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SUBCOMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION MINUTES

February 9, 2018

3:00 p.m.

1740 W. Adams St.
Conference Room 1003 (1st Floor)
Phoenix, AZ 85007

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners was called to order by Dr. Brundage at 3:04 p.m. on February 9, 2018.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present

Janice K. Brundage, Ph.D. – Chair
Bob Bohanske, Ph.D., FNA
Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D.
Frederick S. Wechsler, Ph.D., Psy.D., ABPP

Staff Present

Jenna Jones, Executive Director
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3. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION PERTAINING TO DEVELOPMENT OF A FACT SHEET RELATING TO HB 2237, POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE BOARD'S POSITION ON HB 2237

The Board heard agenda items 3, 4, 5 and 6 as one item.

Ms. Jones provided a summary stating that the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) addressed concerns with the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System (PCSAS). PCSAS is not health service delivery and it lacks standardization of a curriculum. Board members stated that PCSAS has five areas of competency and those five competencies do not meet Arizona's requirements for licensure. Board members expressed concern regarding PCSAS claiming programs carry only PCSAS accreditation.

Board members proposed changing statutory language, specifically A.R.S. §32-2071.01(C). Board members expressed concern that there are only five psychology programs that offer doctorate degrees in Arizona and PCSAS only recognizes two of the five schools. Board members directed Board staff to send a letter to the Governor's office expressing the Board's concerns with PCSAS and to enclose a fact sheet. Additionally, Board members directed Board staff to inquire whether the Veterans Administration and the Department of Education recognizes PCSAS as an accrediting body.

After deliberation, Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to propose that the statutory language be modified to strike the American Psychological Association accreditation and to add accrediting organizations as approved by the Board. The motion carried 4-0.

4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION PERTAINING TO CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHOLOGY POPSTDOCTORAL & INTERNSHIP CENTERS

See agenda item 3.

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF STATE AND PROVINCIAL PSYCHOLOGY BOARDS

See agenda item 3.

6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION PERTAINING TO LEGISLATION INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO HB 2207 AND HB 2406

See agenda item 3.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to adjourn the meeting at 3:51 p.m. The Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice K. Brundage, Ph.D.
Chair