

**Virginia Board of Psychology
Quarterly Board Meeting
Minutes
October 30, 2018**

The Virginia Board of Psychology ("Board") meeting convened at 9:14 a.m. on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 in Board Room 4 at the Department of Health Professions ("DHP"), 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia. Dr. Herbert Stewart, Ph.D., Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present:

Herbert Stewart, Ph.D., Chair
Andrea Bailey, Citizen Member
J.D. Ball, Ph.D. ABPP
Susan Brown Wallace, Ph.D.
Peter L. Sheras, Ph.D., ABPP
Rebecca Vauter, Psy.D., ABPP
James Werth, Ph.D., ABPP

With seven (7) members present, a quorum was established.

Board Members Absent:

Jennifer Little, Citizen Member

Staff Present:

Jaime Hoyle, J.D, Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director
Christy Evans, Discipline and Compliance Case Specialist

Others Present:

Barbara Allison-Bryan, M.D., DHP Chief Deputy Director
David E. Brown, D.C., DHP Director
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

Call to Order:

Dr. Stewart called the meeting to order and read the Emergency Egress procedures.

Ordering of the Agenda:

There were no changes to the agenda as presented.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Ball moved to approve the July 10, 2018 board meeting minutes, with minor editorial corrections. Dr. Vauter seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Agency Director's Report

Dr. Brown reported on the security issues of the building and noted several measures that would be implemented in the future, including the collection and replacement of Board member badges with temporary badges. He also indicated that DHP had decided against hosting the yearly Board Member training, having determined it might be more effective and have more reach if each Board added training sessions to their board meetings.

Dr. Brown also reported that DHP had convened a Conversion Therapy workgroup on October 5, 2018, to discuss the need to regulate conversion therapy for minors. The workgroup heard 90 minutes of public comment. The Director's office will summarize the information, then each of the Boards can discuss moving forward with the regulation during future meetings. Dr. Brown thanked the Board of Psychology for its leadership on this issue.

Presentation

Dr. Elizabeth Carter, Executive Director of the DHP HealthCare Workforce Data Center presented the 2018 Workforce report for Licensed Clinical Psychologists in Virginia. These reports and more information are available on the DHP website.

Legislative and Regulatory Actions

Dr. Lee Cooper filed a petition for rulemaking proposing that the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System (PCSAS) be recognized as an additional accrediting body of doctoral programs in psychology. The Board considered the petition, as well as comment received from interested parties and additional information from the petitioner on PCSAS and from the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB).

Dr. Werth moved to not initiate rulemaking at this time but to discuss the issue further within the context of proposed changes to the educational requirements for clinical psychologists as part of the overall review of the regulations. Dr. Vauter seconded the motion, and it passed with 6 in favor, and Dr. Sheras abstaining.

Ms. Yeatts reported that the proposed regulations amended as a result of the periodic review are under review at the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources.

Staff Reports

Executive Director's Report:

Ms. Hoyle thanked Ms. Lang and Ms. Evans for their hard work and assistance in covering the Board when Ms. Harris is out on medical leave.

Ms. Hoyle presented the most recent Expenditure and Revenue Summary, and some trends in applications and licensure with the Board of Psychology as compared to the Boards of Counseling and Social Work.

Ms. Hoyle reported that she had attend the ASPPB annual meeting in Utah, along with Dr. Stewart. Ms. Hoyle commented that during the Administrator's Forum, other Executive Directors discussed methods for training new board members. She mentioned that each of the Boards at DHP plans to add a training component to the end of each Board meeting, in order to reiterate what is contained in the Board Member handbook and discussed before members attend their first board meeting. Ms. Hoyle also indicated that the meeting focused on the roll-out of the Enhanced Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP), which would add a competency component to the current EPPP.

Dr. Stewart further discussed the development of the competency part of the EPPP and the potential impact for Virginia. Dr. Stewart indicated that the Board will focus its attention on the EPPP at future meetings during 2019.

Discipline Report:

Ms. Lang presented the discipline statistics, current number of open cases and Key Performance Measures, and indicated that the report was included in the agenda packet.

Licensing Report:

Ms. Lang presented the licensure statistics, and indicated that the report was included in the agenda packet.

Board Counsel Report:

No report

Committee and Board Member Reports

Board of Health Professions Report:

Dr. Stewart provided the Board of Health Professions Report.

Legislative/Regulatory Committee Report:

Dr. Werth provided the Legislative/Regulatory Committee report as follows:

- Guidance Document on Assessment Titles and Signatures
The Committee reviewed the draft document and made changes to include clarification that this document applies to school psychologists, and school psychologists-limited, licensed by the Board of Psychology. Dr. Ball motioned to adopt the guidance document as presented. Dr. Sheras seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- Guidance Document on Telepsychology

The Committee reviewed the draft guidance document and discussed proposed changes, including changing the name of the document to "Electronic Communication and Telepsychology." Ms. Bailey motioned to adopt the guidance document. Dr. Vauter seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on January 22, 2019.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.



Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director

1/30/19

Date



Herbert Stewart, Ph.D., LCP
Chair of the Board of Psychology

1/22/19

Date