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REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

February 19, 2015, 3:30 p.m.

1400 W. Washington, Suite 240
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners was called to order by Chairman DiBacco at 3:34 p.m. on February 19, 2015. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

John P. DiBacco, Ph.D., – Chair
Frederick S. Wechsler, Ph.D., Psy.D.,
ABPP – Vice Chair (3:41 p.m. – 4:53 p.m.)
Tamara Shreeve, MPA – Secretary
Paul Beljan, Psy.D., ABPdN, ABN
Bob Bohanske, Ph.D.
Janice K. Brundage, Ph.D. (joined at 4:03 p.m.)
Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D. (3:34 p.m. – 4:36 p.m.)
Rob Robichaud

Staff Present

Dr. Cindy Olvey, Executive Director
Lynanne Chapman, Deputy Director
Heather Duracinski, Licensing Coordinator

Attorney General's Office

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

Board Member Absent

Joseph C. Donaldson

3. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LEGISLATION INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO SB 1439 PERTAINING TO JUDICIALLY APPOINTED PSYCHOLOGISTS

Stuart Goodman from Goodman Schwartz Public Affairs was present telephonically and addressed the Board stating that SB 1439 proposes to repeal the section pertaining to Court appointed psychologists in A.R.S. §32-2081(B). Additionally, he stated that the Board has been offered the opportunity to provide an amendment to A.R.S. §32-2081(B). Mr. Goodman elaborated on the time-frame that the Board can propose an amendment to the legislature for consideration. Mr. Goodman clarified that the Courts do not want to be part of the process for reviewing complaints.

Board members expressed concern with the effect of SB 1439 on children. In addition, it may lead to a shortage of psychologists willing to provide court appointed services. It was the consensus of the Board to move to the Call to the Public agenda item before continuing its discussion in this matter due to participants present to speak regarding SB 1439.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Lindsey Buckman, Psy.D., Legislative Committee Chair for the Arizona Psychological Association (AzPA), was present, requested to speak, made a statement and answered Board members' questions. Dr. Buckman asked the Board to consider some alternatives to A.R.S. §32-2081(B) as AzPA has addressed this issue with professionals in the community. Dr. Buckman elaborated that some alternatives may be to hold any complaint against a Court appointed psychologist until the case is resolved in the Court, have the complaint screened by a Board member(s) to determine whether the complaint should be opened, ask for information from the Court before opening the complaint and to wait to notify the licensee until it has been determined whether the complaint should be opened.

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Dr. Olvey provided three options that the Board may consider to provide to the legislature as follows:

- A Board member reviews the complaint and makes a recommendation to the Executive Director whether the complaint should be opened.
- Contract with an independent reviewer to review the complaint. The independent reviewer would make a recommendation to the Executive Director. The Executive Director would then consult with a psychologist Board member to make the final determination as to whether the complaint is opened.
- The Complaint Screening Committee reviews the complaint independently and determines whether a complaint is opened.

Board members deliberated and discussed the options. It was the consensus of the Board to propose that a Board member or agent of the Board review the complaint independently and make a recommendation to the Executive Director. Additionally, it was the consensus of the Board to include an appeal process for the complainant, as necessary. Board members directed Dr. Olvey to consult with Mr. Goodman and stakeholders and to bring information back to the Board.

6. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

There were no new items for future meetings.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shreeve, to adjourn the meeting at 5:04 p.m.. The motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Shreeve, MPA
Secretary