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## **Complaint Screening Committee REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

**Monday, October 6, 2014**  
Capitol Center Building  
15 S. 15<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Basement Conference Room – B Side  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular session of the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners Complaint Screening Committee was called to order by Chairman Bohanske, at 9:00 a.m. on October 6, 2014.

### **2. ROLL CALL**

#### **Committee Members Present**

Bob Bohanske, Ph.D. – Chairman  
Rob Robichaud  
Frederick S. Wechsler, Ph.D., Psy.D.

#### **Staff Present**

Cindy Olvey, Psy.D., Executive Director  
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#### **Attorney General's Office**

Jeanne Galvin, Assistant Attorney General

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **a. Regular Session – September 10, 2014**

Mr. Robichaud made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to approve the September 10, 2014, Regular Session minutes as drafted. The motion carried (3-0), by a voice vote.

### **4. CASE DISCUSSION/DECISION**

#### **a. James Thal, Ph.D., RFI 14-19**

Dr. Wechsler summarized the case, including salient points of the investigation and pertinent records. The Licensee was present and was represented by legal counsel, J. Arthur Eaves.

The Licensee made a brief statement and answered Committee member questions. The Complainant was also present, made a brief statement, provided additional documentation, and answered Committee member questions. After deliberation, Mr. Robichaud made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to table the matter for a future meeting to review the additional documentation provided by the Complainant and to request additional documentation from the Licensee. Documentation to be requested from the Licensee includes: documentation to demonstrate any continuing education, training, or supervision the Licensee has obtained within the past six years with regard to forensic evaluations, the MMPI 2RF, the FCL 90, and parental fitness evaluations; the Licensee's informed consent documentation; a listing of the records that Licensee reviewed as a part of his evaluation of the Complainant; and a description of how test data substantiated the findings contained in the Licensee's report. In addition, the records the Complainant has collected are to be obtained for the Committee's review. The motion carried unanimously (3-0), by a voice vote.

**b. Christopher Nicholls, Ph.D., RFI 14-23**

Mr. Robichaud summarized the case, including salient points of the investigation and pertinent records. The case was previously reviewed at the September 10, 2014, Complaint Screening Committee meeting, where Committee members voted to table the matter and to request that the Licensee, the Complainants, the postdoctoral resident, and the referring psychologist, appear at the future meeting for the Committee's further review of the matter. The Complainants were present, made a brief statement, and answered Committee member questions. The Licensee was present and answered Committee member questions. The postdoctoral resident was also present and answered Committee member questions. The referring psychologist was present, but was not asked any questions by Committee members. After deliberation, Mr. Robichaud made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to dismiss the case. The motion carried (2-1), by a roll call vote, with Dr. Wechsler voting no.

**c. Umut Catron, M.Ed., RFI BA-14-01**

Dr. Wechsler summarized the case, including salient points of the investigation and pertinent records. The Licensee was present and available to respond to questions from Committee members. The Board was the Complainant in the matter. After deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to dismiss the case. The motion carried unanimously (3-0), by a voice vote.

**d. Norman Bertel, Psy.D., RFI 14-27**

Dr. Bohanske summarized the case, including salient points of the investigation and pertinent records. The Licensee was present, made a brief statement, and answered Committee member questions. The Complainant was present, but did not request to speak. After deliberation, Mr. Robichaud made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to dismiss the case. The motion carried unanimously (3-0), by a voice vote.

**5. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robichaud, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried (3-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bob Bohanske, Ph.D.  
Chair

Date