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REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

February 5, 2016
8:30 a.m.
Executive Tower
1700 W. Washington
Third Floor Conference Room (312)
Phoenix, AZ 85007

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners was called to order by Chairman Wechsler at 8:30 a.m. on February 5, 2016.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

Frederick S. Wechsler, Ph.D., Psy.D., ABPP – Chair
Rob Robichaud, M.A. CJ, SHRM-CP, PHR – Vice Chair
Paul Beljan, Psy.D., ABPdN, ABN
Bob Bohanske, Ph.D.
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Joseph C. Donaldson
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Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D (joined at 8:34 a.m.)

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Attorney General’s Office

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

Board Members Absent

Tamara Shreeve, MPA - Secretary

3. REMARKS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CE Documentation – Dr. Wechsler announced that licensees could receive CE credits in Ethics for attendance at Board meetings and explained how to obtain credit.

Board Assessment Forms – Dr. Wechsler encouraged members of the audience to complete a Board meeting Assessment Survey and place them in the survey box.

Presentation of Plaques to Board Members Joseph Donaldson and Ramona Mellott - Dr. Wechsler presented a plaque and expressed appreciation to Mr. Donaldson for completing his third term as a public member on the Board. Dr. Wechsler presented a plaque and expressed appreciation to Dr. Mellott for completing her second term as an academic psychologist member on the Board.

Board Member and Staff Appreciation –Dr. Wechsler thanked Board members and Staff for their dedication and hard work.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no requests to speak.

5. COUNSEL REPORT

Ms. Galvin stated that the Board summarily suspended the license of Deborah Hughes, Psy.D. She stated that the Formal Hearing at the Office of Administrative Hearings has been scheduled for mid-April. She will keep the Board apprised of this matter.

6. CONSENT AGENDA - DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Dr. Flowers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robichaud, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Dr. Bohanske abstained from the December 11, 2015, Regular and Executive Session Minutes. Dr. Mellott abstained from the January 8, 2016, Regular Session Minutes. Dr. Brundage, Mr. Donaldson and Dr. Mellott recused from item (g) pertaining to Sandra Brim, Ph.D. The motion carried 8-0.

(a) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- December 11, 2015, Regular Session (Dr. Bohanske abstained)
- December 11, 2015, Executive Session (9:28 a.m. – 10:02 a.m.) (Dr. Bohanske abstained)
- January 8, 2016, Regular Session (Dr. Mellott abstained)

(b) DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING PSYCHOLOGY APPLICATIONS

i. REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR EXAM ONLY

- Kyle Picora, Psy.D.

ii. REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR EXAM AND/OR LICENSURE

- Adrian Fletcher, Psy.D.
- Carolina Prieto, Psy.D.
- Gary Tenney, Ph.D.

iii. REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR LICENSURE BY WAIVER

- Aisha Devera, Psy.D.

iv. REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR LICENSURE BY CREDENTIAL

- Eva Maldonado-Renta, Psy.D.

v. REQUESTING APPROVAL OF SUPERVISED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE HOURS AND LICENSURE

- Felicia Wilson, Psy.D.

(c) DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICATIONS

- Emily Davis, M.Ed.
- Heather O’Shea, Ph.D.
- Leah Sloterbeek, M.S.
- Lia Triboulet, M.Ed.
- Mia Savard, MA
- Nicholas Ascolese, M.S.

(d) DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO SIT FOR THE EPPP FROM TABATHA SANDMAN KERR, PSY.D.

(e) DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO SIT FOR THE EPPP FROM VIKTORIYA SAMARINA, PH.D.

(f) DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSED LETTER OF CONCERN AND NON-DISCIPLINARY CONSENT AGREEMENT REGARDING DR. CRAYDON MCDONALD, PH.D., IN RESOLUTION OF RFI 15-18

(g) DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSED CONSENT AGREEMENT REGARDING DR. SANDRA BRIM, PH.D., IN RESOLUTION OF RFI 14-33 (Dr. Brundage, Mr. Donaldson, Dr. Mellott recused)

(h) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

(i) INVESTIGATIONS REPORT

(j) LICENSING REPORT

7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING UPDATES PERTAINING TO PSYCHOLOGY RULES THAT BECAME EFFECTIVE 1/30/16 AND RULES BEING DRAFTED FOR PSYCHOLOGY AND BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

Dr. Mellott provided a summary to the Board stating that revised rules for psychology became effective January 30, 2016. Additionally, the Committee currently is drafting rules that include telepractice for psychologists as well as revising behavior analyst rules. Dr. Mellott stated that recommendations will be brought to the Board at a future meeting.

8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO INITIAL CASE REVIEWS OF THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATIONS

RFI 15-31 – William Arnett, Psy.D.

Mr. Robichaud provided a summary to the Board stating that Dr. Arnett self-reported a felony charge to the Board past the timeframe in which a licensee is required to self-report. The Board initiated a Request for Investigation. Mr. Robichaud stated that Dr. Arnett was convicted with a Class 4 Misdemeanor and sentenced to probation for one year. Additionally, Dr. Arnett is no longer practicing in Arizona as he recently relocated to Florida. Mr. Robichaud stated that the Complaint Screening Committee forwarded this matter to the full Board for further review.

Dr. Arnett was present, requested to speak, made a statement and answered Board members’ questions. He stated that, if needed, his legal counsel can be contacted via telephone for legal questions and is not currently on the conference call. Dr. Arnett stated that he was convicted of a misdemeanor drug charge and may petition the

Court after four months of probation to request that he be released from probation. Dr. Arnett provided a timeline of his work and personal history for the Board. Dr. Arnett stated that he was not aware of the charges until three to four months after the Grand Jury met. He attested that he self-reported to the Board within 10 days of him being aware of the charges. Board members asked Dr. Arnett to describe what actions he is taking to ensure the circumstances leading to his arrest do not occur again. Dr. Arnett responded.

Cynthia Arnett was present, requested to speak and made a statement. Ms. Arnett reiterated Dr. Arnett's employment history and described the challenges of working in a rural area.

The Board deliberated. Board members indicated that Dr. Arnett self-reported within the required time-frame given the delay that occurred with respect to his being notified of the charges. Board members reviewed the specific charges and expressed concern with Dr. Arnett's actions. Board members' recognized the challenges of working in a rural area and expressed concern that Dr. Arnett did not consult with other professionals. After deliberation, Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to move this matter to an Informal Interview for further review. The motion carried 8-0

RFI T-15-33 – Suzi Schor

Mr. Robichaud provided a summary to the Board stating that this matter was previously reviewed by the Board. The Board determined that Ms. Schor used language on various websites that would lead the public to believe that she is a licensed psychologist and provided advice via electronic means. Ms. Schor provided a written response to the Board's concerns stating that she has no intention of becoming licensed and is providing services for free. In her written response, Ms. Schor attested that she removed language from her website that would lead the public to believe that she is licensed as a psychologist. Mr. Robichaud stated that this matter is before the Board as Ms. Schor may be providing psychological services via electronic means.

Ms. Schor was not present. The Board deliberated and expressed concerns with Ms. Schor's behavior. Board members expressed concern that there is evidence that Ms. Schor may have led the public to believe that she is licensed in multiple professions. Board members' discussed the options of petitioning the Superior Court for an injunction, referring the matter to the Attorney General's office and/or referring the matter to other regulatory Boards. After deliberation, Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to refer this matter to the Attorney General's office, Board of Behavioral Health Examiners, Arizona Medical Board, State Bar Association, and Psychology Boards in other jurisdictions. The motion carried 8-0.

9. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PSYCHOLOGIST APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY SUZANNE BOTELLO, PH.D.

Dr. Mellott provided a summary to the Board stating that the Application Review Committee forwarded this application to the full Board for further review as Dr. Botello reported a past criminal history. Dr. Mellott noted Dr. Botello's meets the requirements for licensure and that the criminal history was more than 30 years ago. Ms. Botello was present and answered Board members questions. After deliberation, Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to approve Dr. Botello's application to sit for the EPPP.

10. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO JOHN DORE AND POSSIBLE CONCERNS WITH HIS WEBSITE

Ms. Chapman provided a summary to the Board stating that this matter was previously reviewed by the Board and the Board directed Board staff to send correspondence to Mr. Dore requesting that he make changes/modifications to his website. Ms. Chapman stated that, to date, Mr. Dore has not responded to the Board's request. After deliberation, Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to direct the Board's legal counsel, Jeanne Galvin, to send correspondence to Mr. Dore requesting that he change/modify his website. The motion carried 8-0.

11. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING LETTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD AND THE ASSOCIATION OF STATE AND PROVINCIAL PSYCHOLOGY BOARDS REGARDING THE PSYCHOLOGY LICENSURE UNIFORM SYSTEM (PLUS)

Dr. Olvey provided a summary to the Board stating that the Psychology Licensure Uniform System (PLUS) is the uniform application system offered by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB). ASPPB made a presentation to the Board at a previous meeting and the Board directed Board staff to work with ASPPB to explore and work toward implementation of the PLUS. Dr. Olvey stated that the Letter of Agreement between ASPPB and the Board is before the Board for review. She stated that the Letter of Agreement has been reviewed by the State's Procurement Office as well as the Attorney Generals' Office. Additionally, Dr. Olvey identified a section that would need revision in order to comply with Arizona's application time-frames. After deliberation, Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to approve the Letter of Agreement and to authorize Board staff to work with ASPPB regarding specific time-frames. The motion carried 8-0.

12. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY JENNIFER ESPINOZA, M.A.

Board members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Espinoza's application. Upon review, the Board noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Flowers to approve Ms. Espinoza's application for licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee. The motion carried 8-0.

13. DISCUSSION. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING POSTDOCTORAL TRAINEES WHO ARE TEMPORARILY LICENSED AND ARE ACQUIRING HOURS AND EMPLOYMENT IN ADDITION TO THE POSTDOCTORAL EXPERIENCE DESIGNATED IN THE TEMPORARY LICENSE APPLICATION INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, WHETHER THOSE HOURS COUNT TOWARD LICENSURE

Dr. Bohanske provided a summary stating that there are individuals who have obtained temporary licensure and are contracting out employment outside of their postdoctoral experience that was reviewed and approved by the Board. Some Board members questioned whether an individual can obtain employment outside of the postdoctoral experience approved for the temporary license. Board members opined that hours obtained outside of a formal postdoctoral experience must be supervised. After deliberation, the Board requested that its legal counsel, Jeanne Galvin, provide an informal opinion of A.R.S. §32-2073(B) and bring it to the Board at a future meeting.

14. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION PERTAINING TO LEGISLATIVE UPDATE INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, HB 2503 PERTAINING TO THE PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT (PSYPACT), HB 2501 PERTAINING TO CONSOLIDATION OF BOARDS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, SB 1121 PERTAINING TO BEHAVIOR ANALYST SCOPE OF PRACTICE, SB 1103 PERTAINING TO CHANGE OF ADDRESS BY PSYCHOLOGISTS, SB 1443 PERTAINING TO HEALTH PROFESSION REGULATORY BOARDS

Stuart Goodman with Goodman Schwartz Public Affairs was present and provided a summary to the Board. Mr. Goodman summarized the various bills for Board members summarizing SB 1103, SB 1121, and SB 1443. Mr. Goodman stated that HB 2503 (the psychology licensure compact) was scheduled to be heard on February 2, 2016, but was pulled from the agenda due to an amendment that needed to be addressed. The language has been modified and will be heard in the near future. Mr. Goodman stated that HB 2501 pertains to consolidation of regulatory Boards. Mr. Goodman stated that he has been attending stake holder meetings regarding HB 2501 and will keep the Board apprised as the bill progresses.

15. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Dr. Bohankse requested that Temporary Licensure pertaining to agenda item 13 be placed on a future agenda of the Board.

16. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donaldson, to adjourn the meeting at 11:35a.m. The motion carried 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Beljan, Psy.D., ABPdN, ABN
Secretary