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**TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
March 4, 2011**

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 Karp at 7:47 a.m. on March 4, 2011. One Executive Session was held at 8:05 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Participating by Telephone

Cheryl L. Karp, Ph.D. – Chairperson
Frederick S. Wechsler, Psy.D., – Vice-Chairperson
Bob Bohanske, Ph.D.
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Staff Present

Dr. Cindy Olvey, Executive Director
Meghan Hinckley, Deputy Director
Heather Duracinski, Administrative Assistant

Attorney General's Office

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

Board Members Not Participating

Megan Hunter-Williams – Secretary
Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Hinckley reported there are no requests from the public to speak at this time.

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

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to accept and approve those items listed on the consent agenda. The motion carried (7-0).

DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, DECISION REGARDING PSYCHOLOGIST APPLICATIONS

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL TO TAKE EXAM**

Deborah Pardee, Ph.D.

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL OF EXAM & LICENSURE**

Wendy Beghein, Psy.D.

Arni Sveinsson, Ph.D.

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL OF POSTDOC EXPERIENCE & LICENSURE**

Carmen Lucia, Psy.D.

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM MR. FRED HARMAN REQUESTING THE BOARD RECONSIDER SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT SP 01-09 REGARDING SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL INTEREST- Ms. Hinckley

Ms. Hinckley summarized that the Board office had received a request from Mr. Fred Harmon asking that the Board reconsider substantive policy statement SP 01-09 regarding substantial financial interest. Specifically, Mr. Harmon requested that the Board reconsider allowing interns and postdoctoral students to pay psychologists for supervision as it was difficult to secure supervised internships and residencies without paying for the psychologists' time.

The Board opened the discussion by noting that there are several options for psychology students to gain supervised experiences without having to pay for the psychologists' time, the most notable of them being the national match for internships. It was noted, however, that in Arizona, there is still a significant shortage of openings to applicants with respect to supervised experiences.

Several members of the Board opined that a paid internship is inappropriate and had concerns regarding licensed psychologists in the community who may be offering internships to these students for a fee.

In addition, Board members affirmed that, according to the description in his correspondence, Mr. Harmon's internship would not meet APIC standards because he notes that the psychologist supervising him is not technically "on staff" at the facility.

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to deny Mr. Harmon's request as it is in violation of the Board's rules, specifically A.A.C. R4-26-209 and that it would not meet APIC standards. The motion carried (8-0).

6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE INCLUDING SB 1240, SB 1254 AND COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO POSSIBLE BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE MEETINGS RELATING TO BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS – Dr. Olvey

Dr. Olvey summarized SB 1240 by stating that the bill sets out to recognize services provided by behavior analysts as reimbursable by the Arizona Department of Health Services. Dr. Olvey noted that SB 1240 has passed both the Senate and House Health Committee with no opposition or amendments.

Dr. Olvey noted a second bill, SB 1254, which would form a credentialing committee for behavior analysts, failed the Senate Health Committee. Dr. Olvey noted that she and Dr. Wechsler were present and testified before the Senate committee. In addition, the Arizona Psychological Association (AzPA) was also present at the opposed the bill.

Dr. Olvey stated that after the meeting, representatives from AzPA and the behavior analysts asked that she participate in a discussion regarding this issue. Dr. Olvey stated that she was willing to attend the meeting to observe and listen, but not as a representative of the Board.

Dr. Wechsler noted that while at the hearing for SB 1254, the Senate mentioned that there may be a better "location" for behavior analysts and suggested relocating them under a different board.

Board members asked Dr. Olvey if she felt AzPA would be taking a position is regarding moving the jurisdiction of behavior analysts. Dr. Olvey stated that AzPA had indicated behavior analysts should be licensed, but may be a better fit under the jurisdiction of a different board such as the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners (AZBBHE). Board members expressed concern that behavior analysts may present a striker bill that will move them to another regulatory jurisdiction and what implications such a move would have on the licensees and the public. Ms. Galvin responded to the Board concerns indicating that more than likely, they would present a provision in statute that the licensees would just transfer to another Board. Dr. Olvey added that, at this time, the legislature is aiming to end this legislative session early and will likely not be able to hear a striker bill.

After further discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that Dr. Olvey attend the informational meeting with AzPA and behavior analysts.

7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADDITIONAL QUESTION ON PSYCHOLOGIST APPLICATION FOR EXAM & LICENSURE – Ms. Hinckley

Ms. Hinckley summarized that the Psychologist Application for Exam & Licensure, page 7, question #29 b. needed to be clarified and revised. At this time, Ms. Hinckley presented Board members with a proposed revision in wording to this question and is requesting approval of the changes from the Board.

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to accept the proposed changes to the Psychologist Application for Exam & Licensure, page 7, question #29b as drafted by Board staff. The motion carried (8-0).

For informational purposes, Dr. Olvey noted that the Board office had experienced a computer error in the database which resulted in some psychologists receiving information from organizations at an alternate address rather than at their public address. Dr. Olvey summarized the corrective action Board staff has taken and noted that Board staff is enclosing notices with renewal receipts to notify psychologists of the computer error.

Dr. Brundage noted that there were some typographical errors that are on the 2011-2013 Renewal Application. Board staff made note of the typographical errors.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

Dr. Wechsler requested that an agenda item regarding confidentiality of client information at public Board meetings be placed on a future Board meeting agenda. Dr. Olvey requested clarification as to whether this would be a general discussion item or an agenda item specific to a certain case. Dr. Wechsler responded stating that in general all individuals need to be cautious of revealing confidential information in public meetings, specifically information that can be used in a contentious case. Ms. Galvin noted that it would be appropriate for Dr. Wechsler to request a specific case be addressed. Dr. Wechsler requested that the item be a general discussion wherein a specific case may be addressed.

10. ADJOURN

Due to telephonic difficulties the meeting adjourned at 8:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Megan Hunter - Williams
2011 Board Secretary**