and post-doctoral fellows, with current efforts aimed at co-

leading a tiered mentorship program for trainees that identify as BIPoC. She is also a member of DCH's Department of Pediatrics Diversity Committee and Pediatric Behavioral Health Best Practice and Quality Improvement committees, where she leans on her clinical and academic foundation to help optimize experiences for patients and staff.

Dr. Chiapa is passionate about seeking equitable ways to provide family-centered healthcare through a socio-culturally informed lens, with particular interests related to anxiety, adjustment and coping to medical illness, and grief and loss. Dr. Chiapa's training more broadly focused on culturally-informed intervention development, implementation, and evaluation, with clinical residencies intentionally in healthcare settings that served marginalized communities. Her professional pursuit is to consider the various ways that diversity impacts healthcare trainees, providers, and families through clinical and academic efforts.

On the weekends, Dr. Chiapa enjoys exploring coffee shops, playgrounds, and listening to music with her husband and two toddlers. One of her goals includes learning to ride a bike.

**Dr. Elizabeth "Libby" Rapkoch** attended graduate



school at Pacific University's School of Professional Psychology (now School of Graduate Psychology) and completed her PsyD in Clinical Psychology in 2007. Dr. Rapkoch focused her graduate studies and research on children and adolescents with a particular emphasis on the impacts of interpersonal trauma

on young people. Dr. Rapkoch completed her APA-accredited internship at The H.E.L.P. Group in Sherman Oaks, CA where she worked in a therapeutic preschool and in non-public schools for children and adolescents on the Autism Spectrum.

Dr. Rapkoch returned to Oregon for her postdoctoral

## Welcome New Board Members, cont.

residency at Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) providing therapy, assessment, and consultation to youth in close custody and in their treatment teams. Over the years Dr. Rapkoch has worked in such varied settings and roles as the Learning Resources Director at Reed College; adjunct faculty in the doctoral program at Pacific University; and as the Clinical Director of the Day Treatment Program at St. Mary's Home for Boys. She has provided therapy and assessment to women in custody at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility, and psychological evaluations at Trillium Family Services.

Dr. Rapkoch also returned to OYA where she spent nine years providing assessment and consultation within close custody facilities. One of her proudest contributions at OYA was her role in developing the psychological evaluation and support services process for nonbinary and gender queer youth in close custody, and serving as the psychologist member of the Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression Committee (SOGIEC). She also greatly enjoyed providing clinical consultation to the unit treatment teams and to the Youth Safety Review Committee.

In 2015 Dr. Rapkoch was certified as an Oregon Certified Forensic Evaluator. For the past eight years she has maintained a private practice in the Portland area providing forensic evaluation and expert consultation services for legal cases involving children and adolescents, where she cultivates her deep appreciation for the intersection of developmental and psychological research and principles, and the legal system. Dr. Rapkoch continues to foster a great passion for working within multidisciplinary teams where communication, collaboration, and respect for the diversity of individual perspectives run core to meeting shared goals.

At a time when mental health needs are so great, Dr. Rapkoch is honored to have been appointed to the Board and looks forward to the opportunity to provide support to her clinical colleagues and to the community. In her free time, Dr. Rapkoch is likely to be found talking far too much and for far too long; espousing the virtues of the oxford comma and the semicolon; and sharing her newfound passion for houseplants and backyard bird habitats. Ψ



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### Important Reminders!

The new requirement for **2 credits of Suicide Risk Assessment, Treatment and Management** has begun. Licensees who renew on or after July 1, 2022 must report this training within each reporting period.

The [OHA Health Care Interpreter Registry](#) contains a listing of OHA **registered interpreters** and explains the qualifications and process to become an interpreter. Questions about the requirements of [ORS 413.559](#) or [OAR 333-002-0250](#), should be directed to [OHA](#). Ψ

Did you know that there are 238 waterfalls in Oregon?  
Visit [stateparks.oregon.gov](http://stateparks.oregon.gov) to find more gems in our beautiful state.  
From our 363 miles of coastline to the high-desert and everything in between,  
[traveloregon.com](http://traveloregon.com) can guide you to the adventure in your own back yard!



## In Tribute

**Sandra (Sandy) Jenkins, Ph.D.**

September 24, 1945 – May 21, 2024



It is an honor pay tribute to Sandy Jenkins—a friend, colleague, psychologist, professor, mentor, and former Board of Psychology member.

Dr. Jenkins earned her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Oregon in September 1985. As part of her doctoral training, she completed a clinical internship at the University of Minnesota from October 1983 and August 1984. She then served as visiting assistant professor of counseling at Lewis and Clark College from August 1985 to August 1987.

From September 1986 to April 1989, Dr. Jenkins completed her residency under the supervision of Rowe Mortimer, Ph.D. providing psychotherapy to individuals and couples and performing psychological assessments for Oregon agencies and school systems. During this time, she also served as a faculty member and clinical supervisor at Lewis and Clark and Portland State University. Dr. Jenkins passed her Board Ad Hoc Oral Examination on April 22, 1989, and was awarded her Oregon psychologist license, number 835, on May 19, 1989.

Dr. Jenkins taught, provided clinical supervision, and served as the Director of Human Diversity at Pacific University's School of Professional Psychology from 1989 until 2015, when she was honored as Emeritus Professor. She also maintained a private practice in Portland.

Despite her busy schedule, Dr. Jenkins found time to give back to her profession. She was appointed to the Oregon Board of Psychology for two terms, serving from May 15, 2013 to September 14, 2018. She was a member of the Education and Social Media Committees and chaired the Cultural Competency Continuing Education (CCCE) Workgroup where she was the driving force behind the Board's CCCE Guide published in May 2017. Her contributions to the Board are immeasurable.

Sandy was a wise, kind soul who had a unique way of making everyone feel at ease. I will remember her warm smile, her sweet tooth for chocolate cake, and our conversations about our shared love of Hawaii. In a September 2023 email, she wrote: "The Road to Hana is something I could do for the rest of my life." I'll see you in the stars, Sandy.

~ LaReé Stashek, MHRA Policy Advisor



"I first met Sandy in 2007 when I interviewed at Pacific University. I still remember how gracious and warm she was that day, and even followed up with me later in the week. That led to the opportunity to work alongside her and her passion for diversity. Sandy embraced the power of diversity in psychology and has mentored many psychologists from all walks of life to better serve their patients. Sandy was also a loving person, always gave someone a hug even if she had just seen them the day before and was devoted to her beloved dogs. The impact she has made on our field in Oregon will be felt for years to come."

~ Daniel J. Munoz, Ph.D. (BOP 9/12-3/13)

"I first met Sandy when we were both at the same Senate confirmation hearing for the Board. She really impressed and intrigued the committee, far more than any other candidate in the room! Sandy and I came into the Board together, and we left together. On the board, Sandy was always someone who challenged us to stretch ourselves and never settle with feeling like we are already fully competent in an area. Her thirst for knowledge was unquenchable. Sandy led by example, always wanting to better herself, others, and the world around her. A small group of former board members (now friends) continued to meet regularly to maintain contact. I always looked forward to those get-togethers with Sandy, knowing that I would not only learn something new and challenge myself, but also laugh and enjoy each other's company. I sure will miss Sandy - her fierce mind, her kind heart, and her beautiful smile. Rest in peace, sweet friend. You made a difference in this world."

~ Anne-Marie Smith, Ph.D. (BOP 3/13-9/18)

## In Tribute Cont.

"I met Sandy professionally and she later became a friend, but in both capacities her deep kindness, personal integrity and strong value system were who she was, not qualities she superimposed upon herself. What a rare individual; I'm honored to have known her."

~ *Patricia M. Bjorkquist, Ph.D.* (BOP 7/13-3/21)

"Sandy was such an amazing clinician, teacher, and person. She was warm and witty and dedicated and so expressive. I loved that she was brave and so open to learning new things, even though she was such an expert in so many areas. I saw in her action on the Multicultural Committee with the Board, and I was impressed with how inclusive and collaborative she was. I know that she wanted to travel, so I hope she had the chance to do that after she left the Board. She will be missed!"

~ *Linda Nishi-Strattner, Ph.D.* (BOP 7/16-6/23)

"Sandy Jenkins and I were colleagues at the School of Graduate Psychology at Pacific University for 16 years. I observed her classroom teaching and invited her to speak as a guest lecturer in my classes. I watched her intervene with students who had gotten off on the wrong foot and turn around their career trajectories. I got to work with her as a fellow supervisor and admired her depth of knowledge of psychodynamic theory, even if I didn't share her theory of change. But the way she influenced me the most was to inspire me to apply to the Oregon Board of Psychology. I saw the difference she made to our profession by getting the cultural competency continuing education requirements passed and by working to ensure that the board's processes were fair and inclusive of all psychologists in the state. I became a psychologist in the hopes of making life better for my clients, and I became a professor in the hopes of making a positive impact on future generations of psychologists. I joined OBOP after I watched the profound impact Dr. Jenkins had in the hopes of having even a fraction of the positive influence that she had on the profession."

~ *Catherine Miller, Ph.D.* (BOP 7/21-current)

"In my nearly 10 years as the Executive Director of the MHRA, I have

had the honor and privilege of working with and getting to know personally many, many board members. That's the best part of my job, getting to know so many distinguished professionals. But the job is so bitter-sweet. On the one hand, you can remember and cherish the good times, the laughs and the accomplishments. On the other hand, the sadness and sorrow you feel when you learn of the passing of a friend. I felt sorrow when I first learned of the passing of Dr. Jenkins (Sandy). I first met Sandy in 2015 when I attended my first board meeting. At the end of my first meeting, I was asked if I had any observations, and I recall stating that the board membership was a very diverse group. The Board of Psychology, I felt was ahead of it's time. I recall Sandy. She was so tuned in and attentive, always listening to everyone's viewpoint. She would often look across the table to me and smile, sometimes even wink. When she did that, I knew that she was about to contribute to the conversation, and contribute she did! At one of our strategic meetings, Sandy and I chatted out in the hall and we talked about civil rights and she told me she was old enough to remember having to ride in the rear of the bus as a child and young adult. She applauded the progress made in civil rights, but also felt that there was much more progress yet to be made. What I remember most about Sandy was that she was always very supportive of me as the ED and my ideas, and that she championed the Board of Psychology. Sandy left her mark on her profession and the BOP, the people she came into contact with, and myself. We will all miss her."

~ *Charles Hill, MHRA Executive Director*



(Photo March 20, 2015) Ψ

## Upcoming Events

### July 2024

- 7/04: Office Closed, Independence Day
- 7/12: **Board Meeting**
- 7/19: Education & DEI Committee Meeting

### August 2024

- 8/15: Consumer Protection Committee Meeting
- 8/16: Education & DEI Committee Meeting

### September 2024

- 9/02: Office Closed, Labor Day
- 9/13: **Board Meeting**
- 9/20: Education Committee Meeting

### October 2024

- 10/17: Consumer Protection Committee Meeting
- 10/18: Education & DEI Committee Meeting

### November 2024

- 11/1: **Board Meeting**
- 11/2: Strategic Planning Meeting
- 11/11: Office Closed, Veteran’s Day
- 11/15: Education & DEI Committee Meeting
- 11/28–11/29: Office Closed, Thanksgiving

### December 2024

- 12/19: Consumer Protection Committee Meeting
- 12/20: Education & DEI Committee Meeting

\* *Committee meetings are tentatively scheduled.* Please also visit our [Board Meetings Webpage](#).



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