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**BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS
RULES COMMITTEE
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

*May 24, 2016
10:00 a.m.
1400 W. Washington, Suite 280
Phoenix, AZ 85007*

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners Rules Committee was called to order by Dr. Mellott at 10:02 a.m. on May 24, 2016. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Rules Committee Members Present

Ramona Mellott, Ph.D.
Frederick S. Wechsler, Ph.D., Psy.D., ABPP

Staff Present

Dr. Cindy Olvey - Executive Director
Krishna Poe, Administrative Assistant

Rules Committee Members Absent

Bob Bohanske, Ph.D.

Attorney General's Office

Jeanne Galvin, Assistant Attorney General

3. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION PERTAINING TO POSSIBLE REVISIONS TO THE DRAFT RULES FOR PSYCHOLOGY INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, GENERAL EDITS AND CHANGES TO THE SECTIONS ON TELEPRACTICE AND TELESUPERVISION FOR POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD

Dr. Olvey provided a summary of the Telepractice and Telesupervision draft language that need revisions and additional clarification. Proposed revisions included, but are not limited to:

- Eliminating the term “non-secure” from sections on telepractice and supervision through telepractice
- Revising the section on Temporary Licensure to include the option to sit for the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP)
- Adding Domestic Violence and Child Abuse in appropriate sections as it pertains to continuing education.

- Revising the section on Disciplinary Supervision; Practice Monitor to include the phrase “or issue an order”.

After deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a Motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the draft psychology rules to the Board with a recommendation of approval. The motion carried 2-0.

4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING POSSIBLE STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC PERTAINING TO TELEPRACTICE RULEMAKING FOR PSYCHOLOGY AND POSSIBLE REFERENCE TO DRAFT RULES FOR GUIDANCE UNTIL RULES BECOME FINAL

Dr. Olvey provided a summary regarding the time-frames in the rulemaking process. Dr. Olvey explained that the draft rules for telepractice and telesupervision will not be finalized on or before June 30, 2016. She indicated that the Board may wish to consider issuing a Substantive Policy Statement to communicate to the public that, if the Board needs to refer to rules for telepractice or telesupervision prior to the effective date, the Board may refer to the draft rules. The Committee discussed recommending that the Board adopt a Substantive Policy Statement for psychologists that would allow the Board to refer to the draft rules for guidance until the telepractice rules become effective. After deliberation, Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to forward the draft Substantive Policy Statement to the Board with a recommendation of approval. The motion carried 2 -0.

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION PERTAINING TO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED REGARDING DRAFT RULES FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISION AND PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Dr. Olvey provided a summary stating that, pursuant to the Board’s direction, the Board office posted draft rules on the Board’s website inviting informal public comment. Dr. Olvey stated that all comments included concerns regarding R4-26-405 Coursework requirements. In addition, comments were received regarding R4 26-403 Initial Application, R4-26-404.1 Education Requirements, and R4-26-404.2 Supervised Experience Requirements. The Committee reviewed the comments and made revisions to R4-26-405 and R4-26-404.2 based upon the comments received. Dr. Olvey explained the Oral Proceeding process. Ms. Galvin elaborated on the process and stated that the process is involved and that commenters may not fully understand the process. Dr. Wechsler proposed adding an agenda item explaining the rulemaking process on a future Board agenda and inviting a representative of the Arizona Association for Behavior Analysis’ Executive Committee to attend the Board meeting. Additionally, he suggested Board staff send a letter to the Association explaining the rulemaking process. Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the draft rules to the Board with a recommendation of approval. Dr. Olvey requested that the draft rules be submitted to the Governor’s Regulatory Review Council for a courtesy review prior to submission to the Board for review. Committee members agreed. The motion carried 2-0.

6. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No items were identified.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. The Motion carried (2-0).

Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D.
Committee Chair