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REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, December 17, 2013, 7:30 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. Brundage at 7:31 a.m. on December 17, 2013. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

Janice K. Brundage, Ph.D., – Chair
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Dr. Cindy Olvey, Executive Director
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Attorney General’s Office

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

Board Members Absent

Bob Bohanske, Ph.D – Vice – Chair
Paul Beljan, Psy.D.

3. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND PROPOSED STATUTORY CHANGES FOR PSYCHOLOGY AND BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

Stuart Goodman and Brandy Patrone from Goodman Schwartz Public Affairs were present. Ms. Patrone summarized the draft legislation with the changes that the Board requested which included:

Psychology Draft Legislation

- Insert the Board’s definition of telepractice
- Face-to-Face supervision can be conducted via electronic means at the supervisor’s discretion
- Direct client contact changes from 600 hours to 40 percent of postdoctoral hours

- Include written training plan for postdoctoral experience
- Temporary licenses
- Prorated continuing education for new licensees

The Board discussed and deliberated draft legislation for psychologists. Board members expressed concern that potentially 100 percent of face-to-face supervision could take place via electronic means. It was the consensus of the Board to table this item and direct Dr. Olvey to research other jurisdictions requirements for supervision via electronic means. It was the consensus of the Board to define supervision in Rule.

Behavior Analyst Draft Legislation

- Included faculty from other accredited universities in Arizona in exemption from licensure
- Edits in renewal process
- Adoption of standards of a nationally recognized behavior analyst certification board unless the Board objects to the standards.

The Board discussed and deliberated draft legislation for behavior analysts. It was the consensus of the Board to clarify the “nature” of supervision in Rule. Changes to the language pertaining to renewal applications will be changed to adhere to A.R.S. §41.1092.11. The Board expressed concern about the term “line therapist” because the public might conclude that a “line therapist” is credentialed to provide this service. It was the consensus of the Board to direct Dr. Olvey to contact behavior analysts and inquire about the term “line therapist.”

4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION PERTAINING TO CONCERNS THAT DOCTORAL PROGRAMS ADEQUATELY ENSURE THAT INTERNSHIP SITES THAT ARE NOT APA APPROVED OR APPIC MEMBERS MEET LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS WHEN ARRANGING INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM AND THE BOARD’S RESPONSE TO THE SAME

Mr. Donaldson summarized this item to the Board and expressed concern regarding a recent application in which the applicant was not approved for licensure due to deficiencies in supervision. Supervision did not meet the standards of the statute for licensure, although faculty from Northern Arizona University were responsible for establishing and overseeing the internship.

Mr. Donaldson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, that the Board send a letter to NAU expressing the Board’s concern. The Board deliberated and determined that there may be other Universities that are not ensuring adequate internships. Mr. Donaldson withdrew his motion. It was the consensus of the Board to table this item for further discussion at a future meeting.

5. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

There were no items for future meetings.

6. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 a.m. The motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Donaldson
Secretary