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**Virginia Board of Psychology
Regulatory Meeting
Minutes
January 15, 2014**

- TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m., January 15, 2014, in Hearing Room 6 of the 2nd floor of Perimeter Center Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.
- PRESIDING:** Virginia Van de Water, Ed. D., Chair
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Herbert L. Stewart, Ph.D.
William Hathaway, Ph.D.
Ali Ahmad
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** none
- STAFF PRESENT:** Catherine Chappell, Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst, DHP
Deborah Harris, Licensing Manager
- ORDERING OF AGENDA:** The Agenda was accepted as presented.
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** Dr. Jennifer Morgan, representing the VPA, thanked the committee members for their work and reminded them of the VPA Conversation Hour to be held in April in Norfolk.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dr. Stewart moved to approve the Regulatory Meeting minutes from the March 14, 2011 meeting, as written. The motion was seconded and carried.
- APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON:** The Committee asked Dr. Herb Stewart to serve as chairperson for the Regulatory Committee and he agreed to lead the Committee.
- REGULATORY REVIEW:** As part of the initiative to reduce the burden of regulations, the Committee discussed revisions to Chapter 30 – Certified Sex Offender Treatment Provider (CSOTP) regulations. The Committee reviewed the suggestions by one Board of Psychology member, and two licensees under the Boards of Counseling and Social Work who hold the CSOTP credential. The Committee also considered recommended changes from staff to include language consistent with that used in other recently updated regulations under the behavioral sciences boards.
- The Committee proposed changes to the CSOTP regulations, which would be presented at the February 11, 2014 board

meeting, for consideration and adoption. Ms. Yeatts commented that the changes contemplated appeared to be less restrictive, and she anticipated that, once adopted, they would be fast-tracked in accordance with the regulatory reform initiative.

DISCUSSION:

CE Non-compliance Guidance Document 125-5.1. Ms. Chappell stated that at the last meeting, the Board had expressed interest in revisiting the sanctions imposed by Guidance Document 125-5.1 for non-compliance with the continuing education requirements at renewal. She presented information on the last CE audit, which revealed that 20% of the licensees in the audit had failed to meet the CE requirements of Regulation 18VAC125-20-121. The Committee proposed changes to the sanctions, which would be presented at the February board meeting.

CPQ Credential for Endorsement. Ms. Chappell commented that she had learned at a recent national meeting that the CPQ credential, offered by ASPPB, was accepted by 42 states, including Virginia, for endorsement applicants. She recognized that the regulations do not specifically state that the CPQ credential is accepted and asked that the committee consider the matter further. The Committee agreed that additional information was needed before a regulatory change could be proposed but, in the meantime, suggested that a guidance document be drafted to assist staff with endorsement application processing.

Provision of Psychological Evaluations. Dr. Hathaway asked the Committee to consider clarifying the level of practitioner able to provide psychological evaluations. He commented that he was aware that counselors often provided “psychological evaluations” but that they appeared to be offering “counseling assessments.” While board counsel had previously commented that the term “psychological evaluations” was not a protected term, she had suggested that the Board of Psychology work with the Board of Counseling in discerning who was qualified to provide such services. The Committee suggested that a workgroup be convened with members from both boards to discuss the matter further.

Ethics with respect to CE. The Committee further contemplated the term “ethics” as used in 18VAC125-20-121 and suggested changes to the regulations to clarify the requirement that “a minimum of 1.5 of these hours shall be in courses that emphasize the ethics, laws, and regulations including standards of practice in 18VAC125-20-150.”

Distance Therapy. The Committee agreed that significant research and discussion was available through APA with respect to distance therapy and decided to meet again in the spring to discuss a possible guidance document in this regard.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Virginia Van de Water, Ed.D, Chair

Catherine Chappell, Executive Director