

**BBS Board Meeting
June 12, 2015 9:30 a.m.
Full Board Open Session**

Commenced at 9:50

I. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Senate Bill 479 (Bates)

This bill establishes licensure for behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts under the Board of Psychology. LMFTs, LCSWs and LPCCs are included in the exemptions to the scope.

CAMFT has concerns that interns and trainees are not specifically mentioned but other unlicensed individuals are eligible. CAMFT is currently watching the bill.

The Board approved a motion to take a neutral position, and to recommend changes as discussed – to trainees, interns and registrants as eligible providers, and to continue to provide feedback on the bill.

II. Update and Possible Action on Text of Proposed Legislation for 2015: Crime Victims: Compensation for Reimbursement of Violence Peer Counseling.

AB1629 made costs incurred for certain services provided by violence peer counselors reimbursable to crime victims through the California Victim Compensation Board. It became effective on January 1, 2015. The bill was amended late in last year's legislative session to require a violence peer counselor to be supervised by a Board licensee. The Board had several concerns about the bill's language and at its August 28, 2014 meeting, the Board took an "oppose unless amended" position on the bill and cited certain concerns.

Proposed amendments were drafted by Legislative Counsel and provided by the author's office. At the January 30, 2015 meeting, the Board's Policy and Advocacy Committee reviewed the amendments and requested one additional amendment, which would amend Government Code Section 13957.9 to define a "violence peer counselor" as a provider of "supportive and non-psychotherapeutic peer counseling..."

The Board approved a motion to support the bill if the Policy and Advocacy Committee's suggested amendment is included.

III. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

None

IV. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

None