

# VACP Board Conversation Hour

April 18, 2019

## Overview

- **Department of Health Professions**
- Includes 13 Regulatory Boards
- Licenses and Regulates Virginia's 397,810 healthcare practitioners across 80 professions
- Non-general fund executive branch agency that is underwritten by licensure fees, rather than tax dollars
- Mission: "To ensure safe and competent patient care by licensing health professionals, enforcing standards of practice, and providing information to health care practitioners and the public."



## Overview



- **Psychology Board** composed of:
  - 7 licensees and 2 citizen members
  - Appointed by the Governor for 4 year terms
  - Service on board is voluntary
  - Members of board are not paid a stipend
  - Terms are staggered – allows for new ideas and new faces each year
  - Seats typically expire on June 30 of a given year

## Board Members

**Herbert Stewart, Ph.D.**  
 Chair  
 (Clinical Psychologist)  
 2nd Term ends 6/30/2021  
 Charlottesville, VA

**Susan Brown Wallace, Ph.D.**  
 (School Psychologist)  
 1st Term ends 6/30/2019  
 Springfield, VA

**Peter L. Sheras, Ph.D., ABPP**  
 (Clinical Psychologist)  
 1st Term ends 6/30/2020  
 Charlottesville, VA

**Rebecca Vauter, Psy.D., ABPP**  
 (Clinical Psychologist)  
 1st Term ends 6/30/2020  
 Petersburg, VA  
 Psychologist (Any Category)  
 (Vacant)

**James Werth, Ph.D., ABPP**  
 Vice-Chair  
 (Clinical Psychologist)  
 2nd Term ends 6/30/2022  
 Jonesville, VA

**Andrea Bailey**  
 (Citizen Member)  
 Unexpired Term ending 6/30/2019  
 Dumfries, VA

**J.D. Ball, Ph.D., ABPP**  
 (Clinical Psychologist)  
 1st Term ends 6/30/2020  
 Norfolk, VA

**Citizen Member**  
 (Vacant)

## Number of Persons Regulated by Board

Profession	Number of Licensees, Certificants, or Registrants
Applied	29
Clinical Psychologist	3667
Resident in Training	868
School Psychologist	7
Resident in School Psychology	99
School Psychologist-Limited	597
Certified Sex Offender Treatment Provider	432
SOTP Trainee	150
<b>Total</b>	<b>5849</b>

## Number of Applications

Psychology	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	Total
Applied	5	5	2	7	1	2	3	4	6	35
Clinical	251	298	276	240	231	226	189	213	177	2101
Resident in School Psychology										
Initial	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Add/Change	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
Resident in Training										
Initial	80	88	108	92	89	79	63	10	54	663
Add/Change	25	38	20	26	27	24	53	62	59	334
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>997</b>
School	3	2	11	3	7	9	7	5	4	51
School Psy Limited	62	58	120	49	122	44	56	53	58	622
SOTP	21	32	20	28	20	16	21	28	24	210
SOTP Trainee										
Initial	25	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	31
Add/Change	17	3	3	1	5	3	14	13	7	66
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>97</b>
	493	528	560	447	502	403	406	389	389	4117

# Status of Regulations

## Guidance Documents and Regulatory Actions

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Regulation	Status
Result of Periodic Review	Proposed Stage (Under review with Governor's Office, Day 142)
Unprofessional Conduct/Conversion Therapy	NOIRA Stage (At the Secretary's Office)

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## Guidance Document on Conversion Therapy

- Provides guidance on the Board's interpretation of a standard of conduct in regulation that psychologists must avoid harm to patients
- Guidance Document cites professional sources stating that practicing conversion therapy/sexual orientation change efforts with minors has the potential to be harmful and therefore could result in a finding of misconduct and disciplinary action against the licensee or registrant of the Board.
- Board adopted the Guidance Document in January.
- On April 2, 2019, after reviewing and considering public comment received, the Board voted to retain the Guidance Document as drafted.
- Guidance Document Becomes Effective 5/2/2019

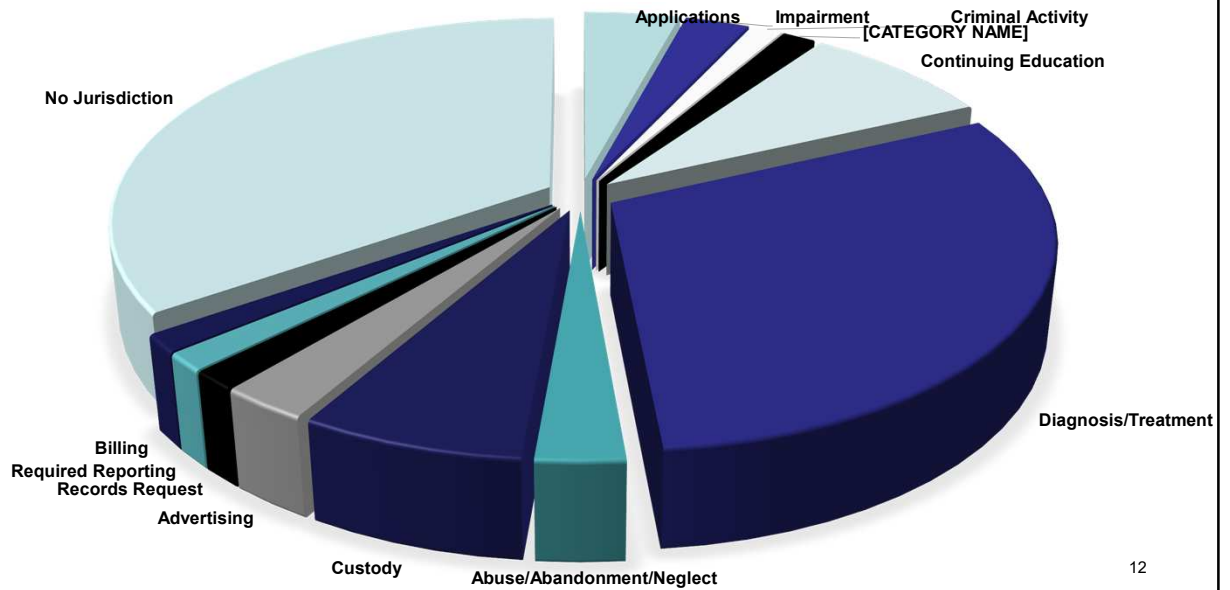
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## Discipline Case Categories



## Regulatory Committee

<https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/psychology/>

Guidance Documents

[https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/psychology/psychology\\_guidelines.htm](https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/psychology/psychology_guidelines.htm)