

ADVISORY BOARD ON BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

Minutes

May 20, 2019

The Advisory Board on Behavior Analysis met on Monday, May 20, 2019 at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kate Lewis, MS, BCBA, LBA, Chair
Amanda Kusterer, BCaBA
Asha Patton Smith, MD
Gary Fletcher, Citizen Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Christina Giuliano, BCBA

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy for Discipline
Colanthia Morton Opher, Deputy for Administration
Pamela Y. Smith, Licensing Specialist
David Brown, DC, DHP Director

GUESTS PRESENT: Christy Evanko, BCBA, VABA
Kelsey Toney

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES

Ms. Deschenes announced the emergency egress procedures.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Smith called the roll, and a quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1, 2018

Dr. Smith moved to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded and carried

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Fletcher moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Evanko commented that there were discrepancies with the online information concerning BA's and ABA's. She said the information needs to be clarified, particularly the NPDB query. She also pointed out that the employment activity section of the application should be much clearer as to when the chronology of activities should begin. Ms. Evanko also spoke of finding a way for BA's and ABA's to continue working while waiting for their license. She said that there can be a gap of about 30 days that applicant BA's cannot work, which leaves patients without service. Dr. Brown suggested that a provisional license might be a solution to the issue.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Report of the 2019 General Assembly

Dr. Brown gave the Board of Medicine report from the 2019 General Assembly, emphasizing those bills of interest to the Advisory Board. He explained the bills about telemedicine.

2. Follow-up on Initiative to Require Active BACB Certification for Renewal

Ms. Deschenes provided comment about action not being taken by the Board of Medicine on this issue. Dr. Brown asked if there was problem to be solved, and how would requiring current certification fix it?

3. Regulations Governing the Practice of Behavior Analysis (for reference only)

Announcements

Pam Smith informed the Advisory Board that there are currently 1,190 Behavior Analysts and 171 Assistant Behavior Analysts licensed by the Board.

Next Scheduled Meeting

Mr. Opher pointed out that the next Advisory Board meeting will be scheduled for September 30, 2019.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 p.m.

Kate Lewis, MS, BCBA, LBA,
Chair

Jennifer Deschenes, JD
Deputy Executive Director, Discipline

Pamela Y. Smith, Licensing Specialist