

**Virginia Board of Psychology**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**November 9, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER;** Desideria Hacker, Ph.D., Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. on November 9, 2010, Board Room One, at the Department of Health Professions at 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ann T. Benson, Ed.S.  
Jeffrey L. Clark, Ph.D.  
Robert Falk, Ph.D.  
Desideria S. Hacker, Ph.D.  
Herbert L. Stewart, Ph.D.  
Michael L. Stutts, Ph.D.  
Sonia Price, Esq.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jan Hembree, Ph.D.  
Krishna Leyva

**STAFF PRESENT:** Evelyn Brown, Executive Director  
Dr. Dianne Reynolds-Cane, Director, Department of Health Professions  
Arne Owens, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Health Professions  
Howard Casway, Sr. Assistant Attorney General  
Debbie Harris, Administrative Assistant  
Patricia Larimer, Deputy Executive Director  
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dr. Clark moved to approve the August 10, 2010 minutes with noted corrections. The motion was seconded and carried.

Dr. Hacker reported on ASPPB's Annual Meeting held in October. She stated there were several presentations at the conference. However, the primary focus was on competency, residency, and telepsychology. She noted that competency was assessed indirectly through education, hours of experience, supervisors' assessment of knowledge, and examination. ASPPB and other national organizations are increasingly focused on developing better tools to assess specific areas of competency directly, such as ethical and critical decision making skills, and interviewing and assessment skills. Dr. Hacker reported there were several models presented to assess competency.

Dr. Hacker reported that the pre-doctoral experience requirements were discussed in terms of the impact on mobility. To date, ten states have made regulatory changes to allow pre-doctoral practicum hours to count towards supervised experience. Virginia will be the eleventh. Dr. Hacker reported that telepsychology is another area of focus for ASPPB. Discussion included concerns about state boards' jurisdiction and maintaining confidentiality.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** **Jennifer Morgan, Psy.D., Regulatory Affairs Chair, VPA/VACP:**

Dr. Morgan asked that Board members participating in the Spring Conversation Hour with the Board of Psychology provide her with objectives for the presentation.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Dr. Dianne Reynolds-Cane:**

Dr. Reynolds-Cane spoke briefly about the success of the September 16, 2010 Physician's Data telephonic phone briefing to the media during which forecasted workforce numbers were presented.

She reported that DHP was involved in the National Take Back Day initiative, sponsored by the DEA. This event provided an opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications for destruction.

On behalf of the new Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority (VHWDA), the Department of Health submitted a proposal for and received a Healthcare Workforce Implementation grant totaling \$1.9 million for the next two years and will be collaborating with DHP's Healthcare Workforce Data Center.

Dr. Cane remarked that the Virginia Information Technology Agency (VITA)'s summer computer failure had affected the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP). However, down time was minimal, in part, because PMP's data is housed on servers that are on-site at DHP. Dr. Cane also reported that VITA has begun to charge for data storage and recovery which are unbudgeted items.

Mr. Owens, Chief Deputy, reported that the New Board Member Orientation held on October 27, 2010 was a success. Training included sessions on board member functions, the regulatory process and discipline case decisions with vignettes. Dr. Stewart, who attended the Orientation, said that the training was worthwhile and well presented.

**EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR'S  
REPORT:**

**Evelyn Brown:**

Ms. Brown reported that interviews had been held for two administrative assistant positions in the Behavioral Sciences Unit. The two new employees should be on board by the middle of December.

**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

**Board of Health Professions – Michael Stutts, Ph.D:**

Dr. Stutts reported that the Healthcare Workforce Data Center and the other studies will be expedited and enhanced as a result of a grant won by the Department. He also reported the following action on emerging professions:

- Kinesiotherapy:  
There is no substantiated evidence that the practice of kinesiotherapy poses a threat to public health, safety, or welfare, so state regulation of the profession is unwarranted.
- Laboratory Scientists and Technicians:  
Point-of-care testing and increased volume of laboratory testing is a concern due to the complexity of laboratory analysis requiring knowledge, skills, and abilities of credentialed laboratory scientists and technicians, therefore, these professions warrant regulation.
- Medication Aides in Nursing Homes:  
The decision was made to defer action on regulating this profession.
- Phlebotomists:  
Because a written request for regulation has not yet been received by phlebotomists, a formal study was not advised at the time.
- Community Health Workers:  
The request for regulation had been withdrawn.

**Healthcare Workforce Data Committee - Drs. Clark and Stewart:**

Drs. Clark and Stewart reported that they were the Board of Psychology representatives on the Department of Health Professions' Workforce Data Committee which included representatives of the Boards of Counseling and Social Work

assigned to develop a survey which will be sent to licensees of the three boards. The data from the survey will be used to predict the future availability of mental health services, specifically in remote areas of the state. The survey will be modeled after the survey used to determine the future availability of physicians and medical services in the state.

**Regulatory Committee – Michael Stutts, Ph.D.:**

There has been no action on the proposed regulations which remain in the Governor's office.

**Discipline Committee – Ann Benson:**

Ms. Benson reported there have been no Board informal conferences or formal hearings since the last Board meeting. Presently, there are 16 cases being investigated by the Department's Enforcement Division. Twelve cases are at Board level to be reviewed for probable cause. One case is at the Administrative Proceedings level for preparation of a notice for an Informal Conference.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Dr. Hacker requested clarification of the supervision requirements for residents who have failed the EPPP and whether they would need to continue to receive supervision hours as required for Regulation 18VAC125-20-65(B). It was decided that this issue should be referred to the Regulatory Committee and may require a guidance document relating to this subject.

The Board also discussed a request from an applicant for an extended time to take the EPPP exam because of a thyroid condition. The Board requested that the applicant provide additional documentation which would be considered by the Credentials Committee.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.