

**DRAFT**  
**Virginia Board of Psychology**  
**Minutes**  
**July 10, 2007**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m., on July 10, 2007, in conference room 3 of the Department of Health Professions, 6603 W. Broad Street, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Richmond, Virginia.

**PRESIDING:** Ann Tolbert Benson, Ed.S., Chair of the Board presided.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeffrey L. Clark, Ph.D.  
Mary B. Gregerson, Ph.D.  
Desideria S. Hacker, Ph.D.  
Lorene Martin  
Michael L. Stutts, Ph.D.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Robert S. Falk, PH.D.  
Nadia B. Kuley, Ph.D.  
Sonia H. Price, Esq.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Howard Casway, Esq., Sr. Assistant Attorney  
General  
Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director  
Patricia Larimer, Deputy Executive Director  
Carol Lipinski, Administrative Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:** James Schliessmann, Esq., Assistant Attorney  
General  
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist  
Jennifer M. Morgan, Ph.D., Virginia Psychological  
Association, Virginia Academy of Clinical  
Psychologists (VACP)

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

Ms. Benson requested that committee assignments remain the same until after the Department of Health Professions moves in August. Board members were asked to contact Ann Benson or Evelyn Brown if they have suggested changes to committee assignments.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dr. Jennifer Morgan informed the Board that the Virginia Psychological Association meeting is scheduled for October 17-19, in Williamsburg, Virginia. The conversation hour with the Board is scheduled for October 18, 2007.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Dr. Stutts and seconded by Dr. Hacker that the minutes of April 10, 2007 be approved as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT ORDER:**

Dr. Hacker moved that the Board convene in closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of James Stewart, Ph.D. Additionally, Dr. Hacker moved that Ms. Brown, Ms. Larimer, Mr. Casway, Mr. Opper and Ms. Lipinski attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Assistant Attorney General James Schliessmann presented a signed Consent Order to the Board for consideration in lieu of proceeding to a formal hearing, regarding the matter of James Stewart, Ph.D.

The Board reconvened in open session.

Dr. Hacker moved that the Board of Psychology certify that it heard, discussed or considered only those public matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements by Virginia law and those matters as were identified in the motion for the closed meeting. The motion carried.

Ms. Benson asked for a motion from the Board to accept the Consent Order. Dr. Stutts moved to accept the consent order. Dr. Clark seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The consent order for James Stewart, Ph.D. will be entered July 10, 2007.

**DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

Ms. Larimer advised that the Board of Psychology needs to schedule dates for two formal hearings; and that at least five board members would need to be present for each.

Tentative dates set by the Board were:

October 9, 2007 – Board meeting (morning); Formal Hearing (afternoon.)

October 10, 2007 – Formal Hearing (morning)

Tentative back-up date: October 22, 2007.

Ms. Larimer will check on the availability of the respondents, attorneys, room availability, etc., and will let board members know as soon as possible.

Ms. Larimer gave the following report on discipline for the Board:

- 5 Informal Conferences held
- 20 Complaints in Enforcement
- 8 cases at Board level
- 1 case in APD for drafting Informal Conference notice
- 2 Formal Hearings to be scheduled
- 1 Consent Order entered by the Board today.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

Ms. Brown advised that Joyce Williams, Administrative Assistant for the Board, is out on leave and is not expected to return to work until September.

The Department of Health Professions will be moving to a new location in August 2007. As a result, DHP offices will be closed the afternoon of August 16, and all day on August 17. The Agency plans to be open for business on Monday, August 20. The mailing address, phone and FAX numbers will all change. Board members will be kept informed as information becomes available.

Ms. Brown will be attending a meeting on July 11, 2007, regarding performance measures, and will be formulating items to present to the Board. There may be some changes in discipline processes. Director Sandra Ryals will attend the October 9, 2007 Board of Psychology meeting to discuss performance measures and how cases will be categorized.

Ms. Brown discussed the CE Audit Plans for this renewal cycle. The audit will be performed after the DHP move, due to changes in address and phone numbers.

**REGULATORY:**

Michael Stutts reported that the public comment period on two Notices of Intended Regulatory Action ends on July 11, 2007, at 5pm:

The first is for amendment of 18 VAC 125-30-10, et seq. Regulations Governing the Certification of Sex Offender Treatment Providers. The purpose of the proposed action is to respond to a petition for rulemaking which requested fewer supervised hours for persons who already hold a license as a clinical psychologist and to require at least six hours of continuing education focused on the treatment of that population for renewal.

The second is for amendment of 18 VAC 125-20-121 Regulations Governing the Practice of Psychology. The purpose of the proposed action is to respond to a petition for rulemaking for fewer hours of face-to-face CE, and to update and clarify its requirements for continuing education.

Dr. Stutts said that a Regulatory Committee meeting may be required before the next Board Meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Request from George Mason University**

Ms. Brown reported that the Board had received a letter from Joan Mizrahi, Ph.D., Assistant Director for Training, George Mason University, regarding licensure for psychologists in Virginia. The University is offering a new pre-doctoral psychology internship program and has designed a half-time internship program to be completed over a period of two years. George Mason University wants to make sure that their half-time format and two-year completion schedule would be acceptable for licensure as a psychologist in Virginia.

After discussion, the Board directed staff to respond to Dr. Mizrahi stating that should a graduate of their program apply for licensure in Virginia, such application would be reviewed, on a case-by-case basis, to determine that the coursework and internship meets the requirements of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Psychology in Virginia.

### **Board Calendar**

Board of Psychology board meetings will be held on the following dates:

January 8, 2008  
April 15, 2008  
July 8, 2008  
October 7, 2008

**Renewal Information**

Ms. Brown reported that there were fewer license renewals for the Board this year (down 267).

**Newsletter**

Dr. Gregerson reported that the newsletter should be finalized soon.

**Virginia Board of Health Professions**

Dr. Gregerson announced that she has been reappointed to serve on the Virginia Board of Health Professions.

**ADJOURN:**

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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Ann Tolbert Benson, Ed.S., Chair

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Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director