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Exploratory Committee on Scope of Practice REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

July 20, 2011

Southwest Behavioral Health Services
Grand Canyon Conference Room
3450 N. 3rd Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners Exploratory Committee on Scope of Practice was called to order by Chairman Bohanske at 1:04 p.m. on July 20, 2011. 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

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3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No member of the public requested to speak.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 24, 2011

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage and carried (3-0) to approve the June 24, 2011 Exploratory Committee on Scope of Practice minutes as drafted.

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ISSUES IN PUBLIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- a. Economic costs
- b. Current and future needs
- c. Availability of and accessibility to mental health care professionals
- d. Strategies for better meeting the need

Dr. Bohanske introduced Jeff Jordy, Vice-Chairman of MCACAP and President of Southwest Behavioral Health, who provided a brief description of Southwest Behavioral Health's mission. Mr. Jordy discussed the shortage of mental health practitioners in Arizona to fulfill the rising mental health population as well as the rising costs to employ mental health professionals. Later, the Chairman of MCACAP joined via telephone to discuss a survey pertaining to expanding prescriptive authority. Overall, respondents are supportive.

6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PREPARATION FOR

PRESENTATION TO THE ARIZONA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS REGARDING SCOPE OF PRACTICE INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- a. Problem statement/statement of need**
- b. Background**
 - i. Access to care**
 - ii. Safety**
 - iii. Quality of care**
- c. Recommendations**

Committee members discussed presenting information to the Board similar to the information presented at this meeting. Dr. Olvey advised that the August 5, 2012, Board meeting was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum. She noted alternate Board meeting dates. Committee members discussed the possibility of scheduling an in-person Board meeting prior to September 1, 2012.

Committee members expressed concerns about prescribing psychologists in Louisiana who are not regulated by the medical board. AZPA representatives indicated that they would not support that type of model.

7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROFESSIONS WITH THE AUTHORITY TO PRESCRIBE, INCLUDING PSYCHOLOGISTS WHO ARE TRAINED TO PRESCRIBE AS MEMBERS OF OTHER PROFESSIONS OR PSYCHOLOGISTS WHO ARE TRAINING TO PRESCRIBE

Dr. Brian Ramirez, a licensed psychologist and psychiatric nurse practitioner, gave a PowerPoint presentation on prescriptive authority including the education requirements for different prescribing professions as well as a brief description of some experiences he has had since becoming a psychiatric nurse practitioner.

8. FUTURE MEETINGS/AGENDA ITEM FOR FUTURE MEETINGS/SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

Dr. Olvey indicated that she will contact Board members and the Chair to inquire about scheduling an in-person Board meeting before September 1st.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, a motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Wechsler, seconded by Dr. Brundage and unanimously carried 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Bob Bohanske, Ph.D. **DATE**
Chair
Exploratory Committee on Scope of Practice