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REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Friday, September 5, 2014, 7:45 a.m.
1400 W. Washington, Suite 240
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners was called to order by Dr. Bohanske at 7:45 a.m. on September 5, 2014. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

Bob Bohanske, Ph.D., – Chair
John P. DiBacco, Ph.D., – Vice – Chair
Joseph C. Donaldson – Secretary
Paul Beljan, Psy.D., ABPdN, ABN
Janice K. Brundage, Ph.D.
Ramona Mellott, Ph.D. (7:47 a.m. – 9:07 a.m.)
Rob Robichaud
Tamara Shreeve, MPA
Frederick S. Wechsler, Ph.D., Psy.D., ABPP

Staff Present

Dr. Cindy Olvey, Executive Director
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Attorney General's Office

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no requests to speak.

4. COUNSEL REPORT

Ms. Galvin reported that an Evidentiary Hearing for the appeal filed by Anthony Luick, Ph.D., was heard on May 21, 2014, in Pima County Superior Court. Ms. Galvin stated that Dr. Luick filed his Opening Brief. Ms. Galvin stated that she will file appropriate documents to the Superior Court before the deadline. Ms. Galvin stated that she will keep the Board apprised as the case progresses.

5. CONSENT AGENDA – DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Mr. Donaldson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 9-0. Dr. Brundage abstained from the May 2, 2014, Regular Session Minutes.

(a) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- May 2, 2014, Regular Session Minutes (Dr. Brundage abstained)

(b) DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING PSYCHOLOGY APPLICATIONS

i. REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR EXAM AND LICENSURE

- Kaysha Richards, Psy.D.
- LaShelle Zellner, Psy.D.
- Mary Orias, Psy.D.
- Michael Epstein, Ph.D.
- Rachel Loftis, Ph.D.
- Robin Garrett, Psy.D.
- Rosangela Salomon, Psy.D.
- Sara Gruzlewski, Psy.D.
- Sarah Thompson, Psy.D.
- Synthia Puffenberger, Ph.D.

ii. REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY WAIVER

- Ashley Kirby-Ward, Ph.D.
- Kimberly Weingart, Ph.D.
- Lilia Miramontes, Ph.D.
- Sandra Knight, Psy.D.
- Suniya Luthar, Ph.D.
- Susan Stivers, Psy.D.

iii. REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY CREDENTIAL

- Julie Cajolet-Eckhardt, Psy.D.

iv. REQUESTING APPROVAL OF SUPERVISED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE HOURS AND LICENSURE

- Emery Mahoney, Ph.D.
- Haley Oliver, Psy.D.
- Rachel Mark, Psy.D.

(c) DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICATIONS

- Christine Wentz, M.Ed.
- Erin Guzinski, MA
- Kyle Lininger, MPA
- Lindsay Abbott, MA
- Terri Wright, M.Ed.

(d) REQUEST FOR RE-ACTIVATION OF LICENSE FROM ANNE DORRE, PH.D.

(e) REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION FROM GENOMARY KRIGBUAM, PSY.D.

(f) REQUEST FOR THIRD EXTENSION OF TIME TO SIT FOR THE EPPP FROM KIMBERLY THIESSEN, PSY.D.

6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE SUBMITTED BY JOHN HOPE, PH.D., AND POSSIBLE DENIAL OF THE SAME

Dr. Wechsler provided a summary stating that on June 3, 2014, Dr. Hope's application was reviewed by the Application Review Committee (Committee). Upon review of Dr Hope's application, the Committee noted that Sierra University is not regionally accredited. Additionally, the Committee expressed additional concerns that Dr. Hope's internship and postdoctoral experience was reported to have occurred during the same time period, he did

not complete a residency (A.R.S. §32-2071(K), his transcript does not reflect that his doctorate program was clinical or counseling and that the majority of his coursework was at the master's level. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward Dr. Hope's application to the full Board for further review and possible denial. On July 11, 2014, Dr. Hope's application was reviewed by the full Board. The Board expressed concern regarding his application and it was the consensus of the Board to table this matter to a future Board meeting and directed Board staff to contact Dr. Hope and request that he attend the Board meeting in which his application will be reviewed. On July 14, 2014, the Board office sent notice to Dr. Hope of the August 1, 2014, Board meeting and requested that he attend the meeting. On August 1, 2014, the Board reviewed Dr. Hope's application and voted to table the matter to a future meeting of the Board as Dr. Hope was not present. On August 8, 2014, Board staff sent notice to Dr. Hope of the September 5, 2014, Board meeting via certified mail, regular mail and email requesting his presence.

Dr. Hope was present telephonically, requested to speak, made a statement and answered Board members' questions. Dr. Hope stated that Sierra University was approved by California as meeting the requirements for licensure as a psychologist in California therefore he was under the impression that Sierra University was regionally accredited and that his doctoral program was accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA). Board members asked Dr. Hope if he is aware of the difference between regional accreditation as opposed to APA accreditation. Dr. Hope responded that he is not aware of the difference.

Board members deliberated and expressed concern that Dr. Hope misrepresented his application. Board members determined that Dr. Hope does not meet statutory requirement for licensure in Arizona as Sierra University is not regionally accredited, his doctoral program does not specify whether it is clinical or counseling psychology, his postdoctoral and internship experience was reported to have occurred during the same time period and he did not complete a residency. Additionally, the Board expressed concern that Dr. Hope misrepresented that Sierra University was regionally accredited and that his doctorate program was accredited by the American Psychological Association. Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Beljan, to deny Dr. Hope's application as it does not meet the statutory requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071 *et. Seq.* and for misrepresentation of his application. The motion carried 7-2 on a roll call vote with Drs. Brundage and Mellott voting no.

7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE SUBMITTED BY JAMIE KOB SAR, PH.D., AND POSSIBLE DENIAL OF THE SAME

Dr. Wechsler provided a summary to the Board stating that the Application Review Committee (Committee) reviewed Dr. Kobsar's application and requested additional information pertaining to Dr. Kobsar's preinternship experience and residency. Dr. Wechsler stated that the Committee determined that Dr. Kobsar was not an employee during his preinternship experience and that Dr. Kobsar met the residency requirement pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2071(K). Dr. Wechsler stated that the Committee forwarded Dr. Kobsar's application to the full Board for further review of his supervision during his preinternship experience. Specifically, a licensed psychologist did not always provide 75% of Dr. Kobsar's individual face-to-face supervision on a weekly basis but did provide 75% of the individual face-to-face supervision overall throughout the entire preinternship experience. Dr. Wechsler stated that during the weeks in which Dr. Kobsar received 50% individual face-to-face supervision by a licensed psychologist the additional 50% of the individual face-to-face supervision was by a licensed mental health provider. At the August 1, 2014, Board meeting, Board members directed Board staff to work with Dr. Kobsar regarding his preinternship hours in order to identify the number of hours of supervised experience that would count toward licensure if the Board allows the 75% of supervision per week versus for the overall experience. Dr. Wechsler stated that review of the hours presented by Board staff and Dr. Kobsar that may count toward licensure are before the Board for consideration.

After deliberation, Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to approve 840 hours of Dr. Kobsar's preinternship experience and to allow him to obtain 160 hours of postdoctoral experience to meet the 3,000 hour supervised experience requirement. Dr. Kobsar's application will remain pending pursuant to Arizona Administrative Code R4-26-208(C)(2). The motion carried 6-2-1 on a roll call vote with Dr. Beljan and Mr. Donaldson voting no and Dr. Wechsler abstaining.

8) DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR SECOND EXTENSION OF TIME TO SIT FOR THE EPPP FROM RICARDO MENDIVIL, PSY.D., AND POSSIBLE DENIAL OF THE SAME

Ms. Duracinski provided a summary to the Board stating that on August 20, 2014, the Board office received a request from Dr. Mendivil for a second extension of time to sit for the EPPP. Dr. Mendivil's deadline to sit for the EPPP was September 1, 2014. Dr. Mendivil requested that his new deadline to sit for the EPPP be October 31, 2014. After deliberation, the Board determined that Dr. Mendivil's request is within statutory limit. Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to approve Dr. Mendivil's request for a second extension. The motion carried 5-4 on a roll call vote with Dr. Beljan, Dr. DiBacco, Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Robicheau voting no.

9) DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SUPERVISED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE HOURS AND LICENSURE FROM KATHLEEN BREE, PSY.D.

Dr. Mellott provided a summary stating that on September 2, 2014, the Application Review Committee (Committee) met to review applications and that Dr. Beljan recused from reviewing Dr. Bree's application. Due to lack of a quorum Dr. Bree's application was forwarded to the full Board for review.

Dr. Beljan recused from this item. Upon review of Dr. Bree's Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form from Beljan Psychological Services the Board noted that her supervisor, Paul Beljan, Psy.D., indicated that Dr. Bree is applying 1,500 hours of postdoctoral experience toward licensure. Dr. Beljan's subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Bree obtained 545.25 hours of direct client contact which does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(G)(5). At this time, Dr. Bree is 54.75 hours deficient in direct client contact hours. It was the consensus of the Board to send Dr. Bree a letter requesting additional information.

10) DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMMEMORATING 50 YEARS (1965-2015) SINCE ENACTMENT OF ENABLING LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING PSYCHOLOGY AS A PROFESSION IN ARIZONA

Dr. Olvey provided a summary to the Board stating that the February 2015 Board meeting will be held in Tucson at the University of Arizona Law School. She stated that the August 2015, Board meeting will be held in Flagstaff at Northern Arizona University and that Board staff is working on lodging accommodations.

11) DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WHETHER THE BOARD PLANS TO RUN LEGISLATION DURING THE 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Dr. Olvey provided a summary to the Board stating that every year the Board is asked whether it would like to run legislation. It was the consensus of the Board to decline running legislation.

12. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ASPPB 2014 ANNUAL MEETING AND WHETHER THE BOARD WOULD LIKE REPRESENTATION

Dr. Olvey provided a summary to the Board stating that ASPPB will be hosting its annual meeting and asked whether the Board would like to send a Board member. Dr. Olvey is also requesting to attend. It was the consensus of the Board to send Ms. Shreeve and Dr. Olvey to the meeting.

13. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

It was the consensus of the Board to form a Committee to look at the preinternship issue of 75% vs. 25% supervision by psychologists and licensed mental health professionals respectively as well as postdoctoral requirements for direct client/patient contact and bring recommendations back to the Board.

14. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 a.m. The motion carried 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Donaldson
Secretary