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TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Douglas E. Lentivech


SUBJECT: Appointment to the Position of Executive Secretary, State Board for Applied Behavior Analysis

DATE: April 21, 2014

AUTHORIZATION(S):


SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Should the Regents approve the appointment of Dr. Kathleen M. Doyle as Executive Secretary to the State Board for Applied Behavior Analysis?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

This recommendation will come before the full Board of Regents at its executive session during the April 2014 Regents meeting. If approved in executive session, it will then come before the full Board for final action at the Board's public session in April 2014.

Procedural History

Sections 6508 and 8808 of the Education Law require the Board of Regents to appoint the Executive Secretary to the State Board for Applied Behavior Analysis. The State professional boards advise and assist the Regents and the Department on matters of professional licensing, professional practice, and professional conduct.

Background Information

Chapter 554 of the Laws of 2013, which was signed on January 10, 2014, defines the practice of behavior analysts and behavior analyst assistants and sets forth the requirements for licensure. The recognition and licensure of the field of behavior analysis ensures proper oversight by the State Education Department of those who provide behavioral health treatment to persons with autism, autism spectrum disorders and related disorders.

The New York State Education Department will oversee the licensing, registration, and practice of professionals licensed as behavior analysts and certified as behavior analyst assistants. The primary oversight of these functions will fall under the direction of the new position of Executive Secretary to the State Board for Applied Behavior Analysis.

Dr. Kathleen M. Doyle has extensive experience in the oversight and regulation of health and mental health professions, having served for many years as the Executive Secretary to the State Board for Psychology, Massage Therapy, and most recently, Clinical Laboratory Technology. Dr. Doyle brings a unique blend of knowledge and background in the professions, together with the managerial skills necessary to assume the responsibilities as the Executive Secretary for this newly formed State Board.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Regents approve the appointment of Kathleen M. Doyle as Executive Secretary to the State Board for Applied Behavior Analysis.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Regents approve the recommendation, the appointment will be effective April 29, 2014.