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Telepractice Committee REGULAR SESSION MINUTES TELECONFERENCE MEETING

March 14, 2012

1400 West Washington, Ste. 235
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners Telepractice Committee was called to order by Chairman Bohanske at 7:31 a.m. on March 14, 2012. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present

Bob Bohanske, Ph.D – Chairman
Janice Brundage, Ph.D.
Frederick Wechsler, Psy.D.

Staff Present

Dr. Cindy Olvey, Executive Director
Ryan Litner, Intern
Megan Martin, Deputy Director

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM November 9, 2011 MEETING

Dr. Brundage moved approval of the minutes from the January 11, 2012 Telepractice Committee meeting; seconded by Dr. Wechsler. Motion carried 3-0.

4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING UPDATE ON THE APA/ASPPB/APAIT JOINT TASK FORCE ON TELEPSYCHOLOGY

Dr. Olvey provided committee members an update of the meeting between the APA/ASPPB/APAIT Joint Task Force on Telepsychology. The Joint Task Force has defined telepsychology as “The provision of psychological services (including intervention, assessment, consultation, training, and supervision) over a distance through the use of technology.” Committee members discussed the implementation and practicality of various options the Joint Task Force is considering pertaining to practicing telepsychology across jurisdictions, which range from not requiring a license to requiring a certificate.

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO TELEPRACTICE TO PRESENT TO THE ARIZONA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS

It was the consensus of the Committee to begin to draft a policy statement based on Arizona rules and statutes to help psychologists understand concerns pertaining to security issues and informed consent.

6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING NEXT STEPS FOR THE TELEPRACTICE COMMITTEE

Dr. Bohanske volunteered to create a draft of the policy statement before the next meeting of the Telepractice Committee.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The committee scheduled the next meeting for April 18, 2012 at 7:30 a.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, a motion was made by Dr. Brundage, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, and unanimously carried (3-0), to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Bohanske, Ph.D.
Committee Chairman

Date