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## **Telepractice Committee REGULAR SESSION MINUTES TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

*November 9, 2011*

1400 West Washington, Ste. 230  
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 1:11 p.m. on November 9, 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  
Megan Hunter-Williams

#### **Staff Present**

Dr. Cindy Olvey, Executive Director  
Ryan Litner, Intern

#### **Attorney General's Office**

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM October 13, 2011 MEETING**

Dr. Brundage moved approval of the minutes from the October 13, 2011, Telepractice Committee meeting; seconded by Ms. Hunter-Williams. Motion carried 4-0.

### **4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO TELEPRACTICE TO PRESENT TO THE ARIZONA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS.**

Committee members discussed A.R.S. 32-2075 (A) (4), pertaining to what constitutes a day and what parameters define a year. Committee members expressed that definitions of a day and year needed in order to set guidelines or standards for the practice of psychology. Committee members also stated that other states such as Ohio, Kentucky and Florida have set guidelines for the practice of telepractice that define the necessity of individuals practicing psychology via electronic media to have a license in the state of which the client resides. Committee members noted the need for psychologists from outside the State of Arizona to provide specialty services that may not be readily available in Arizona. However, the Board does not have jurisdiction to discipline psychologists who do not have licenses in Arizona.

Committee members discussed what constitutes a day. Committee members came to the consensus that a "day" is any accumulated eight hours, which could cross over several calendar days. Further, a

“year” is a calendar year beginning on January 1<sup>st</sup> and ending on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Committee members also came to the consensus that the practice of psychology includes any delivery of services including writing, even if report writing is done out of Arizona. Committee members then went on to discuss different ideas allowing psychologists licensed in other jurisdictions to practice in the State of Arizona within the 20days allowed by A.R.S 32-2075 (A) (4), while giving the Board jurisdiction over the psychologists when a complaint is filled against an out of state psychologist. It was the consensus of the committee that Jeanne Galvin and Dr. Olvey research the implications of A.R.S. 36-3601 for consideration by the Committee.

**5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

The Committee scheduled the next meeting for January 11, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. to continue to development recommendations for presentation at a future Board meeting.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

**Date**