

To: Nevada State Board of Applied Behavior Analysis
From: T. Wade Brown, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LBA, President-Elect Nevada Association for Behavior Analysis
CC: Nevada Association for Behavior Analysis Public Policy Committee
Re: NABA Public Policy Committee Statement
Date: November 16th, 2020

Good afternoon, everyone.

My name is Wade Brown, and I am the President-Elect of the Nevada Association for Behavior Analysis, and I'm joined today by-chair of our Public Policy Committee, Molly Halligan. We are representing the rest of our committee, co-chair, Dr. Ken MacAleese, members are Dr. Gwen Diggins, Dr. Jared Chase, and Justin Kryriannis. We would first and foremost like to take this opportunity to thank the State ABA Board for their invitation to this meeting and moving forward the standing agenda slot. The Nevada Association for Behavior Analysis is a non-profit organization committed to the advancement of intellectual exchange, professional development, and to inform related public policy in the interest of advancing the field of behavior analysis. Our membership base is representative of behavior analysts across the state of Nevada, and historically we have used the Public Policy committee to communicate with, and advocate for, our membership base regarding updates to legislative activities in Nevada.

We would like to use this preliminary agenda item to indicate a statement of concern regarding a recent discussion the board has been conducting regarding the complaint process. After discussing this with our committee, the overall consensus is that it is unclear how the board functions with respect to when complaints are received, how the board is involved, and what the role of the Division is when informing the board of complaints. We are happy to see that this topic is starting to generate discussion at board meetings and there seems to be a coordinated movement towards finding a solution to this. The Public Policy Committee at NABA looks forward to further developments on this topic in particular and will join the board in offering assistance to address this issue.

Moving forward, you can expect to have at least one of us at these meetings providing the perspective of our committee, updates regarding the actions of the committee, and ways that we can collaborate on future initiatives. We very much look forward to working with the board, and again, we appreciate the opportunity for dialogue that this standing agenda item provides.

Thank you.