

Section 1933. Oklahoma Licensed Behavioral Practitioners Advisory Board – Members - Qualifications - Vacancies.

A. 1. There is hereby created the "Oklahoma Licensed Behavioral Practitioners Advisory Board" whose duty shall be to advise the State Department of Health on the provisions of the Licensed Behavioral Practitioner Act, except as otherwise provided by law.

B. 1. The Advisory Board shall consist of seven (7) members who shall be appointed by the State Commissioner of Health, with the advice and consent of the State Board of Health, as follows:

- a. two members for a term ending June 30, 2004,
- b. two members for a term ending June 30, 2005,
- c. two members for a term ending June 30, 2006, and
- d. one member for a term ending June 30, 2007.

Upon expiration of such terms, the Commissioner shall appoint successors for four-year terms.

2. Four members shall be licensed behavioral practitioners; provided, initial behavioral practitioner appointees shall not be required to be licensed under the Licensed Behavioral Practitioner Act before the end of the first year that the license is available. One member shall be a licensed mental health professional other than a licensed behavioral practitioner, and two members shall be lay persons who are not affiliated with any practice of behavioral health service delivery or delivering of health or mental health services.

3. All professional appointees shall be selected from a list of qualified candidates submitted by the Executive Board of the North American Association of Masters in Psychology acting in conjunction with the executive committees of all state professional behavioral health associations which represent a specialty recognized pursuant to the Licensed Behavioral Practitioner Act.

C. Vacancies occurring in the Advisory Board shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the Commissioner, with the advice and consent of the Oklahoma State Board of Health, from a list of qualified candidates submitted within thirty (30) days of such vacancy by the Executive Board of the North American Association of Masters in Psychology acting in conjunction with the executive committees of all state professional behavioral health associations which represent a specialty recognized pursuant to the Licensed Behavioral Practitioner Act. Such appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after the candidates' names have been submitted if possible.

D. Any Advisory Board member may be removed by the Commissioner, after written notice, for incapacity, incompetence, neglect of duty, or misfeasance or malfeasance in office.

E. Members of the Advisory Board shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed their actual and necessary travel expenses as provided by the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

F. Advisory Board members shall be ineligible for reappointment for a period of three (3) years following completion of their term.

G. The Advisory Board shall hold at least four regular meetings each year. Meetings shall be held at such time and place as the Advisory Board may provide. The Advisory Board shall elect annually the following officers: A chair, a vice-chair, and a secretary. Four members of the Advisory Board shall constitute a quorum.