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**BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS
RULES COMMITTEE
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

*November 3, 2015
1:00 p.m.
1400 W. Washington
Basement Conference Room B-1
Phoenix, AZ 85007*

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners Rules Committee was called to order by Dr. Mellott at 1:11 p.m. on November 3, 2015. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Rules Committee Members Present

Ramona Mellott, Ph.D.
Bob Bohanske, Ph.D.
Frederick S. Wechsler, Ph.D., Psy.D., ABPP

Staff Present

Dr. Cindy Olvey - Executive Director

Attorney General's Office

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3. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION PERTAINING TO SUGGESTIONS FOR RULE REVISIONS RECEIVED FROM BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS

Dr. Mellott invited the behavior analysts who were present to provide feedback on the draft rules. Committee members underscored the importance of retaining the 1,500 hour supervised experience requirement. The Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) revised its Professional and Ethical Compliance Code for Behavior Analysts (ethical code) and it will become effective January 1, 2016. Committee members discussed reviewing and possibly incorporating the revised ethical code into the draft rules. Committee members discussed the BACB's minimum educational requirements for licensure. It was the consensus of Committee to include the BACB's educational requirements as follows:

1. Ethical and Professional Conduct in the area of behavior analysis – 45 hours
2. Concepts and Principles of Behavior Analysis – 45 hours
3. Research Methods in Behavior Analysis
 - Measurement (including Data Analysis) – 25 hours

- Experimental Design – 20 hours
4. Applied Behavior Analysis
 - Fundamental Elements of Behavior Change & Specific Behavior Change Procedures – 45 hours
 - Identification of the Problem & Assessment – 30 hours
 - Intervention & Behavior Change Considerations – 10 hours
 - Behavior Change Systems – 10 hours
 - Implementation, Management and Supervision – 10 hours
 5. Discretionary hours related to behavior analysis – 30 hours

The Committee discussed additional educational requirements as follows:

- Accepting graduate level instruction classroom hours that are completed at an institution accredited by a recognized accrediting agency.
- Accepting programs approved by the BACB.
- Accepting graduate degrees from regionally accredited institutions and the degree requirements must include a graduate degree in behavior analysis, psychology, education, or any other subject area related to behavior analysis acceptable to the Board.
- R4-26-403(18)(c) delete “no less than 12 months.”
- Including BACB Experience Standards in rule.
- The Committee discussed multiple supervisors and the supervision verification form.
- Committee members discussed the possibility of establishing licensure by credential, which would require a statute change.

4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION PERTAINING TO DRAFTING RULES THAT ADDRESS THE BOARD’S ADOPTION OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS CONSISTENT WITH STANDARDS SET BY A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED BEHAVIOR ANALYST CERTIFICATION BOARD PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §32-2091.03

This agenda item was included in Agenda item #3.

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CURRENT RULES FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS THAT MAY NEED REVISION

Committee members discussed revising continuing education requirements for behavior analysts. It was the consensus of the Committee to draft continuing education rules to be more aligned with the BACB’s requirements.

6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION PERTAINING TO DRAFTING RULES TO ADDRESS LEGISLATION PASSED DURING THE 2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, TELEPRACTICE, TEMPORARY LICENSURE, AND REVISION OF THE CURRENT LICENSE RENEWAL PROCESS

Dr. Olvey summarized legislation that became effective in 2014 and indicated that statute changes include developing rules for telepractice and telesupervision. Committee members identified areas to be included in telepractice rules as follows:

- Confidentiality
- Backup plan in the event electronic devices fail
- Verifying who the client is
- Ensuring clients are aware of community services
- Obtaining verifiable emergency contact information for the client

- Conducting risk assessments

Committee members discussed the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT).

7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CURRENT RULES FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS THAT MAY NEED REVISION

No additional rules were identified at this time.

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No agenda items for future meetings were identified.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to adjourn the meeting at 3:52 p.m. The motion carried (3-0).

Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D.
Committee Chair