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MINUTES BOARD MEETING

December 8, 2023

Board Members

Bryan Davey, Ph.D., BCBA-D – Chair
Aditya Dynar, Esq. – Vice Chair, Secretary
Linda Caterino, Ph.D., ABPP
Melissa Flint, Ph.D.
Diana Medina, Ph.D.
Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D.
Donald Stenhoff, Ph.D., BCBA-D
Joseph Stewart, Ed.D.
Todd Wynn, M.A.

Board Staff

Heidi Herbst Paakkonen, M.P.A., Executive Director
Jennifer Michaelson, M.P.A., Deputy Director
Krishna Poe, Program Projects Specialist
Kathy Fowkes, Psychologist Licensing Specialist
Zakiya Mallas, Behavior Analyst Licensing Specialist

Board Attorney

Jeanne Galvin, Assistant Attorney General

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Davey called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The following Board members participated in the virtual meeting: Dr. Davey, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Stenhoff, Dr. Medina, and Dr. Flint. Dr. Mellott was present until 9:07 a.m. Dr. Stewart was present until 2:30 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT

The following Board staff participated in the virtual meeting: Heidi Herbst Paakkonen, Executive Director; Jennifer Michaelson, Deputy Director; Jeanne Galvin, Assistant Attorney General; Kathy Fowkes, Licensing Specialist, Zakiya Mallas, Licensing Specialist, and Krishna Poe, Projects Specialist.

3. REMARKS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Board [Survey](#)**

Dr. Davey encouraged meeting attendees to provide feedback by contacting Board staff and completing a Board Meeting Assessment Survey.

- **Board Member and Staff Appreciation**

Dr. Davey acknowledged and thanked Board members and staff for their hard work and efforts in facilitating the Board's meetings.

- **Continuing Education Credit for Board Meeting Attendance**

Dr. Davey announced that meeting attendees were eligible for continuing education credit if the meeting exceeded four hours.

- **Introduction to New Board member - Melissa Flint, Psy.D.**

Dr. Flint introduced herself and provided a brief summary of her professional background. Board members welcomed her and expressed appreciation for her willingness to serve to protect the public.

- **Term Conclusion and Appointment of Successor - Ramona Mellott, Ph.D.**

Dr. Davey stated that Dr. Mellott's successor has been appointed and he will be participating starting with the January 2024 meeting. He indicated that the Board will have the opportunity to say farewell to Dr. Mellott at a future meeting, and to present to her a plaque for her 17 years of dedicated service.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one requested to speak.

5. COUNSEL UPDATE

Ms. Galvin did not have an update to provide to the Board.

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

Dr. Mellott stated that there are several Northern Arizona University students listed, however she is not recusing since she has had no direct contact with them and can objectively vote on their applications.

Dr. Flint indicated she is recused from the minutes and agenda items C(1)(a), C(2)(i), and C(3)(b).

Dr. Caterino and Mr. Dynar indicated they are recused from the vote on the November 3, 2023 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Dr. Medina moved for the Board to approve the items listed under the Consent Agenda.

SECOND: Dr. Stewart.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Davey, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Stenhoff, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Caterino, Mr. Dynar and Dr. Flint.

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- September 1, 2023 Executive Session Minutes
- November 3, 2023 Regular Session Minutes
- November 3, 2023 Executive Session Minutes

B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

C. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING PSYCHOLOGIST APPLICATIONS

1. Requesting Approval to Sit for the EPPP (A.R.S. §§ 32-2071, 2071.01 & 2072)

- a) Brona Davids, Psy.D.

2. Requesting Approval to Sit for EPPP & Licensure (A.R.S. §§ 32-2071, 2071.01 & 2072)

- a) Gregory Pickus, Psy.D.
- b) Cynthia Grunsten, Psy.D.
- c) Jordan Surina, Psy.D.
- d) Shannon Winans, Ph.D.
- e) Adam Schneider, Ph.D.
- f) Daniel Lamoreaux, Ph.D.
- g) Alexandra Klein, Ph.D.

- h) Stacey Bouffard, Ph.D.
- i) Kristina Palma-Cagle, Psy.D.
- j) Priyanka Rao, Psy.D.
- k) Krystal Galvan, Psy.D.

3. Requesting Approval for Supervised Experience for Licensure (A.R.S. §§ 32-2071, 2071.01 & 2072)

- a) Sharona Feld, Psy.D.
- b) Rebecca Colley, Psy.D.

4. Requesting Approval for Licensure by Waiver (A.R.S. §§ 32-2071, 2071.01 & 2072)

- a) Samantha Jackson, Psy.D.
- b) Pelin Strebler, Ph.D.
- c) Rachel Sweenie, Ph.D.
- d) Santiago Palmer Cancel, Psy.D.

5. Requesting Approval for Licensure by Credential (ABPP, CPQ or NRHSP - A.R.S. § 32-2071.01)

- a) Kristen Becker, Psy.D.
- b) Cara Hurley, Ph.D.
- c) Paige Marmer, Psy.D.
- d) Damita LaRue, Psy.D.

6. Requesting Approval for Licensure by Universal Recognition (A.R.S. § 32-4302)

- a) Lauren Apodaca, Ph.D.
- b) Tyler Bradstreet, Ph.D.
- c) Bailey Tackett, Ph.D.
- d) William Dymont, Ph.D.

D. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICATIONS

- 1) Katherine Seckinger, M.A.
- 2) Madeleine Toland, M.A.
- 3) Lucia Margaret, M.A.
- 4) Gabrielle Gutierrez, M.S.
- 5) Amanda Ariza, M.A.
- 6) Jack Kelly, M.S.
- 7) Jessica Crespo, M.Ed.
- 8) Cathryn Swoger, M.Ed., M.A.
- 9) Emily Galindo, M.A.
- 10) Aimee Luttinen, M.A.
- 11) Austin Yllander, M.A.
- 12) Tashai Mayberry, M.S.
- 13) Carlos Sanchez, M.A.
- 14) Ashley Begaye, M.A.
- 15) Gabrielle King, M.A.
- 16) Deanna Wilcox, M.S.
- 17) Emily Fitzgerald, M.Ed.
- 18) Orchideh Christensen, M.A.
- 19) Grace Henbest, M.S.
- 20) Brendan Ferris, M.S.
- 21) Karina Lee, M.A.
- 22) Alexandra Hernandez, M.A.
- 23) Natasha Sandhu, M.S., M.A.
- 24) Ashley Stuart, M.A.
- 25) Andreina Ledesma, M.S.
- 26) Kevin Ybarra, M.A.

- 27) Kara Clinkscales, M.A.
- 28) Sean Rockwell, M.A.
- 29) Lorraine Kamper, M.Ed.
- 30) Sian Price, M.A.

E. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD REGARDING LICENSE REINSTATEMENT REQUEST SUBMITTED BY SKYLARR SHURN, M.S.

F. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REACTIVATION REQUEST SUBMITTED BY ADAM DELL, PSY.D.

THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS ARE UNTIMED AND MAY BE DISCUSSED AND DECIDED UPON AT VARIOUS TIMES THROUGHOUT THE MEETING AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR

7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING JURISPRUDENCE EDUCATION TOOL (JET) DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Dr. Matt Turner delivered to the Board a presentation providing an update and an overview of the development of the JET. He explained that the tool will be used to review and reinforce comprehensive understanding of the statutes and rules regulating the practice of psychology in Arizona. He shared several examples with the Board of the items and content that the JET comprises, and how psychologist licensees will be provided feedback to enhance their learning experience with the tool, noting it is intended to be a proactive and evidence-based approach to education. Dr. Turner provided a demonstration of how the tool will be administered on behalf of the Board.

Board staff offered some possible options and recommendations to Board members on how to move forward with a comprehensive implementation of the JET. In the process Board members discussed how JET could be beneficial for both initial licensure and renewal of licenses. The Board directed Ms. Paakkonen to refine her recommendations specific to seeking an administrative rule revision and to bring them to a future meeting agenda.

The Board recessed at 9:46 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:57 a.m.

8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO PROPOSED INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER FOR PRACTICE RESTRICTION AND EVALUATION SIGNED BY BRET RINGDAHL, PH.D., IN CASE NO. 24-17, OR OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD

Ms. Michaelsen summarized this matter for the Board, noting that Dr. Ringdahl was issued his psychologist license in 2022. On November 7, 2023, the Board received a complaint against Dr. Ringdahl submitted by his employer. Subsequently, Board staff received information from the owner of that agency indicating that Dr. Ringdahl may have a health condition that, if true, could place patients and the public at risk. She further explained that in late November, Board staff spoke with Dr. Ringdahl regarding the allegations during which he indicated he would be receptive to a proposed interim consent agreement that would prescribe an interim suspension of his license and deadline by which to complete an evaluation as specified in that document. Ms. Michaelsen indicated Dr. Ringdahl has signed the agreement, which is presented to the Board for approval.

Dr. Ringdahl was present and thanked the Board for considering an interim solution to the open complaint. He indicated that he intends to comply with the terms of the signed agreement.

MOTION: Dr. Stewart moved for the Board to accept the proposed interim consent agreement, the terms of which order an interim suspension of Dr. Ringdahl's psychologist license while he submits to a substance abuse and fitness for duty evaluation. The evaluation report, once completed, will be scheduled for review

at a future meeting of the Board.

SECOND: Dr. Stenhoff.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Davey, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Stenhoff, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Caterino, Mr. Dynar and Dr. Flint.

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

9. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO INITIAL CASE REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING COMPLAINTS

a. Complaint No. 23-54, David McGady, Psy.D.

Dr. Caterino provided a summary of the case noting that the outcome of the case review by the Complaint Screening Committee identified possible testing errors and improper application of testing on the part of Dr. McGady with respect to the minor child who was evaluated in this case. The Committee also cited the possibility of ineffectiveness on the part of Dr. McGady with respect to providing supervision of the practicum student under his supervision who was involved in the case. Dr. Caterino also noted that a clinical interview of the minor child by Dr. McGady may have been warranted.

The complainant ES was present for the review of the case. Dr. McGady was present along with his attorney, Faren Akins. Dr. McGady and Dr. Akins briefly addressed the Board and requested dismissal of the complaint.

Board members posed questions relating to the child's placement recommendation and Dr. McGady's decision to make the recommendation he did for this client.

MOTION: Dr. Stewart moved for the Board to move to Executive Session to obtain legal advice.

SECOND: Dr. Medina.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Davey, Dr. Stenhoff, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Caterino, Mr. Dynar and Dr. Flint.

VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

The Board met in Executive Session at 10:22 a.m. and resumed open session at 10:28 a.m.

Upon resuming the meeting in public session, the complainant ES addressed the Board's questions noting her concern was whether Dr. McGady met the acceptable standard of care with the final assessment of risk and the impact that had on the recommendation.

MOTION: Dr. Medina moved for the Board to dismiss case 23-54 against Dr. McGady.

SECOND: Dr. Stewart.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Davey, Dr. Stenhoff, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, Mr. Dynar and Dr. Flint. Dr. Caterino voted nay.

VOTE: 6-yay, 1-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

b. Complaint No. 24-04, Jared Dinehart, Ph.D.

Dr. Stewart provided a summary of the case, including the recommendations of the Complaint Screening

Committee that identified concerns Dr. Dinehart inappropriately referred the Complainant BY, his daughter-in-law, to receive counseling services with a therapist employed by the agency he owns, and that after several months the medical records requested by BY have yet to be supplied to her, the justification for which is that the request form she submitted contained inconsequential errors. Dr. Stewart also clarified that while Dr. Dinehart was not the provider of services in this case, his agency owns the electronic health record system rendering him ultimately responsible for ensuring that records are released to a patient in accordance with applicable statutes. Finally, Dr. Stewart noted the Committee's review found Dr. Dinehart may have inappropriately represented his role and involvement in BY's treatment.

BY was present at the meeting and briefly addressed the Board. Dr. Dinehart was present at the meeting with his attorney, Sara Stark. Ms. Stark addressed the Board, stating that Dr. Dinehart has completed a self-reflection exercise with respect to this case and has elected on his own to complete relevant continuing education coursework. Ms. Stark and Dr. Dinehart answered the questions from the Board and clarified the dates of BY's request for release of her records.

MOTION: Dr. Stewart moved for the Board to move to Executive Session to obtain legal advice and discuss protected health information.

SECOND: Dr. Medina.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Davey, Dr. Stenhoff, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Caterino, Mr. Dynar and Dr. Flint.

VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

The Board met in Executive Session at 11:17 a.m. and resumed open session at 12:29 p.m.

Upon resuming the meeting in public session, the Board asked questions related to treatment initiation. Board members discussed their concerns with the case such as the fact that the patient records have yet to be released to BY after she submitted her request several months prior. The Board also noted the potential dual relationship established by BY's treatment arrangements, and the potential conflicts of interest that ensued.

MOTION: Dr. Medina moved for the Board to move to Executive Session to obtain legal advice.

SECOND: Dr. Stewart.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Davey, Dr. Stenhoff, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Caterino, Mr. Dynar and Dr. Flint.

VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

The Board met in Executive Session at 12:55 p.m. and resumed open session at 1:05 p.m.

Upon resuming the meeting in public session, the Board continued to deliberate the appropriate resolution for this case; a consensus was reached that Dr. Dinehart should release the complainant's records to her as soon as possible.

MOTION: Dr. Medina moved for the Board to move this case to an informal interview before the full Board at a future meeting. In the interim, the Board directs staff to enter into negotiations for a disciplinary consent agreement, the terms of which include 9 hours of continuing education (accepting that which has been recently completed), and that orders the release of BY's treatment records to her primary care physician forthwith.

SECOND: Dr. Caterino.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Davey, Dr. Stenhoff, Dr. Medina, Dr. Caterino, and Dr. Flint.

VOTE: 5-yay, 2-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse. Mr. Dynar and Dr. Stewart voted nay.

MOTION PASSED.

The Board recessed at 1:16 p.m. and resumed open session at 1:32 p.m.

10. DISCUSSION CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION WHETHER THE BOARD SHOULD ACCEPT JURISDICTION REGARDING CLAIM FILED AGAINST S.S. PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §32-3224, AND WHETHER THE LEGAL PRINCIPLE OF *RES JUDICATA* IS APPLICABLE

A quorum of members was not present to review this matter. It will be rescheduled on a future Board meeting agenda.

11. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WHETHER THE BOARD SHOULD ACCEPT JURISDICTION REGARDING COMPLAINT NO. 24-13 AGAINST KIM KALAS, ED.D., RELATIVE TO HER ASSERTION THAT SHE WAS NOT PRACTICING AS A PSYCHOLOGIST IN THIS MATTER

Ms. Michaelsen explained to the Board that the purpose of this agenda item is for the Board to determine whether it has jurisdiction over the allegations of the complaint given Dr. Kalas' assertion she was not practicing as a psychologist in this case nor provided psychological services to either party. Dr. Kalas' response to the complaint, which was opened as the result of a Claim review, states she was not working as a psychologist in this case and that she carefully outlined the delineation between her actual role of a parenting coordinator, not a psychologist. Dr. Kalas notes the informed consent signed by the Complainant explains that even though Dr. Kalas is a licensed psychologist, she will not be practicing psychology or engaging in therapy with anyone in her role as parenting coordinator. Ms. Kalas was not present for the review and discussion of this matter.

**MOTION: Mr. Dynar moved for the Board to move to Executive Session to obtain legal advice.
SECOND: Dr. Stenhoff.**

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Davey, Dr. Stenhoff, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Caterino, Mr. Dynar and Dr. Flint.

VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

The Board met in Executive Session at 2:38 p.m. and resumed open session at 2:43 p.m.

Upon resuming the meeting in public session the Board members discussed the role of parenting coordinator and how it interacts with being a licensed psychologist.

**MOTION: Mr. Dynar moved for the Board to decline to accept jurisdiction.
SECOND: Dr. Medina.**

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Davey, Dr. Stenhoff, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Caterino, Mr. Dynar and Dr. Flint.

VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

12. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MOTION TO STAY THE INVESTIGATION FROM ARTHUR THOMAS HORVATH, PH.D., FOR COMPLAINT NO. 23-53

Ms. Michaelsen provided an overview of the case, noting that approximately six months ago the Board received a complaint against Dr. Horvath regarding allegations of unprofessional conduct arising from his professional testimony in a family law matter in Montana; he was hired by one of the parties involved in a custody proceeding. She reminded the Board that on his behalf, Dr. Horvath's attorney, Cynthia Patane, filed a Motion to Quash the Board's Subpoena and to Stay the Board's Investigation, which was reviewed and denied by the Board on November 4, 2023. As for the motion to stay the Board's investigation, the Board granted Dr. Horvath a 30-day stay to enable Ms. Patane to supply an update relating to the status of the custody proceedings in Montana. Ms. Michaelsen noted that on November 24th, Ms. Patane submitted an update indicating that she was informed there is no trial date set and that it will likely not occur before the spring or summer of 2024. She explained that the Board will need to determine how to proceed with the motion to stay the investigation; if the motion is denied, the complaint will continue through the Board's adjudication process outlined in statute and would subsequently be reviewed by the Complaint Screening Committee at a future meeting date.

Ms. Patane was present and affirmed the status of the Montana matter for the Board. Dr. Horvath was not present. The Board deliberation reflected that any actions taken, or not taken, by the Montana board are distinct from this Board's jurisdiction and statutory responsibility to conduct its own investigation.

MOTION: Dr. Davey moved for the Board to deny the request to stay the investigation.
SECOND: Dr. Caterino.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Davey, Dr. Stenhoff, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Caterino, Mr. Dynar and Dr. Flint.
VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.
MOTION PASSED.

13. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SIGNED CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSE FROM ASPEN GRANT, M.ED., FOR COMPLAINT NO. 23-47

Ms. Michaelsen provided a status report of this matter, noting that following the Board's review of the results of a fitness for duty evaluation in July, Ms. Grant entered into a Consent Agreement and Order, the terms of which include an interim suspension of her license and a term of probation with various substance abuse treatment and monitoring terms. She noted that since that time Ms. Grant failed to ever supply any evidence of complying with the terms of the Agreement; notably, she has not entered into a monitoring program or provided any evidence she completed any other requirements. In response to Board staff's inquiry regarding her compliance with the Order, Ms. Grant replied in email stating, "While I have been and am currently getting treatment, I have also thought deeply and thoroughly about my plans for the future. For many reasons, I have decided to no longer pursue a career as a BCBA, LBA, and therefore will be forfeiting my certification and license." Ms. Michaelsen advised that based on Ms. Grant's indication that she no longer wishes to practice as a behavior analyst, a proposed Consent Agreement for the voluntary surrender of license was presented to her; this was signed by Ms. Grant and is before the Board for consideration as a final disposition of this matter.

MOTION: Dr. Davey moved for the Board to accept the signed consent agreement.
SECOND: Dr. Stewart.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Davey, Dr. Stenhoff, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Caterino, Mr. Dynar and Dr. Flint.
VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.
MOTION PASSED.

14. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO REVIEW OF COMPLAINT NOS. 24-07 & 24-08 AGAINST JAMIE JONES, M.S., AND THE COMMITTEE ON BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS' RECOMMENDATION TO OFFER A CONSENT AGREEMENT TO MS. JONES AS A FINAL DISPOSITION OF THESE MATTERS

Dr. Stenhoff summarized the Committee's findings from the review of these two cases for the Board. He stated that the Committee's review identified concerns with Ms. Jones' extensive and intensive efforts to extract information from a Registered Behavioral Therapist (RBT) to which she was not necessarily entitled, creating concerns of an abuse of power. The Committee also found that Ms. Jones inappropriately evaluated and judged the ethical conduct of another professional. The review identified instances where Ms. Jones' communications were not reflective of a collaborative engagement, and where Ms. Jones' conduct was contrary to the Ethical Code of Conduct and appeared to be retaliatory in nature.

Ms. Jones' attorney, Ms. M'Liss Hadley, was present and briefly addressed the Board. She stated it was not her client's intent to cause these concerns. Ms. Hadley answered questions posed by the Board relating to communications between her client and other professionals. Ms. Hadley reiterated that her client was concerned of other professionals being involved in multiple relationships which was the intent behind her actions.

MOTION: Dr. Stenhoff moved for the Board to offer a consent agreement prescribing corrective action under probation be ordered to include executive coaching, completing 4 hours of continuing education in professional ethics and 4 hours in multiple/exploitative relationships.

SECOND: Dr. Stewart.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Davey, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Stenhoff, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Caterino, Mr. Dynar and Dr. Flint.

VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

15. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE COMMITTEE ON BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS' RECOMMENDATION THAT TEAM 4 KIDS PEDIATRIC THERAPY BE REFERRED TO AHCCCS, ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE AGENCY FOR INVESTIGATION AS DETERMINED BY STAFF DUE TO FINDINGS FOR COMPLAINT 23-48

Dr. Stenhoff recused from this agenda item.

Ms. Michaelsen summarized the matter, noting that during its October meeting, the Board reviewed the Committee's recommendation for a complaint against behavior analyst Zachary Reineke regarding allegations that he failed to provide appropriate supervision to a RBT (while she was employed at the same behavior analytic services agency as was Mr. Reineke, Team 4 Kids) for a minor client whose case was complex, and he failed to adequately manage the overcall care plan for this client. The Board approved corrective action in the form of a Consent Agreement as a final adjudication of the complaint; however, the Committee also found that the medical record for this case found many deficiencies and issues with respect to documentation and billing that appear to be pervasive and a matter of routine throughout the agency. Thus, the Committee also issued a recommendation to the Board that it make a referral to the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), the Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS), and any other appropriate entities as identified by staff that may elect to investigate the agency's practices, particularly around billing.

MOTION: Dr. Davey moved for the Board to accept the Committee's recommendation to make such referrals for possible investigation.

SECOND: Dr. Stewart.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Davey, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Stenhoff, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Caterino, Mr. Dynar and Dr. Flint.

VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 1-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

16. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING NOTIFICATION LETTER FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE: PROFESSIONAL LICENSE PORTABILITY FOR SERVICEMEMBERS AND THEIR SPOUSES

This item was tabled and will be placed on a future meeting agenda.

17. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND POSSIBLE SALARY ADJUSTMENT

This item was tabled and will be placed on a future meeting agenda.

18. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING ENHANCING NOTIFICATIONS TO LICENSEES OF RENEWAL DEADLINES

Ms. Paakkonen Board staff described the two-pronged communications solutions staff has formulated to augment the existing system-generated license renewal deadline email notifications. She advised the Board that over the past year fewer than ½ of 1% of licensees have failed to renew their licenses on or before their respective deadlines and continued to practice without a license. Accordingly, incurring substantial costs to mail reminders to licensees is not her recommended solution.

Board members expressed support for the use of the platform to assist with renewal notifications.

19. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ASPPB 2023 ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

This item was tabled and will be placed on a future meeting agenda.

20. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ELECTION OF 2024 OFFICERS

Ms. Paakkonen advised the Board that A.R.S. §32-2063(8) requires the Board to annually elect from among its membership a Chair, a Vice Chair and a Secretary, who serve at the pleasure of the Board.

a. Chair

Dr. Stewart nominated Mr. Dynar to serve as Chair. No other nominations were made.

b. Vice-Chair

Dr. Medina offered a self-nomination to serve as Vice-Chair. No other nominations were made.

c. Secretary

Dr. Medina nominated Dr. Stewart for Secretary. Dr. Flint indicated she was prepared to self-nominate to serve as Secretary if Dr. Stewart does not accept the nomination. Dr. Stewart indicated he is willing to serve in that role.

MOTION: Dr. Medina moved to approve the slate.

SECOND: Dr. Davey.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Davey, Dr. Stenhoff, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Caterino, Mr. Dynar and Dr. Flint.

**VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.
MOTION PASSED.**

**21. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR
BEHAVIOR ANALYST LICENSURE**

a. William Martin, M.Ed.

Dr. Davey recommended the Board refer Mr. Martin's application back to the Committee on Behavior Analysts in order to complete the substantive review. He indicated that the applicant would benefit from a discussion with the Committee relative to his supervised experience.

b. Atanacio Gonzalez, M.S.

c. Christopher Albers, M.A.

d. Amanda Sobus, M.Ed.

e. Mario Euceda-Cruz, M.A.

Dr. Davey advised the Board that the applicants listed at subsections b, c, d, and e have all presented application files that are administratively complete, and the substance of all files establish the applicants have met the requirements of the statutes and rules for approval of licensure.

MOTION: Dr. Davey moved the Board to approve the applications for licensure for those listed in agenda items 21 b, c, d, and e).

SECOND: Dr. Stenhoff.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Davey, Dr. Stenhoff, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Caterino, Mr. Dynar and Dr. Flint.

VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION: Dr. Davey moved for the Board to refer William Martin's application back to the Committee on Behavior Analysts for substantive review.

SECOND: Dr. Stenhoff.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Davey, Dr. Stenhoff, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Caterino, Mr. Dynar and Dr. Flint.

VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

f. Ashley Holland, M.A.

g. Molly Rieper, M.A.

MOTION: Dr. Davey moved for the Board to direct Board staff to advise the applicants to correct erroneous date entries on their applications; once received the applications are approved and licensure is granted.

SECOND: Dr. Stewart.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Davey, Dr. Stenhoff, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Caterino, Mr. Dynar and Dr. Flint.

VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

**22. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING EPPP ONLY
REAPPLICATION SUBMITTED BY ERIN HANKS-MOEHR, PH.D.**

Dr. Medina recused from this agenda item. Dr. Caterino provided a summary for the Board noting that she sees no issues with this application as the documentation submitted establishes the file is administratively and substantively complete, and she meets the statutory qualifications to be approved to take the EPPP.

**MOTION: Dr. Caterino moved for the Board to approve the reapplication.
SECOND: Dr. Stewart.**

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Davey, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Stenhoff, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Caterino, Mr. Dynar and Dr. Flint.

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

**23. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR
LICENSURE BY UNIVERSAL RECOGNITION FROM STEVEN ATER, PSY.D.**

Dr. Mellott provided a summary of this application for the Board. She explained that the Application Review Committee elected to forward it to the Board for purposes of questioning Dr. Ater's statement in his application that he did not agree with the findings of the Idaho board regarding a complaint, in which they found that he engaged in a multiple relationship.

Board staff informed the Board that Dr. Ater was informed of the Board's expectation that he be present today, but noted he was not in attendance.

MOTION: Dr. Stewart moved for the Board to subpoena Dr. Ater to compel his appearance for the next Board meeting.

SECOND: Dr. Medina.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Davey, Dr. Mellott, Dr. Stenhoff, Dr. Medina, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Caterino, Mr. Dynar and Dr. Flint.

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse.

MOTION PASSED.

24. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No items were requested.

25. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dynar announced the adjournment of the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph Stewart, Ed.D.

Secretary