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**Virginia Board of Psychology
Board Meeting
Minutes
March 14, 2011**

- CALL TO ORDER:** Desideria Hacker, Ph.D., Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. on March 14, 2011, Board Room One, at the Department of Health Professions at 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.
- ORDERING OF AGENDA:** The Petition for Rule Making listed under the Regulatory Committee report was moved to New Business.
- BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert Falk, Ph.D.
Desideria S. Hacker, Ph.D.
Herbert L. Stewart, Ph.D.
Michael L. Stutts, Ph.D.
Sonia Price, Esq.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Krishna Leyva
Jeffrey Clark, Ph.D.
Ann Benson, Ed.S.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Evelyn Brown, Executive Director
Arne Owens, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Health Professions
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
Patricia Larimer, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Catherine Chappell, Deputy Executive Director, Licensing
Deborah Harris, Administrative Assistant
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dr. Stutts moved to approve the November 9, 2010 minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jennifer Morgan, Psy.D., Regulatory Affairs Chair, VPA/VACP:
Dr. Morgan announced that the VPA "Conversation Hour with the Board" would be held on Thursday, April 14 at the Homestead.
- DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Owens reported on behalf of Dr. Dianne Reynolds-Cane. He announced that five (5) Agency bills were recently passed in the General Assembly.

He commented that the Agency was formulating plans to increase efficiencies by reducing costs necessary for the Agency to operate more efficiently.

Questions arose regarding travel and attendance at functions where Board representation is very important. Mr. Owens advised that travel is limited, but not absolutely restricted, and consideration for conference attendance would be made on a case-by-case basis. All travel requests must be approved by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT:**

Ms. Brown reported the resignation of board member Jan Hembree who has moved to North Carolina. The Secretary of the Commonwealth's office has been notified of her resignation and the vacant position on the Board.

Ms. Brown commented that the EPPP examination fee has been increased from \$450 to \$600, to be effective in 2013. The increase is attributed to development and security costs. She noted that the fee increase is the first increase since 2001.

**LEGISLATIVE
UPDATE:**

Ms. Yeatts provided an update on legislative action impacting the Agency:

1. The medical malpractice maximum limit has been increased from \$2 million to \$3 million.
2. The Agency was granted the authority for its enforcement personnel to gather social security numbers during an investigation in order to facilitate prompt reporting to the National Practitioner Databank.
3. Title protection law was passed for social workers.

**WORKFORCE DATA
SURVEY REPORT:
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

Dr. Stewart reported that he and Dr. Clark had participated on the Behavioral Science Workforce Data Survey Report committee along with representatives from the Boards of Counseling and Social Work. The survey is anticipated to be included in the online renewal module for the upcoming renewal period, with responses made on a voluntary basis. Questions relating to licensee specialties, training, career planning, and retirement plans are to be included in the survey.

Dr. Stewart also commented that he had spoken to approximately forty (40) VCU psychology faculty and practica supervisors regarding the proposed pre-doctoral supervision requirements.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

Board of Health Professions:

Dr. Stutts reported that there had been two (2) BHP Committee meetings since the last board meeting. He noted that five (5) boards are proposing to increase licensing and renewal fees due to rising technology costs. No fee increase is currently contemplated for the Board of Psychology. He added that the new sanctioning reference points guidelines appear to be working effectively for the Board.

Dr. Stutts added that he agreed to serve as Vice Chair of the BHP Committee.

Regulatory Committee:

Dr. Stutts reported that a public hearing regarding the proposed regulations was held in February but no oral comment was received. The sixty (60) day comment period will close on April 15, 2011. Final approval of the proposed regulations is anticipated to be made at the Board meeting in May. Notification of the final regulations will be provided to the PPG mailing list as well as to faculty members who attended the Psychology Summit meeting in November 2010.

Discipline Committee – Robert Falk, Ph.D.

Dr. Falk reported that one informal conference is scheduled for May 27, 2011, ten (10) cases are in the enforcement division under investigation, nine (9) are at Board level for probable cause review, and two (2) are in the Administrative Proceedings Division for preparation of informal conference notices.

NEW BUSINESS:

Correspondence from Mary Alice Fisher, Ph.D

The Board discussed a letter from Dr. Fisher in which she addressed her concerns about the Board's Standards of Practice relating to the confidentiality of client records. Dr. Stewart moved that the Board refer Dr. Fisher's concerns to the Regulatory Committee for further consideration. The motion was seconded and carried.

Petition for Rule Making

Dr. Stutts moved that the Petition for Rule Making submitted by Maria Stransky relating to supervision of individuals seeking certification as Sex Offender Treatment Providers be referred to the Regulatory Committee for consideration. The motion was seconded and carried.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business discussed.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Desideria Hacker, Ph.D., Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director