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Regular Session Minutes

March 31, 2020 – 7:30 a.m.
1740 W. Adams St.
Boardroom C (1st Floor)
Phoenix, AZ 85007

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners was called to order by Madame Chair Shreeve at 7:31 a.m. on March 31, 2020. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present by Telephone:

Tamara Shreeve, MPA – Chair
Diana Davis-Wilson, DBH, BCBA, Ph.D. – Vice-Chair
Lynn L. Flowers, Ph.D. – Secretary
Bob Bohanske, Ph.D., FNAP
Bryan Davey, Ph.D., BCBA-D
Stephen Gill, Ph.D.
Matthew A. Meier, Psy.D.
Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D.

Board Members Absent:

Aditya Dynar, Esq.

Staff Present

Heidi Herbst Paakkonen, Executive Director (telephonic)
Jennifer Michaelsen, Deputy Director (telephonic)
Kathy Fowkes, Licensing Specialist (telephonic)
Krishna Poe, Programs and Projects Specialist

Assistant Attorney General

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

3. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING WAIVER OF REQUIREMENTS FOR PSYCHOLOGIST LICENSURE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AT A.R.S. §36-787 (PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY DURING STATE OF EMERGENCY) TO INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

A. Extension of the 20-Day Licensure Exemption Established at A.R.S. §32-2075(A)(4). Exemptions from licensure

The Board members discussed the statute as a possible strategy to temporarily waive professional licensure requirements to permit psychologists not licensed in Arizona to provide services under their

out-of-state licenses, consistent with the Arizona Department of Health Services Administrative Order 2020-01.

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved to extend the 20-day period of time provided by the statutes to the duration of the emergency declared by Governor Doug Ducey on March 11, 2020. Dr. Mellott seconded the motion.

VOICE VOTE: The motion was approved 8-0.

B. Establish a Temporary License Process Pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3124. Temporary licensure; rules; fee; applicability

The Board members discussed the statute as a possible strategy to establish a temporary licensure option, consistent with the Arizona Department of Health Services Administrative Order 2020-01.

MOTION: Dr. Bohanske moved to implement temporary licensure pursuant to the statute with the duration to be consistent with the declared emergency, and consistent with the Arizona Department of Health Services Administrative Order 2020-01. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion.

VOICE VOTE: The motion was approved 8-0.

MOTION: Dr. Mellot moved to delegate to the Executive Director waiver of all temporary application fees and to direct staff to first verify licensure in good standing for out of state licensees applying for temporary licensure as a condition of granting the license, consistent with the Arizona Department of Health Services Administrative Order 2020-01. Dr. Bohanske seconded the motion.

VOICE VOTE: The motion was approved 8-0.

C. Extension of Temporary License (A.R.S. §32-2073. Temporary licenses; inactive status; reinstatement to active status)

The Board members discussed a possible strategy to extend the temporary licensure status granted pursuant to this statute, consistent with the Arizona Department of Health Services Administrative Order 2020-01.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved to extend the time frame for temporary licensure granted under the statute for at least 18 months from the date the emergency is lifted by Governor Ducey, consistent with the Arizona Department of Health Services Administrative Order 2020-01. Dr. Bohanske seconded the motion.

VOICE VOTE: The motion was approved 8-0.

D. Fee and/or Continuing Education Waivers for Reactivating Retired Status Licenses

The Board members discussed a possible strategy to waive fees and grant continuing education completion waivers for licensees reactivating from retired status, consistent with the Arizona Department of Health Services Administrative Order 2020-01.

MOTION: Dr. Bohanske moved to allow for waiver of fees and continuing education requirements for the duration of the declared emergency for former licensees who have retired their licenses within the past 10 years and who at that time were in good standing, consistent with the Arizona Department of Health Services Administrative Order 2020-01. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion.

VOICE VOTE: The motion was approved 8-0.

E. Fee and/or Continuing Education Waivers for Reactivating Voluntary Inactive Status Licenses

The Board members discussed a possible strategy to waive fees and grant continuing education completion waivers for licensees reactivating from voluntary inactive status, consistent with the Arizona Department of Health Services Administrative Order 2020-01.

MOTION: Ms. Shreeve moved to allow for waiver of fees and continuing education requirements for the duration of the declared emergency for former licensees reactivating an inactive license, consistent with the Arizona Department of Health Services Administrative Order 2020-01. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion.

VOICE VOTE: The motion was approved 8-0.

F. Suspend Continuing Education Requirements for Renewal

The Board did not take action on this matter as this topic is addressed in Governor Doug Ducey's Executive Order 2020-17.

G. Authorize Executive Director to Approve Continuing Education Deadline Extensions

The Board members discussed a possible strategy to approve extensions of the continuing education deadlines for licensees, consistent with the Arizona Department of Health Services Administrative Order 2020-01.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved to allow licensees with continuing education deficiencies to attach an explanation of such to their applications, and to be granted up to 3 additional months to complete the requirements following the conclusion of the declared emergency. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion.

VOICE VOTE: The motion was approved 8-0.

4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING WAIVER OF REQUIREMENTS FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYST LICENSURE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AT A.R.S. §36-787 (PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY DURING STATE OF EMERGENCY) TO INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

A. Extension of the 20-Day Licensure Exemption Established at A.R.S. §32-2091.08(4). Exemptions from Licensure

B. Establish a Temporary License Process Pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3124. Temporary licensure; rules; fee; applicability

C. Fee and/or Continuing Education Waivers for Reactivating Retired Status Licenses

D. Fee and/or Continuing Education Waivers for Reactivating Voluntary Inactive Status Licenses

E. Suspend Continuing Education Requirements for Renewal

F. Authorize Executive Director to Approve Continuing Education Deadline Extensions

G. Other

Following discussion the Board members concurred that all actions taken on agenda item #3 should be replicated for behavior analysts.

MOTION: Dr. Davey moved to mirror the actions taken in agenda item #3 for psychologists and psychologist licensure applicants for the corresponding items in #4 for behavior analysts and behavior analyst applicants, consistent with the Arizona Department of Health Services Administrative Order 2020-01; the only exception is that for item 3B, staff will rely on the Behavior Analyst Certification Board for certification verification for behavior analysts from states not currently regulating the profession. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion.

VOICE VOTE: The motion was approved 8-0.

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING WAIVER OF REQUIREMENTS FOR PSYCHOLOGIST SUPERVISION OF LICENSURE APPLICANTS UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AT A.R.S. §36-787 (PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY DURING STATE OF EMERGENCY) TO INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- A. **Temporary Modification(s) to and/or Waivers of Internship Requirements**
- B. **Temporary Modification(s) to and/or Waivers of Pre-internship Supervision Requirements**
- C. **Temporary Modification(s) to and/or Waivers of Supervised Postdoctoral Experiences Requirements**
- D. **Other**

The Board members discussed a possible strategy to temporarily waive certain supervision requirements and restrictions for psychologist licensure applicants consistent with the Arizona Department of Health Services Administrative Order 2020-01.

MOTION: Dr. Bohanske moved to suspend the time limitation on telesupervision for candidates under supervision in internships, pre-internships, supervised postdoctoral experiences, and residencies during the state of emergency and 3 months following, consistent with the Arizona Department of Health Services Administrative Order 2020-01. Dr. Mellott offered a friendly amendment to include telepractice for the same period. Dr. Bohanske accepted the friendly amendments. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion.

VOICE VOTE: The motion was approved 8-0.

6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING WAIVER OF REQUIREMENTS FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYST SUPERVISION OF LICENSURE APPLICANTS UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AT A.R.S. §36-787 (PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY DURING STATE OF EMERGENCY) TO INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- A. **Temporary Modification(s) to and/or Waivers of Supervised Experience or Independent Fieldwork Requirements**
- B. **Temporary Modification(s) to and/or Waivers of University Practicum Requirements**
- C. **Temporary Modification(s) to and/or Waivers of Intensive University Practicum Requirements**
- D. **Other**

Following discussion the Board members concurred no action is required with respect to waiving certain supervision requirements and restrictions for behavior analyst applicants.

7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING TEMPORARY DELEGATION TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF REQUESTS FOR TIME EXTENSION TO TAKE THE EPPP IN ACCORDANCE WITH A.A.C. R4-26-204 (A)(3) EXAMINATIONS

The Board members discussed a possible strategy to temporarily delegate to the Executive Director the authority to grant requests for extensions of time with which to take the EPPP given that the testing centers are closed until April 16, 2020 and the closure period may be extended.

MOTION: Dr. Bohanske moved to delegate to the Executive Director requests for extensions of time with which to take the EPPP for at least 18 months from the date the emergency is lifted, consistent with the Arizona Department of Health Services Administrative Order 2020-01. Dr. Davis-Wilson seconded the motion.

VOICE VOTE: The motion was approved 8-0.

8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING DEVELOPING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS, GUIDANCE OR POLICY ON THE SUBJECT OF TELEPRACTICE

Ms. Herbst Paakkonen called to the Board's attention the resource document consisting of a compilation of statutes and rules addressing telehealth practice in Arizona. The Board members concurred that the resource document prepared by staff and posted on the website is appropriate for now. If it is determined that additional review and guidance development might be necessary, this matter will be placed on a future meeting agenda.

Board members also discussed A.A.C. R4-26-111 Providing Supervision through Telepractice specific to the requirement to use secure technology and whether the use of audio-based telepractice is acceptable. The members discussed that newly issued guidance by several organizations is advocating the inclusion of telephone facilitated telepractice given the current public health concerns. Staff was directed to add this agenda item to its April 3, 2020 meeting agenda for further discussion, consideration and possible action.

9. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING GRANTING PROVISIONAL LICENSES TO QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-17 "CONTINUITY OF WORK"

The Board members discussed the provisional language of the order and contrasted it with the elements of the temporary license that the Board grants to applicants who have met all licensure requirements with the exception of passing the national examination. The one element that exists with this temporary license is that the holder is required to practice under the supervision of a licensed psychologist.

10. ADJOURN

Dr. Bohanske moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 a.m. Dr. Meier seconded the motion. The motion was approved 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn L. Flowers, Ph.D.
Secretary