

**Virginia Board of Psychology
Board Meeting
Draft Minutes
April 7, 2009**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting was called to order at 9:57 a.m. on April 7, 2009, in Training Room 2 of the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

PRESIDING: Ann Benson, Ed.S., Chair

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nadia Kuley, Ph.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Sandra Ryals, Director, Department of Health Professions
Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Howard Casway, Esq., Sr. Assistant Attorney General
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
Patricia Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Diana Pollick, Administrative Assistant
Roslyn Adams, Administrative Assistant

ORDERING OF AGENDA: Elaine Yeatts requested that the Board review Guidance Documents on the Board's website for relevant content and to delete those that no longer apply.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jennifer Morgan, VPA/VACP announced that the VPA Conversation Hour with the Board of Psychology would be held on 4/23/09 at 4:00 p.m. in Williamsburg.

Dr. James Werth, Training Director of the Psychology Program at Radford University stated that his attendance was due to Radford's interest in the supervision guidelines being developed. He shared proposed guidelines Radford developed as the result of an intense study Radford had completed regarding the *Recommendation from the Regulatory Committee for Amendments to Supervision Requirements*.

Stephen Bowman of the Joint Commission on Healthcare stated his attendance was based on interest in the clinical supervision guidelines in the psychology requirements as related to the shortages in remote areas of mental health providers.

Dixie Barnes, LPC stated that she had concerns regarding the disciplinary process. Ms. Barnes will put her concerns in writing and submit them.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Dr. Clark and seconded by Ms. Leyva to approve the January 13, 2009 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: **SANDRA RYALS:** Ms. Ryals provided updates in four areas:

- Key Performance Measures: Ms. Ryals encouraged the Board to review "Virginia Performs" which offers current Key Performance Measures ratings.
- Health Practitioners Intervention Program (HPIP) now has an emphasis on "monitoring" rather than "treatment", an extended immunity provision, a clear authority to charge fees, and that an Intervention Committee now allows the ability to delegate routine decisions to staff.
- Joint Commission on Healthcare: HB 2405 became a Governor's Bill which authorized the collection and use of data for the purpose of tracking shortages of healthcare professionals, particularly in remote areas, and a less restrictive use of contact lists for emergency services.
- HB 1852 addresses legislative change regarding confidentiality in the investigative part of the disciplinary process.

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT:**

EVELYN BROWN: Ms. Brown informed the Board that Dr. Jacqueline Curtis, Board Consultant for application reviews, is now doing two reviews a month rather than one in an effort to enhance customer service. Ms. Brown further reported that there has been an increase in requests to waive the year wait period imposed after failing the EPPP examination twice. Since there is not an appeal mechanism in place this issue needs to be referred to the Regulatory Committee.

**ADOPTION OF
EXEMPT
REGULATIONS:**

ELAINE YEATTS: Ms. Yeatts reported that SB1282 requires that licensees and certificate holders provide the Board with proper notice if they do not want their secondary address to be considered public information and that only one address will be used as the official address of public record. This information will be added to renewal notices. Dr. Clark made a motion to adopt exempt regulations for the address of record changes. Dr. Hacker seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Ms. Yeatts further reported that the SOTP regulatory changes regarding continued education are in the Governor's office waiting the Governor's signature.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Dr. Stutts reported that Ms. Ryals gave an update of the Key Performance Measures at the last BHP meeting. He further reported that a review of bills impacting the Department of Health Professions was provided, and that there is an ongoing review of emerging health professions in which seven established criteria are used as guidelines.

Regulatory Committee: The Regulatory Committee meeting will follow adjournment of the Board meeting.

Continuing Education Committee – Desideria Hacker, Ph.D.

All licensees audited were required to submit their documentation by January 15, 2009. Of those responding all were in compliance but one (1), to whom a Confidential Consent Agreement (CCA) was offered. The Committee is looking for ways to reduce staff time and monetary cost regarding CE audits.

Discipline Committee – Ann Benson:

Dr. Benson reported that there was 1 IFC scheduled to be held, 4 complaints in investigation, 5 cases at Board level, and 2 IFC's to be scheduled.

Dr. Benson requested a motion to accept the Sanction Reference Manual as a Guidance Document for the Discipline Committee. Dr. Clark so moved and Dr. Stutts seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elaine Yeatts: Ms. Yeatts requested that Regulatory Committee members review the Guidance Documents prior to the next Board meeting and to present their recommendations to delete, edit or preserve the documents.

Election of Vice Chair: Dr. Benson, in consultation with Dr. Kuley and Dr. Hacker, nominated Robert Falk, Ph.D. as the next Vice Chair of the Board of Psychology. No other nominations were made. Dr. Clark made a motion to elect Dr. Falk as the next Vice Chair of the Board of Psychology. Dr. Stutts seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Anne Benson, Ed.S., Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director