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RECENT BOARD MEETING

The Board of Psychology recently held a full board meeting on May 16, 2017. Please visit the [Calendar of Events](#) to view the meeting minutes and stay up-to-date with Board activities. The next full Board meeting will be held on August 15, 2017, and is open to the public.

2017 RENEWAL REMINDER

All Board of Psychology licenses must be renewed by June 30, 2017. Renewal notices were sent by mail and by e-mail to the address on file with the Board. For assistance with online transactions, please contact the Department of Health Professions' Data Call Center at (804) 367-4444. **Renewal applications** require your attestation of the required continuing education activities since the last renewal.

As a reminder, beginning with the June 30, 2018 renewal, the Virginia Board of Psychology is implementing an initiative to **"Go Green"** to reduce the number of paper renewal notices mailed by the Board. **PAPER RENEWAL NOTICES WILL NO LONGER BE MAILED BY THE BOARD.** Email renewal notices will be sent to all licensees at least 45 days prior to the renewal deadline. Please ensure that your email and mailing address remain up-to-date by using the [Name/Address Change form](#).

PERIODIC REVIEW

The Board of Psychology is currently undergoing a periodic review of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Psychology. The purpose of this review is to determine whether any aspects of the regulations should be repealed, amended, or should be retained in its current form. Any recommended changes resulting from this review will be voted on during a future board meeting and would follow the regulatory process as outlined on [Virginia's Regulatory Town Hall](#).

VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

In response to a legislative mandate, the Board has adopted regulations **effective March 9, 2017** to allow up to two continuing education hours for renewal to be satisfied through delivery of psychological services, without compensation, to low-income individuals receiving health services through a local health department or a free clinic organized in whole or primarily for the delivery of those services, as verified by the department or clinic. Three hours of volunteer service is required for one hour of continuing education credit.

CARRY-OVER OF CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS – Effective March 9, 2017

A licensee who completes continuing education hours in excess of the 14 hours may carry up to seven hours of continuing education credit forward to meet the requirements for the next annual renewal cycle.

VIRGINIA REGULATORY TOWN HALL

We encourage you to sign up and register as a Town Hall public user. [Virginia's Regulatory Town Hall](#) is your source for information regarding proposed changes to Virginia's regulations including a meetings calendar and board minutes. You also may participate in online forums or sign up to receive email alerts.

VIRGINIA'S OPIOID CRISIS DECLARED A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

On November 21, 2016 Governor McAuliffe issued a [News Release](#) stating that State Health Commissioner Marissa Levine has declared Virginia's opioid abuse crisis a Public Health Emergency in the Commonwealth.

Visit the [Virginia Department of Health](#) for more information. [Download Commissioner Levine's message](#) to healthcare practitioners on dispensing Naloxone.

Effective April 1, 2017, the Department of Medical Assistance Services implemented an enhanced substance use disorder benefit. The Addiction & Recovery Treatment Services (ARTS) expands access to a comprehensive continuum of addiction treatment services. Part of this effort allows for reimbursement of peer recovery specialists, who will be required to register with the Board of Counseling. The Board of Counseling is currently in the process of developing emergency regulations for that purpose, and will vote on these emergency regulations at its August 18, 2017 meeting. For more information on ARTS, please [click here](#) for the DMAS website. For more information on the Board of Counseling regulations, please sign up for alerts on [Virginia's Regulatory Town Hall](#).

IN CASE YOU ARE INTERESTED:

[Legislation](#) passed during the 2017 Virginia General Assembly authorized the Board of Counseling to register Qualified Mental Health Professionals (QMHPs). This legislation also requires the Board of Counseling to promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this legislation within 280 days. As such, the Board will vote on these regulations at its August 18, 2017 meeting. For more information, please visit the [Board of Counseling website](#) and sign up for alerts on [Virginia's Regulatory Town Hall](#).