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### **TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL**

**December 10, 2010**

1400 W. Washington, Ste. 235  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

### **REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners was called to order by Chairperson Mellott at 7:47 a.m. on December 10, 2010. No Executive Sessions were held.

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

##### **Board Members Participating by Telephone**

Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D. – Chairperson  
Cheryl L. Karp, Ph.D. – Vice-Chairperson  
Frederick S. Wechsler, Psy.D., ABPP, -Secretary  
Bob Bohanske, Ph.D.  
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Joseph Donaldson  
John P. DiBacco, Ph.D.  
Megan Hunter-Williams  
Daniel Larson (joined at 7 :51 a.m.)

##### **Staff Present**

Dr. Cindy Olvey, Executive Director  
Meghan Hinckley, Deputy Director  
Marcus E. Harvey, Investigator

##### **Attorney General's Office**

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

#### **3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Hinckley reported to the Board that there were two guests present to speak on Agenda item #7, but no requests for a call to the public.

#### **4) CONSENT AGENDA - DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

Dr. Karp made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to accept and approve those items listed on the consent agenda. The motion carried (9-0) with Ms. Hunter-Williams recused from the November 5, 2010 morning Executive Session minutes and Dr. Karp and Ms. Hunter-Williams recused from the November 5, 2010 afternoon Executive Session minutes.

##### **a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Executive Session Minutes – November 5, 2010 a.m.
- Executive Session Minutes – November 5, 2010 p.m.

## **b. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING APPLICATIONS**

### **➤ REQUESTING APPROVAL TO TAKE EXAM**

Carmen Lucia, Psy.D.

### **➤ REQUESTING APPROVAL OF EXAM & LICENSURE**

Jeremy D. Bartz, Ph.D.

Katherine Pierce, Psy.D.

Codi Schale, Ph.D.

Lynda Vaterlaus, Psy.D.

Jonnie K. White-Arnold, Psy.D.

### **➤ REQUESTING APPROVAL OF POST-DOCTORAL EXPERIENCE AND LICENSURE**

Kevin Hurley, Psy.D.

### **➤ REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY CREDENTIAL – BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS**

Erica Babino, M.Ed., BCBA

Aaron Blocher-Rubin, MBA, BCBA

Andrew Gardner, Ph.D., BCBA

Joseph Gentry, Ph.D., BCBA

Jennifer Johnson, M.S., BCBA

Erin Lombard, M.A., BCBA

Susan Marks, Ph.D., BCBA

Kari Noelle Nahgahgwon, Ph.D., BCBA

Daniel Openden, Ph.D., BCBA

Leighssa Pearson-Dobrosky, M.A., BCBA

Jessica Reese, M.Ed., BCBA

Donald Stenhoff, Ph.D., BCBA

Kelle Witt, M.S., BCBA

## **5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CALENDAR FOR 2011 AND COMMITTEE ROTATIONS**

Dr. Olvey reported that she met with Dr. Karp to discuss the Board meeting calendar and committee assignments for the 2011 Calendar year. Dr. Olvey requested Board members to review the dates for any foreseeable scheduling conflicts.

After discussion, it was the Board consensus to adopt the calendar and committee assignments as drafted by Dr. Karp and Dr. Olvey.

## **6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CHANGE IN WORDING ON POSTDOCTORAL PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY EXPERIENCE VERIFICATION FORM**

Dr. Olvey summarized that, at the November 2010 meeting, the Board considered correspondence from Dr. Edward Lovejoy regarding clarification of a question posed on the Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form that asks supervisors to confirm “. . .taking full legal responsibility for the welfare of clients” seen by supervisees. Following discussion of the statutory requirements and other factors, it was the consensus of the Board to clarify the question on the form and present a draft at the December meeting for possible approval.

Pursuant to Board consensus at the November 2010 meeting, Dr. Bohanske discussed this matter with Dr. Olvey and proposed a modification to the question that reads, “Did you accept full clinical and ethical

responsibility for the supervisee's actions as a postdoctoral trainee?" After discussion, it was the Board's consensus that the modification clarified the original intent of the statute. Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to adopt the modification of the question as drafted and change it on the Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form. The motion carried (9-0).

## **7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY'S DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES CONCERNING THE EFFECT OF LICENSURE ON EXISTING APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS SERVICES**

Dr. Olvey reported that recently, a meeting was requested by Mr. Steve Goodrich, the Assistant Attorney General who represents the Department of Economic Security's Division of Developmental Disabilities (DES/DDD), to discuss issues regarding the potential impact of the licensure law for behavior analysts on services provided to individual/families through DES/DDD. The meeting took place on December 2, 2010 with Ms. Galvin and Dr. Olvey in attendance as well as Mr. Steve Goodrich, Assistant Attorney General for DES/DDD and Brian Lensch, a manager representing DES/DDD.

In addition, questions have been posed to the Board office as well as at DES/DDD from callers requesting clarification regarding the provision of services from individuals who are working toward licensure and are working under supervision. Specifically, DES/DDD is concerned about those providers who are in training and working toward licensure, but will not be licensed by the January deadline, and their ability to provide services under the supervision of an individual who meets the statutory requirements for supervisors. In addition, individuals with bachelor degrees are also providing services. DES/DDD noted that while they do not have exact numbers, the impact of the services being discontinued would be devastating to the community receiving these benefits.

Board members expressed concern for individuals and families receiving services indicating that, wherever possible, individuals continue to provide services under the supervision of licensed behavior analysts within the parameters of the statute. Ms. Galvin reported that it may be in the Board's best interest to draft a substantive policy statement clarifying that the Board will allow individuals to practice under supervision of licensed behavior analysts. It was the consensus of the Board to ask Board staff and Ms. Galvin to work to develop a draft substantive policy statement for review by the Board based on the Board's discussion.

## **8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICANTS BY EXPERIENCE AND VERIFICATION OF TEST RESULTS FROM THE NATIONAL BEHAVIOR ANALYST CERTIFICATION BOARD**

Dr. Olvey reported that pursuant to the Board's request at its November meeting, a letter was sent to Dr. Gerald Shook, CEO of the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB), regarding verification of test results for licensure applicants who do not meet the requirements of the "grandfather clause." The letter reiterated that, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2091.05(A), "an applicant for licensure must pass an examination from a nationally recognized behavior analyst certification Board." Chairperson Mellott noted that there are four applicants on the December 7, 2010 Application Review Committee (ARC) that met all of the requirements; however, verification of passing the national exam was not provided.

After a brief discussion, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to direct the four applicants reviewed at the December 7, 2010 ARC to directly request verification of passing the national exam from the BACB. In addition, the motion included directing Board staff to modify the current Behavior Analyst Certification Verification form to include the "pass/fail" verification to be completed by the BACB. The motion carried (9-0).

## **9. NEW ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS**

Board members had no further items for future meeting agendas at this time.

## **10. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Dr. Brundage, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 a.m. The motion carried (9-0).

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Frederick S. Wechsler, Psy.D., ABPP**  
**2010 Board Secretary**