

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
QUARTERLY FULL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2021**

- TIME AND PLACE:** Consistent with Amendment 28 to HB29 (the Budget Bill for 2018-2020) and the applicable provisions of § 2.2-3708.2 in the Freedom of Information Act, the Committee convened the meeting virtually to consider such regulatory and business matters as are presented on the agenda necessary for the committee to discharge its lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities.
- PRESIDING OFFICER:** James Werth, Jr. Ph.D., ABPP, Chair
- MEMBERS PRESENT;** J.D. Ball, Ph.D., ABPP, Vice-Chair
Aliya Chapman, Ph.D., Board Member
Christine Payne, BSN, MBA, Citizen Member
Peter Sheras, Ph.D., ABPP, Board Member
Herbert Stewart, Ph.D., Board Member
Stephanie Valentine, Citizen Member
Susan Brown Wallace, Ph.D., Board Member
- ABSENT MEMBERS:** Sally Brodsky, Ph.D.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Barbara Allison-Bryan, MD, DHP Chief Deputy
David Brown, DC, DHP Director
Christy Evans, Discipline Case Specialist
Deborah Harris, Licensing Manager
Jaime Hoyle, JD, Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director
Charlotte Lenart, Deputy Executive Director – Licensing
Jared McDonough, Administrative Assistant
Jim Rutkowski, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst/Agency Regulatory Coordinator
- CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Werth welcomed Dr. Chapman and Ms. Valentine and called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.
- After completing a roll call of Board members and staff, Ms. Hoyle indicated that with eight Board members present a quorum was established.
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** The Board adopted the agenda as written.
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jennifer Morgan, Clinical Psychologist and member of Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists (VACP) indicated the conversation hour will be held on Friday, April 16, 2021 from 2:15pm to 3:15pm. Dr. Ball, Dr. Sheras, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Werth, and Ms. Hoyle will be presenting.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dr. Sheras made a motion, which was properly seconded, to approve the October 27, 2020 Quarterly meeting minutes with edits. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENCY DIRECTOR REPORT: Dr. Brown welcomed Dr. Chapman and Ms. Valentine. Dr. Brown stated that this Board is a working board and its members are involved in the disciplinary, licensing, and policy functions of the Board.

Dr. Brown provided an overview of the General Assembly session.

Dr. Allison-Bryan stated there were two bills in the legislature regarding emergency administration of the COVID-19 vaccine. Healthcare providers who are trained and educated in the administration of drugs, but whose scope of practice does not normally include administration of vaccines, will be allowed to volunteer as vaccinators. She also encouraged Board members to volunteer when possible as Psychologists may be able to help the public with the stress over the pandemic.

Dr. Allison-Bryan provided an overview of the Covid-19 vaccine administration plan in Virginia.

CHAIR REPORT: Dr. Werth indicated that today's meeting needs to end by noon in order to accommodate the formal hearing following the meeting.

STAFF REPORTS:

Legislation Actions Report:

2021 Virginia General Assembly

Ms. Yeatts gave a brief update on the 2021 General Assembly bills that were presented in the agenda packet.

Regulatory Actions

Ms. Yeatts updated the Board on the current regulatory actions that were included in the agenda packet.

Chart of Regulatory Actions:

18VAC125-20 Regulations Governing the Practice of Psychology –
Implementation of Psychology Interstate Compact (Action 5567)
Emergency/NOIRA-Registered

Dated: 2/1/2021

Comments on NOIRA ends 4/4/2021

18VAC125-20 Regulations Governing the Practice of Psychology –
Unprofessional conduct/conversion therapy (Action 5218)

Proposed: Register Dated 8/31/2020

Board to adopt final regulations: 2/9/2021

18VAC125-20 Regulations Governing the Practice of Psychology –
Results of Periodic Review (Action 4897)

Final - At Governor's Office for 230 days

18VAC125-30 Regulations Governing the Certification of Sex Offender
Treatment Providers – Amendment resulting from a periodic review
(Action 5660)

Fast-Track – DPB Review in progress

Adoptions of Final Regulations Regarding Conversion Therapy

Ms. Yeatts reviewed the revised section of the Code of Virginia, public comment, and proposed regulations.

Dr. Stewart moved to approve the final regulations on conversion therapy as amended and presented. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Board Counsel Report:

Mr. Rutkowski had nothing to report.

Executive Director Report:

Ms. Hoyle briefly discussed the financials, Behavioral Science Unit year-end report, PSYPACT Commission, and ASPPB Midyear meeting information that was presented in the agenda packet. Ms. Hoyle reported she was recently appointed to the finance committee for the PSYPACT Commission.

Discipline Report:

Ms. Lang referenced the discipline report in the agenda packet on page 56. She reminded the Board of the formal hearing that will begin at 12:30pm. Ms. Lang stated if the new Board members needed any help or questions regarding discipline or hearings, please feel free to ask.

Licensing Report:

Ms. Lenart reported that the customer satisfaction for the 2nd quarter report was 95.6% which was a reflection of Ms. Harris' hard work and dedication. Ms. Lenart gave a brief update on the resident expiration date project, CSOTP updated applications, updated renewal FAQ's, and temporary licenses.

Dr. Ball asked staff to notify Residents by email or letter regarding their expiration date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Regulatory Committee Report – Dr. Ball

Stakeholders Meeting Discussion:

The Board again discussed the need for a stakeholders' meeting to discuss the possible licensure requirement of the EPPP Part 2 (Skills) examination among Virginia Directors of Clinical Training, including graduate program directors, clinical internship directors and post-doctoral program directors. While graduate students are a particularly important stakeholder group, their concerns are known to be monetary, and the hope is that their training directors will adequately represent them. A secondary topic that will inevitably arise and should also be on the agenda is whether to accept doctoral programs accredited by PCSAS (Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System). This same group of discussants is relevant to that topic as well. While this stakeholders' meeting is made logistically more practical via virtual conference technology, there is still a need to identify invitees and schedule the meeting with sufficient advance notice. The Regulatory Committee will

work on those objectives, and Dr. Ball asked that Board and staff members add to names and contact information on a spreadsheet he disseminated.

Development of Social Media Guidance Document Discussed

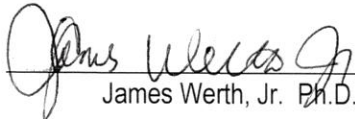
Dr. Ball reported that the Regulatory Committee will be working on updating the guidance document on electronic communication and telepsychology or creating a new social media guidance document.

Board of Health Professions Report:

Dr. Stewart provided a summary of the last Board of Health Professions meeting. A copy of the minutes from the meeting was included in the agenda packet. Dr. Stewart gave a brief summary of the Board of Health Professions for the interest of the new Board members. He indicated he would be rotating off the Board at the end of June. Dr. Sheras thanked Dr. Stewart for representing the Board for so long on the Board of Health Professions and doing such a great job.

NEXT MEETING: The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 11:51 p.m.


James Werth, Jr. Ph.D., ABPP, Chair

4/13/2021
Date

Jaime Hoyle, J.D., Executive Director

Date