

**MINUTES
THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2008**

TIME AND PLACE: The Board of Psychology (“Board”) met on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at 10:20 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

PRESIDING: Ann Tolbert Benson, Ed.S., Chair of the Board presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Benson, Ed.S.
Jeffrey L. Clark, Ph.D.
Robert S. Falk, Ph.D.
Desideria S. Hacker, Ph.D.
Nadia B. Kuley, Ph.D.
Lorene Martin
Sonia H. Price, Esq.
Michael L. Stutts, Ph.D.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary B. Gregerson, Ph.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Patricia Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Beverly Hutson-Bryan, Administrative Assistant
Howard Casway, Esq., Sr. Assistant Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Jennifer Morgan, Chair, Regulatory Affairs Committee, Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists.

ORDERING OF AGENDA:

Ms. Benson opened the floor to any changes in the Agenda order. The Agenda was accepted with no changes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Benson noted that in Board minutes of October 9, 2007 a correction needed to be made in her name changing Dr. to Ms. A motion was made by Dr. Stutts, and properly seconded by Dr. Clark to accept the minutes of October 9, 2007 with the above noted change. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dr. Jennifer Morgan, Virginia Psychological Association, reminded the Board of the VPA meeting in Williamsburg on April 16th-19th, 2008.

Executive Director's Report:

Ms. Brown announced the position previously held by Joyce Williams, Administrative Assistant, had been filled as of December 10, 2007, by Beverly Hutson-Bryan.

General Assembly 2008

Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst distributed drafts of the Governor's Mental Health Proposals Fact Sheet, and House Bill No. 121 and Senate Bill No. 47. Ms Yeatts requested that all inquires from constituents about General Assembly bills be directed to Evelyn Brown or Ms. Yeatts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board of Health Professions – Mary Gregerson, Ph.D.

Dr. Gregerson was not present at the meeting.

Regulatory Committee - Michael Stutts, Ph.D.

A motion was made by Dr. Stutts and properly seconded to conform regulations with statute to allow requests for licensure reinstatement after revocation in no fewer than three years instead of two years as is currently written in 18VAC125-170 Regulations Governing the Practice of Psychology, and 18VAC125-120 Regulations for Certification of Sex Offender Treatment Providers.

Continuing Education Committee – Desideria Hacker, Ph.D.

The audit letters were mailed on November 8, 2007, with a return date of December 6, 2007.

A total of 47 individuals regulated by the Board of Psychology were audited as follows:

Clinical Psychologists:	40
School Psychologists:	2
Applied Psychologists:	1
School Ltd. Psychologists:	4

The Committee will complete the audit following adjournment of the January 8, 2008 Board Meeting.

Discipline Committee - Ann Benson, Ed.S.

Ms. Benson provided the following discipline update:

- 0 IFC's held since the last Board meeting.
- 14 Complaints in Investigation (not at Board Level).
- 3 Cases at Board Level (under review for probable cause).
- 1 Informal Fact Finding Conference scheduled.

Newsletter – Mary Gregerson, Ph.D.

The Newsletter was published on the web on December 23, 2007. Dr. Clark noted two typographical errors in the Newsletter. Ms Brown requested that a Board Member review subsequent newsletter, prior to publishing, and Dr. Clark agreed to assist with this review.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board received a Petition for Rule-making from Michael Kohn regarding 18VAC125-20-54. Education requirements for clinical psychologists. A motion was made by Dr. Stutts and properly seconded to formally reject the petition and to refer the matter to the Regulatory Committee for further study and the motion carried.

Ms. Brown received a letter from Dr. Mark Pinsker requesting a change to the Department policy regarding the posting of notices on the Board of Psychology website. The Board will recommend the Department post disciplinary information on the website to mirror the language of §54.1-2920.2, Board of Medicine. The Board is opposed to posting notices when case decisions result in “no violation” of the Standards of Practice. The Board’s position will be forwarded to the Director of the Department of Health Professions.

The Board discussed sending a member from the Board to the ASPPB Annual Meeting scheduled in VanCouver, Canada in April of 2008. A motion was made by Dr Clark and properly seconded by Dr. Hacker to send a representative to the Conference. The motion carried.

Next Meetings:

Regulatory Committee Meeting: February 29, 2008 at 10:00 am

Board Meeting: April 15, 2008 at 10:00 am

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Ann Tolbert Benson, Ed.S., Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director