

**THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY  
REGULATORY COMMITTEE MINUTES  
June 16, 2015**

The Virginia Board of Psychology ("Board") Regulatory Committee meeting convened at 10:10 a.m. on June 16, 2015 at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia. Herbert Stewart, Ph.D., Chair, called the meeting to order.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** William Hathaway, Ph.D.  
Barbara Peery, Ph.D.  
Herbert Stewart, Ph.D., Chair  
Virginia Van De Water, Ed.D.  
James Werth, Jr., Ph.D., ABPP  
Kevin Doyle, L.P.C., L.S.A.T.P., Board of Counseling  
Board Chair

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Giordana Altin de Popiolek, Psy.D.

**DHP STAFF PRESENT:** Deborah Harris, Licensing Manager  
Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director  
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director  
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

The agenda was accepted as presented. Dr. Stewart welcomed Dr. Doyle, Chair of the Virginia Board of Counseling for contributing to the discussion on psychological assessments and evaluations.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Upon a motion by Dr. Hathaway, the meeting minutes from January 15, 2014 were approved as written. The motion was seconded and carried.

**REGULATORY/LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

Ms. Yeatts reported that the pending regulatory changes to the Regulations Governing the Certification of Sex Offender Treatment Providers were at the Governor's office awaiting approval.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Ms. Hoyle reported that she will attend a meeting regarding the Sanction Reference Points and will report back to the Board of any updates.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### *Psychological Assessments*

The Committee discussed psychological assessments as it related to the type of profession that can utilize the term “psychological” for assessments and evaluations. Dr. Doyle contributed to the discussion and offered information from the Virginia Board of Counseling’s discussion on this topic. Dr. Doyle did not speak on behalf of the Virginia Board of Counseling, but indicated that it seemed reasonable that only psychologists should use the term “psychological assessments”. Other professions, such as counseling, could create a different term for the assessments they conduct. The Committee determined that additional research and possible guidance document should be discussed between the two boards. The Committee tabled the discussion pending the establishment of an ad-hoc committee.

### *Telehealth Therapy*

Dr. Stewart provided information to the Committee on the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact “PSYPACT”, which is an interstate compact designed to facilitate telehealth and temporary face-to-face practice of psychology across jurisdictional boundaries. Dr. Stewart asked the Board to consider this multistate compact license. Following discussion, the Committee determined to table review of compact licensure as it is in the preliminary stages in other states.

Following discussion on telehealth therapy and supervision, the Committee tabled the discussion to the next scheduled Regulatory Committee meeting to allow Committee members to work in groups of two to acquire research for review. Ms. Hoyle agreed to research other State licensure boards and associations regarding the use of social media, client texting and telepsychology use.

Dr. Stewart provided a presentation on the use and etiquette of social media in the profession.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Ms. Lang stated the need to update the Standards of Practice as it relates to the Regulations Governing the Practice of Psychology and the Regulations Governing the Certification of Sex Offender Treatment Providers. Ms. Lang requested that the Committee members review the Standards of Practice and provide feedback.

Ms. Lang also requested input from the Committee on the use of the Examination for the Professional Practice in Psychology (“EPPP”) as it applies to a Spanish version of the examination. Ms. Lang requested to accept exam scores for the examination effective 2014 as the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (“ASPPB”) recognizes the examination scores.


**NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

The Board is scheduled to meet again on April 27, 2016.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

  
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Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director

  
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Herbert Stewart, Ph.D., Chair