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**Telepractice Committee  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

*April 21, 2011*

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 12:00 p.m. on April 21, 2011. No Executive Sessions were held. No members of the public were present.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Committee Members Present\***

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

**Staff Present**

Dr. Cindy Olvey, Executive Director  
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**3. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, POSSIBLE ACTION PERTAINING TO BOARD’S CHARGE TO THE TELEPRACTICE COMMITTEE AND IDENTIFICATION OF ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE COMMITTEE**

Dr. Olvey summarized the Board’s charge to the Telepractice Committee. At the Board’s February meeting, the the Board indicated the Telepractice Committee would be an ongoing committee. In the short-term, the Board asked that the Committee identify best practices in the area of telepractice in psychology as well as professions beyond psychology. In addition, the Committee could include additional individuals beyond Board members who may have experience or expertise in this area.

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\* Participated via telephone.

**4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING UPDATE ON TELEPSYCHOLOGY COMMITTEE FORMED BY ASPPB**

Dr. Olvey reported that the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Board (ASPPB) has formed a Telepsychology Committee chaired by Dr. Fred Millan, a member of the ASPPB Board. According to Dr. Millan, the ASPPB Committee met twice by phone, but has not yet identified the scope of issues to be addressed. In addition, the American Psychological Association (APA) has formed a Telepsychology Committee. The ASPPB and APA Committees plan to meet together twice over the next several months. ASPPB anticipates developing guidelines for use by regulatory boards over the next one to two years. Dr. Millan indicated he will share reading materials for consideration by the Arizona Board. Dr. Olvey also reported that Ohio is developing policy in this area.

In late May, a volunteer student will be available to assist the Telepractice Committee in conducting a review of literature on this topic over the summer months.

Committee members discussed areas of concerns including the availability of psychologists in rural areas as well as the use of technology to provide psychological services. Committee members asked that the Board office research information about the University of Arizona telehealth program, information about efforts from boards in other jurisdictions, and a white paper developed by APA regarding telephone therapy. The Committee requested assistance from Assistant Attorney General Galvin to develop a substantive policy statement to clarify A.R.S. §32-2075(A)(4), which permits a psychologist licensed in another jurisdiction to serve 20 days per year without obtaining a license in Arizona as well as identify areas within the statute that may need clarification via a substantive policy statement. The Committee asked that the Board office stay apprised and keep the Committee informed about the work of the ASPPB Telepsychology Committee.

**5. DISCUSSION OF FREQUENCY AND DURATION OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS; SCHEDULE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Committee scheduled the next meeting for June 2, 2011, at 12:00 p.m.

**6. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, a motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Wechsler, seconded by Ms. Hunter-Williams, and unanimously carried (4-0). The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Bob Bohanske, Ph.D.**  
**Committee Chairman**

**Date**