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Complaint Screening Committee REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

January 24, 2024

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 Dynar at 8:30 a.m. on January 24, 2024. One executive session was held.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present

Aditya Dynar, Esq. – Chair
Melissa Flint, Psy.D.
Joseph Stewart, Ed.D.

Attorney General's Office

Jeanne Galvin, Assistant Attorney General

Staff Present

Heidi Paakkonen, Executive Director
Jennifer Michaelson, Deputy Director

3. CASE DISCUSSION/DECISION

a. Arthur Thomas Horvath, Ph.D., Complaint No. 23-53

Dr. Stewart summarized the case, including salient information contained in the investigative record. The Complainant was not present. Dr. Horvath and his attorney, Cynthia Patane, participated, made a statement, and answered questions from the Committee. After deliberation, Dr. Stewart made a motion, seconded by Dr. Flint, to dismiss this case, as there are no violations of rule or statute. The motion carried unanimously (3-0), by a voice vote.

b. John Moran, Ph.D., Complaint No. 24-16

Dr. Stewart summarized the case, including salient information contained in the investigative record. The Complainant participated and made a statement. Dr. Moran and his attorney, Faren Akins, participated, made a statement, and answered questions from the Committee. After deliberation, Dr. Stewart made a motion, seconded by Dr. Flint, to dismiss this case, as there are no violations of rule or statute. The motion carried unanimously (3-0), by a voice vote.

c. Catherin Tarr, Psy.D., Complaint No. 24-22

Mr. Dynar summarized the case, including salient information contained in the investigative record. The Complainant participated and made a brief statement. Dr. Tarr participated, made a statement, and answered questions from the Committee.

At 9:52 a.m., Mr. Dynar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Flint, to go into Executive Session to review confidential health information from the licensee and to subsequently receive confidential legal advice. Open session resumed at 10:12 a.m.

After deliberation, Mr. Dynar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Stewart, to forward the complaint to the Board for further review regarding a potential violation of A.R.S. §32-2061(16)(l), practicing psychology while impaired or incapacitated to the extent and in a manner that jeopardizes the welfare of the client or patient or renders the psychological services provided ineffective. The motion included a recommendation to the Board that it issue an Interim Order requiring the licensee to undergo a fitness for duty evaluation with a substance use component. The motion carried unanimously (3-0), by a voice vote.

4. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Dynar announced the adjournment of the meeting at 10:22 a.m.