

ADVISORY BOARD ON BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

Minutes

June 1, 2015

The Advisory Board on Behavior Analysis met on Monday, June 1, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Keri Bethune, Phd, BCBA-D, Chair
Kate Lewis, MS, BCBA, LBA, Vice-Chair
Amanda Kusterer, BCABA
Asha Patton Smith, MD

MEMBERS ABSENT: Patricia Taylor, JD

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director
Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Director, Licensing
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
Bradley Verry, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: Christy Evanko, VABA
Jennifer Deschenes, Board of Medicine

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Bethune called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES

Mr. Heaberlin announced the Emergency Egress Procedures.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called. A quorum was present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Lewis moved to adopt the agenda with the revision of including a disciplinary report from Ms. Deschenes. The motion was seconded and carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2015

Dr. Patton Smith moved to adopt the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Evanko presented to the Advisory Board a licensure toolkit as mentioned at the last Advisory Board meeting. Ms. Evanko requested that screenshots of the application process be added to the toolkit. Mr. Heaberlin will review the toolkit as presented and determine if screenshots are obtainable. Ms. Evanko also requested that the Form B be changed to reflect the language on the application regarding employment since certification.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Disciplinary Report

Ms. Deschenes informed the Advisory Board that the most common type of disciplinary action for Behavior Analysts is unlicensed practice. She stated that it is important for all licensees to read and understand the regulations and laws regarding the practice of behavior analysis and renewal of licensure. Ms. Deschenes then discussed with the Advisory Board the possibility of participating in hearings regarding disciplinary action. She stated that it is very important not to discuss complaints with staff of the BACB or VABA due to confidentiality reasons.

2. Review of May 21, 2015 Ad Hoc Committee for Implementation for SB 1045

Dr. Harp discussed with the Advisory Board a document that was developed to provide information about identification and diagnosis, the role of health care providers, and how to access services for Autism Spectrum Disorder per SB 1045. The Advisory Board reviewed the document. Ms. Kusterer moved to recommend the document to the full Board once formatted and revised. The motion was seconded and carried.

3. Update on Notice of Intended Regulatory Action “Increase in Hours of Continuing Education”

Ms. Yeatts informed the Advisory Board of the progress of the NOIRA that was submitted regarding an increase in hours for continuing education. Ms. Yeatts stated that the Department of Planning and Budget sent the NOIRA to the Secretary. Ms. Yeatts believes that there may be some debate regarding increasing the hours prior to the profession’s first renewal.

Announcements

Mr. Heaberlin informed the Advisory Board that there are currently 585 behavior analysts and 103 assistant behavior analysts licensed in Virginia. Additionally, 176 behavior analysts and 38 assistant behavior analysts have been licensed this fiscal year which ends June 30.

Next Meeting Date

The Advisory Board’s next meeting is October 5, 2015 at 10:00 am.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Keri Bethune, PhD, BCBA-D, Chair

William L. Harp, M.D.,
Executive Director

Bradley Verry, Licensing Specialist