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**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

**Tuesday, August 23, 2011, 10:00 a.m.**

Third Floor Conference Room, #312  
Executive Tower  
1700 W. Washington  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners was called to order by Vice – Chairman Wechsler at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 23, 2011. One Executive Session was held.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Board Members Present**

Frederick S. Wechsler, Psy.D., ABPP – Vice Chair  
Meghan Hunter-Williams – Secretary  
Bob Bohanske, Ph.D.  
Janice K. Brundage, Ph.D.  
John P. DiBacco, Ph.D.  
Joseph C. Donaldson.  
Daniel Larson (joined at 10:01am)  
Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D. (11:19 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.)

**Staff Present**

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

**Attorney General’s Office**

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.  
Assistant Attorney General

**3. REMARKS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Announcement of Dr. Cheryl Karp’s resignation from the Board** – Vice- Chairman Wechsler announced that Dr. Karp resigned from the Board on August 2, 2011.
- **Recognition of Ryan Litner, Intern for the Board Office** – Vice – Chairman Wechsler thanked Ryan Litner for his work while interning for the Board office.
- **Annual Meeting of Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards** – Vice-Chairman Wechsler announced that the ASPPB annual meeting will be held in Chicago on Wednesday October 19 – October 23, 2011. The Board will be sending Dr. Mellott and Dr. Olvey as well as an additional Board member. Interested Board members should contact Dr. Olvey

- **CE Documentation** – Vice-Chairman Wechsler announced that licensees could receive CE credits in Ethics for their attendance at Board meetings. Vice-Chairman Wechsler explained that in order to obtain credit, one must register on the CE roster, complete the three-page CE record form, have the first page stamped with the validation stamp, keep the first page, and submit the remaining pages to Board staff. Additionally, Vice-Chairman Wechsler explained that because today’s meeting is an abbreviated one, Licensees are only eligible to receive two credits for attending the entire meeting.
- **Board Assessment Forms** – Vice-Chairman Wechsler announced to members of the public audience that the Board appreciates feedback regarding their meetings. Vice-Chairman Wechsler encouraged members of the audience to complete a Board Meeting Assessment Survey and place them in the survey box.

**4. 10:00 A.M. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR REHEARING OR REVIEW FILED BY JEAN HODGSON, Ed.D. THE BOARD MAY REQUEST THE PARTIES TO PROVIDE ORAL ARGUMENT RELATED TO THE REQUEST. EACH PARTY WILL HAVE 10 MINUTES TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. IF THE BOARD GRANTS THE REQUEST, IT MAY CONDUCT THE REHEARING OR REVIEW AT THE MEETING OR SCHEDULE FURTHER PROCEEDINGS AT A FUTURE DATE.**

This agenda item started at 10:08 a.m. and ended at 10:23 a.m.

Jeanne Galvin, Assistant Attorney General introduced herself as representing the State of Arizona. Vice – Chairman Wechsler introduced Chris Munns, Assistant Attorney General, as counsel for the Board. Jean Hodgson was present telephonically, introduced herself and stated that she was representing herself.

Vice – Chairman Wechsler summarized the procedures for this agenda item and reiterated that each party has 10 minutes for oral argument. Vice – Chairman Wechsler invited Dr. Hodgson to begin the oral arguments.

Dr. Hodgson summarized reasons why her request for a rehearing or review should be granted. Dr. Hodgson stated that her petition to quash/limit the first subpoena was not untimely, her record keeping falls within state law requirements, she alleges ms. Galvin reported false statements to the Administrative Law Judge and she claims that there was no due process in regards to having the Fitness for Duty Order quashed. Additionally, Dr. Hodgson stated that her liberty was violated as there was no due process.

Ms. Galvin summarized that Dr. Hodgson has not met the grounds for rehearing or review and opined that the Administrative Law Judge recommendations are sound. Ms. Galvin requested that the Board deny Dr. Hodgson’s request.

Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to deny Dr. Hodgson’s request for rehearing or review and affirm the Board’s prior decision. The motion carried unanimously (7-0) on a roll call vote.

**5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Vice – Chairman Wechsler invited the public to address the Board at this time. Dr. Faren Akins, the Arizona Psychological Association’s (AzPA) liaison to the Board, announced that the AzPA convention will be held on October 14-15, 2011, and that after the first of the year he is resigning from his position as AzPA’s liason to the Board due to his heavy work load. He thanked Board members.

**6) CONSENT AGENDA - DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to approve the items on the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

**(a) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Regular Session Minutes – February 4, 2011
- Regular Session Minutes – March 4, 2011
- Regular Session Minutes – March 23, 2011
- Regular Session Minutes – April 1, 2011
- Regular Session Minutes – June 3, 2011
- Regular Session Minutes – June 20, 2011

**(b) DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING PSYCHOLOGY APPLICATIONS**

**i. REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR EXAM**

Barbara Merchant, Ph.D.  
Christina Vasquez, Ph.D.

**ii. REQUESTING APPROVAL OF EXAM & LICENSURE**

Debra Davis, Ph.D.  
Pamela Dockstader-Ortiz, Psy.D.  
Sarah F. Foxley, Psy.D.  
Christopher Merchant, Psy.D.  
Katherine Pierce, Ph.D.  
Christine Seeberger-Sparacino, Psy.D.  
Ioan Stroescu, Ph.D.  
Dina Shacknai, Psy.D.

**iii. REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY WAIVER**

Philip Kerne, Ph.D.  
Nancy Swedlund, Psy.D.

**iv. REQUESTING APPROVAL OF SUPERVISED PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY EXPERIENCE VERIFICATION & LICENSURE**

Erin South, Psy.D.

**(c) DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS**

**ii. REQUESTING LICENSURE BY CERTIFICATION**

Shannon Cernich, Ph.D., BCBA  
Erica Severtson, M.S., BCBA

**ii. REQUESTING LICENSURE BY EXPERIENCE**

Jessica Belokas, M.A., BCBA  
Tracy Davis, M.Ed., BCBA  
Julie Neenan, M.Ed., BCBA

**(d) DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND DECISION REGARDING STUART FRIEDMAN, J.D., PSY.D. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TAKE EPPP**

**(e) DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING RE-ACTIVATION OF DR. TERESA GALLENSTEIN'S LICENSE TO ACTIVE STATUS**

**(f) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**(g) INVESTIGATIONS REPORT**

**(h) LICENSING REPORT**

**7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE – Dr. Brundage**

Dr. Brundage thanked Committee members and summarized stating that 4.5% (68) of the Board's active licensee's were audited during the 2011-2013 renewal cycle. Twenty-three of the 68 Auditees were found out of compliance. Dr. Brundage commented that the Committee is working with the Assistant Attorney General to develop a substantive policy statement regarding domestic violence and child abuse continuing education. Additionally, Dr. Brundage noted that the 2011-2013 Auditee's materials were submitted in a more organized fashion than the previous cycle.

**8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CONTINUATION OF VOLUNTEER SUMMER INTERNSHIP AS PART-TIME PAID INTERNSHIP – Dr. Olvey**

Dr. Olvey briefly summarized requesting the Board's permission to continue the volunteer summer internship as a part-time (average 10 hours per week) paid internship. Mr. Donaldson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunter – Williams, to continue the volunteer summer internship as a part-time paid internship. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

**9. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE ON SCOPE OF PRACTICE UPDATE AND PRESENTATION REGARDING PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY – Dr. Bohanske**

Dr. Bohanske gave a power-point presentation regarding prescriptive authority for psychologists. Dr. Bohanske's presentation included data on the statistical information on the lack of availability of behavioral health professionals with prescriptive authority compared to the general public and how psychologists may be a partial solution, how integrated care is allowing psychologists to work and consult with physicians to help treat behavioral conditions, information on other states that have passed legislation allowing psychologists to prescribe medications and summarized possible educational requirements for psychologists if they wish to obtain prescriptive authority.

Dr. Jeff Thomas, faculty member at Arizona State University (ASU) and president of AzPA, was present and addressed the Board. Dr. Thomas discussed that AzPA has created a task force regarding prescriptive authority that has been actively working on this issue.

Board members raised issues regarding malpractice insurance, training for prescriptive authority, implication for the public, implications for the Board and Board staff, as well as legislation run by other states.

Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to support continuing efforts to increase the scope of practice for psychologists within Arizona to include prescriptive authority. Motion carries 7-0-1 with Dr. Mellott abstained.

10. **DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CORRESPONDENCE ON BEHALF OF CHERYL KARP, PH.D. REQUESTING TO DEFER TO A LATER DATE THE DISCUSSION OF A.R.S. §32-2081(E) AND CONSIDERATION OF NEED FOR EXAMINATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS DETERMINED TO BE APPROPRIATE**

Licensee was not present but was represented by legal counsel, Mark Harrison, who was present telephonically and made statements to the Board. Mr. Harrison assured the Board that Dr. Karp is not presently seeing patients or practicing as a psychologist and is currently under medical care. Mr. Harrison stated that Dr. Karp will not resume practicing psychology until her treating physician releases her to do so. Board members asked Mr. Harrison if Dr. Karp is participating in any litigation or mitigation concerning her forensic practice. Mr. Harrison affirmed that Dr. Karp remains on the court's expert list but is not currently involved in any cases.

At 1:08 p.m., Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to move into Executive Session to obtain confidential legal advice and discuss confidential medical information. The motion carried unanimously (7-0). Open session reconvened at 1:53 p.m.

Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to deny the request for continuance. The motion carried 6-1 with Dr. DiBacco voting no.

11. **DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CHERYL KARP, Ph.D. AND A.R.S. §32-2081(E) AND CONSIDERATION OF THE NEED FOR EXAMINATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS DETERMINED TO BE APPROPRIATE**

Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to offer Licensee a Consent Agreement for medical inactive status to be signed and returned within 15 days. If Licensee requests to return to active status, Licensee would be required to undergo a Fitness for Duty evaluation. If Licensee is unavailable to sign and return the Consent Agreement for medical inactive status within 15 days then Licensee may request an additional 15 days. If Licensee chooses not to sign the Consent Agreement then a Fitness for Duty evaluation will be Ordered and will include three names of Board approved evaluators and a Request for Investigation will be opened. The motion carried unanimously (7-0) on a roll call vote.

12. **NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

There were no new items for future agendas.

13. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Donaldson, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m. The motion carried (7-0).

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Meghan Hunter-Williams  
2011 Board Secretary**

**Date**