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Complaint Screening Committee REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

September 13, 2023

Held by Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners Complaint Screening Committee was called to order by Chairman Wynn at 8:30 a.m. on September 13, 2023. Two executive sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present

Todd Wynn, M.A. – Chair
Diana Medina, Ph.D.
Joseph Stewart, Ed.D.

Attorney General's Office

Jeanne Galvin, Assistant Attorney General

Staff Present

Heidi Paakkonen, Executive Director
Jennifer Michaelsen, Deputy Director

3. CASE DISCUSSION/DECISION

a. John Mather, Ph.D., Complaint No. 23-45

Dr. Medina summarized the case, including salient points of the investigation and pertinent records. The complaint was submitted anonymously. Dr. Mather's attorney, Andrew Breavington, addressed the Committee with a request that this matter be tabled until the next CSC meeting; he outlined his reason for making this request. Dr. Mather was not present.

At 8:39 a.m., Dr. Medina made a motion, seconded by Dr. Stewart, to go into Executive Session to receive confidential legal advice. Open session reconvened at 8:49 a.m.

Dr. Medina made a motion, second by Dr. Stewart, to continue this matter and direct Board staff to issue a subpoena to Dr. Mather for his attendance at the next CSC meeting. The Committee noted that its decision to table the matter was not based on the reason Mr. Breavington requested the continuance. The motion carried unanimously (3-0), by a voice vote.

b. Jennifer McCutcheon, Psy.D., Complaint No. 24-01

Mr. Wynn summarized the case, including salient points of the investigation and pertinent records. The Complainant was not present. Dr. McCutcheon and her attorney, Faren Akins, participated, and answered questions from the Committee. After deliberation, Dr. Stewart made a motion, seconded by Dr. Medina, to dismiss this case, as there are no violations of rule or statute. The motion carried unanimously (3-0), by a voice vote.

c. Valerie Kemper, Psy.D., Complaint No. 23-56

d. Andrew Fitzgerald, Psy.D., Complaint No. 23-57

Dr. Stewart summarized case nos. 23-56 and 23-57, including salient points of the investigation and pertinent records, noting that the complainant filed one complaint against the two licensees regarding a neuropsychological evaluation that they conducted for his minor son. The Complainant participated and made a statement. Drs. Kemper and Fitzgerald were present with their attorney, Mandi Karvis, who addressed the Committee with a statement for both licensees.

At 9:15 a.m., Dr. Stewart made a motion, seconded by Dr. Medina, to go into Executive Session to receive confidential legal advice. Open session reconvened at 9:17 a.m.

Upon returning in open session, the Committee asked Dr. Kemper various questions. After deliberation, Dr. Stewart made a motion, seconded by Dr. Medina, to dismiss case nos. 23-56 and 23-57, as there are no violations of rule or statute. The motion carried unanimously (3-0), by a voice vote.

4. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Dr. Medina made a motion, seconded by Dr. Stewart, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried (3-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.