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**Board of Psychologist Examiners  
Rules Committee  
Minutes  
July 25, 2014**

1400 W. Washington, Basement Conference Room B-1  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

**1. CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Mellott**

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologists Examiners Rules Committee was called to order by Dr. Mellott at 3:00 p.m. on July 25, 2014.

**2. ROLL CALL – Dr. Olvey**

**Committee Members Present**

Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D. – Chair  
Bob Bohanske, Ph.D.  
John P. DiBacco, Ph.D.  
Frederick S. Wechsler, Ph.D., Psy.D., ABPP

**Staff Present**

Cindy Olvey, Executive Director  
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**Attorney General’s Office**

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- June 2, 2014, Regular Session

Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to approve the June 2, 2014, Regular Session Minutes as drafted. The motion carried 4-0.

**4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, POSSIBLE ACTION PERTAINING TO FINALIZATION OF DRAFT PSYCHOLOGY RULES TO SUBMIT FOR REVIEW BY THE FULL BOARD**

Dr. Olvey provided a summary and asked the Committee to review the draft rules for recommendation to the Board for approval. Committee members discussed specific issues within the rules. Committee members discussed “on staff” as it pertains to supervisors. Discussion included supervisors who are employed by organizations versus supervisors who contract to provide supervisory services or are on contract with organizations. Committee members stated the importance that supervisors must have access to client records. After deliberation, it was the consensus of the Committee to change the wording in the draft rule to “The Board shall include in the 3,000 hours of supervised professional experience required under A.R.S. § 32-2071(D), hours obtained through a training program only if the training program provides the supervision required under A.R.S. § 32-2071(F)(2)”.

Committee members discussed Diplomate vs. Specialist. The American Board of Professional Psychology has changed the designation “Diplomate” to “Specialist”. The Committee discussed that the term “Diplomate” is in statute. It was the consensus of the Committee to add the term “Specialist.”

The Committee discussed the definition of “applied psychology”. It was the consensus of the Committee to define “applied psychology” as the practice of psychology in the area of health service delivery.

The Committee discussed whether an applicant should be required to report whether they have ever withdrawn an application. It was the consensus of the Committee to require an applicant to disclose whether they have ever withdrawn an application.

The Committee discussed whether it be required that an applicant provide documentation that ethics training was provided during preinternship experience. It was the consensus of the Committee to require an acknowledgement that ethics training was provided.

The Committee briefly discussed the section pertaining to Board Committees as well as adding the term “patient” in the rules.

Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to forward the draft rules to the Board with a recommendation of approval. The motion carried 4-0.

## **5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE AGENCY FIVE YEAR REVIEW OF RULES REPORT**

Dr. Olvey summarized the draft Five Year Rule report. She stated that the report has been submitted to the Governor’s Regulatory Review Council (GRRC) for a courtesy review. Committee members noted that the number of licensed psychologists needs to be updated. Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to forward the Five Year Review report with a recommendation of approval to the Board and to add any changes that GRRC may have after its courtesy review. The motion carried 4-0.

## **6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPIC STANDARDS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN APPIC STANDARDS AND ARIZONA STATUTES PERTAINING TO INTERNSHIP**

Dr. Olvey stated that psychologists shifted from certification to licensure in 1991. A copy of the 1991 criteria for internship as well as the current criteria for internship for the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC) and the American Psychological Association have been provided to the Committee for review. Committee members deliberated and determined that the Board’s standards are very similar to APPIC’s standards for internships.

## **7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SURVEY FOR TRAINING DIRECTORS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, IDENTIFICATION OF RECIPIENTS OF SURVEY**

Dr. Olvey summarized the survey and noted that the survey does not address which individuals should be asked to participate in the survey. The Committee deliberated and determined that Training Directors at internship sites and at Universities be asked to participate in the survey. It was the consensus of the Committee to add a question asking that the participants list their primary professional affiliation.

**8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW TEMPORARY LICENSE FOR INDIVIDUALS COMPLETING POSTDOCTORAL EXPERIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY (A.R.S. 32-2073(B))**

Dr. Olvey provided a summary stating that effective January 1, 2015, the Board is authorized to issue temporary licenses and asked the Committee for guidance on procedures. Committee members deliberated and determined that an applicant for temporary licensure has the option to request to sit for the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) but will not be required to pass the EPPP in order to obtain the temporary license. Committee members stated that the temporary license is not an independent license and discussed supervisor responsibilities. Committee members reiterated that a temporary license is specifically for individuals who are in a formal postdoctoral experience and discussed the benefits of temporary licensure. Committee members discussed a possible separate application for temporary licensure. Committee members determined that denial of a temporary license is reportable to the National Practitioners Data Bank. Ms. Galvin clarified that the statute states that the Board may issue a temporary license effective January 1, 2015. Ms. Galvin clarified that the Board does not have to issue a temporary license until it is prepared.

**9. SCHEDULE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING, AS NECESSARY**

The Committee did not schedule a meeting at this time.

**10. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

There were no items for future meetings.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 p.m. The motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted

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Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D.  
Committee Chair