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**Complaint Screening Committee
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Capitol Center Building
15 S. 15th Ave.
4th Floor, North Conference Room
Phoenix, AZ 85007

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners Complaint Screening Committee was called to order by Chairman, Daniel Larson, at 8:35 a.m. on February 9, 2011. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present

Daniel Larson - Chairman
John P. DiBacco, Ph.D.
Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D.

Staff Present

Cindy Olvey, Psy.D., - Executive Director
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3. CASE DISCUSSION/DECISION

a.) Michael German, Ph.D. RFI 10-33

Dr. DiBacco summarized the case, including salient points of investigation and pertinent records. The complainant was present, requested to speak and made a statement. The licensee was not present. The complainant answered Committee members’ questions. A member of the public was present, requested to speak and made a brief statement. Following comment made by the public Dr. DiBacco recused himself from this case. After deliberation, Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Larson to refer this case to the full Board for further review and investigation due to Dr. DiBacco’s recusal. The motion carried 2-0-1 with Dr. DiBacco recused.

b.) Jennifer Smith, BCBA RFI 10-39

Dr. Mellott summarized the case, including salient points of investigation and pertinent records. The licensee was present telephonically, requested to speak and made a brief statement. The Licensee answered Committee members' questions. The complainant was present, requested to speak and made a brief statement. The Complainant answered Committee members' questions. After deliberation, the Committee members determined the Board does not have jurisdiction in this matter since the licensee provided these services before licensure as a behavioral analyst. Mr. Larson made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to dismiss the case. The motion carried 3-0.

c.) Doreen Granpeesheh, Ph.D. RFI 10-38

Dr. Mellott summarized the case, including salient points of investigation and pertinent records. The licensee was present telephonically, requested to speak and made a brief statement. The Licensee answered Committee members' questions. The complainant was present, requested and made a brief statement. The Complainant answered Committee members' questions. After deliberation, Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco to refer this case to the full Board for further review and investigation for possible violations of A.R.S. §32-2061(13)(a) for possibly obtaining a fee by fraud or misrepresentation; A.R.S. §32-2061(13)(o) for possibly providing services that are unnecessary or unsafe or otherwise engaging in activities as a psychologist that are unprofessional by current standards of practice; A.R.S. §32-2061(13)(p) for possibly falsely or fraudulently claiming to have performed a professional service, charging for a service or representing a service as the licensee's own when the licensee has not rendered the service or assumed supervisory responsibility for the service; A.R.S. §32-2061(13)(v) for possibly abandoning or neglecting a client in need of immediate care without making suitable arrangements for continuation of the care; A.R.S. §32-2061(13)(y) for possibly exploiting a client, student or supervisee. The motion carried 3-0.

d.) Buffy Wooten, Ph.D. RFI 10-40

Dr. DiBacco summarized the case, including salient points of investigation and pertinent records. The complainant was not present. The licensee was present and requested to speak if Committee members had questions for her. The licensee answered the Committee members' questions. After deliberation, the Committee members found no evidence of violation of statute or rule by the licensee. Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to dismiss the case. The motion carried 3-0.

e. & f.) Lana Biocca, Ph.D. RFI 10-36 and 10-37

Mr. Larson summarized the cases, including salient points of investigation and pertinent records. The licensee and her legal counsel, Faren Aikens, were present, requested to speak and made a brief statement. The Licensee and Mr. Aikens answered Committee members' questions. After deliberation, Mr. Larson made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco to RFI 10-36 to the full Board for further review and investigation for possible violations of A.R.S. §32-2061(13)(c) for possibly making or using statements of a character tending to deceive or mislead, A.R.S. §32-2061(13)(j) for possibly making a fraudulent or untrue statement to the board or its investigators, staff or consultants. The motion carried 3-0. Mr. Larson made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco to refer RFI 10-37 to the full Board for further review and investigation for possible violations of A.R.S. §32-2061(13)(bb) for possibly failing to furnish information in a timely manner to the board or its investigators or representatives if requested or subpoenaed by the board as prescribed by this chapter, for possible non-compliance concerning R4 26-207(H) "The Board may audit a licensee's compliance with continuing education requirements. The Board may deny renewal or take other disciplinary action against a licensee who fails to obtain or document required continuing education hours. The Board may discipline a licensee who commits fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation regarding continuing education hours". The motion carried 2-1 with Dr. Mellott voting no.

4. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, and unanimously carried 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Larson
Committee Chairman

Date