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Complaint Screening Committee **REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 7, 2018
1740 W. Adams St.
Conference Room B (1st Floor)
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 Madame Chair Shreeve at 8:31 a.m. on February 7, 2018.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present

Tamara Shreeve, MPA – Chair
Lynn Flowers, Ph.D.
Frederick S. Wechsler, Ph.D., Psy.D., ABPP (cl)

Staff Present

Jenna Jones, Executive Director
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Attorney General's Office

Jeanne Galvin, Assistant Attorney General

3. CASE DISCUSSION/DECISION

a. Sharareh Najafi, Ph.D., Complaint No. T-17-37

Ms. Shreeve summarized the case, including salient points of the investigation and pertinent records. The Respondent was present, made statements and answered Committee members' questions. After deliberation, Ms. Shreeve made a motion seconded by Dr. Flowers to dismiss this case as there was no evidence of violations of statutes or rules. The motion carried 3-0.

b. Katrina Buwalda, Psy.D., Complaint No. 17-13

Dr. Wechsler summarized the case, including salient points of the investigation and pertinent records. The Complainant was not present. The Licensee and her attorney, Charles Hover, Esq., were present, made statements, and answered Committee members' questions. After deliberation,

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Flowers to dismiss this case as there was no evidence of violations of statutes or rules. The motion carried 3-0.

c. J.R. Rueda Complaint No. T-17-20

Ms. Shreeve summarized the case, including salient points of the investigation and pertinent records. The Complainant was not present. The Respondent and his attorney, Danielle Graham, Esq., were present, made statements, and answered Committee members' questions. The Committee expressed concerns with Mr. Rueda's ethical conduct in this case. After deliberation, Dr. Flowers made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to dismiss this matter as the Committee found no violation of psychology statutes or rules but forwarded this case to the Board for possible referral to an association that certifies biofeedback providers for possible ethical violations or to the Assistant Attorney General's office for possible consumer concerns. The motion carried 3-0.

d. Jamie Matanovich, Ph.D., Complaint No. 17-26

Dr. Wechsler summarized the case, including salient points of the investigation and pertinent records. The Licensee was present, made statements and answered Committee members' questions. A representative for the Complainant, Deanna Shahverdian, was present, made statements and answered Committee members' questions. After deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Flowers, to forward this case to the Board for possible violation of A.R.S. §32-2061(16)(dd) for possibly violating an ethical standard adopted by the Board as it pertains to the American Psychological Association Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct; 2.01 Boundaries of Competence; 2.03 Maintaining Competence; 3.04 Avoiding Harm; 3.09 Cooperation with Other Professionals; 4.05 Disclosures; 6.06 Accuracy in Reports to Payors and Funding Sources; and 9.08(a)(b) Obsolete Tests and Outdated Test Results. The motion carried 3-0.

e. Gwendolyn Johnson, Ph.D., Complaint No. 15-32

Dr. Flowers summarized the case, including salient points of the investigation and pertinent records. The Licensee was present, made statements and answered Committee members' questions. After deliberation, Dr. Flowers made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to forward this case to the Board for possible violation of A.R.S. §32-2061(16)(o) for possibly providing services that are unnecessary or unsafe or otherwise engaging in activities as a psychologist that are unprofessional by current standards of practice and A.R.S. §32-2061(16)(dd) for possibly violating an ethical code adopted by the Board as it pertains to the American Psychological Association Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct; 1.03 Conflicts Between Ethics and Organizational Demands; and 9.01(a)(b) Bases for Assessment. The motion carried 3-0.

4. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Dr. Flowers made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried (3-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Tamara Shreeve, MPA - Committee Chair Date

