

**THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
MINUTES
November 10, 2015**

The Virginia Board of Psychology ("Board") meeting convened at 10:10 a.m. on November 10, 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: Giordana Altin de Popiolek, Psy.D.
William Hathaway, Ph.D.
Barbara Peery, Ph.D.
Herbert Stewart, Chair
Virginia Van de Water, Ed.D
James Werth, Ph.D., ABPP

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Russell Leonard, Ph.D.
Thomas Ryan, Ph.D.

DHP STAFF PRESENT: David Brown, D.C., Director of DHP
Deborah Harris, Licensing Manager
Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst

BOARD COUNSEL: James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jennifer Morgan, Psy.D, VPA/VACP liaison, updated the Board about the Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists (VACP) Conversation Hour which will be held in April in Newport News and encouraged Board Members and Board staff to attend. The exact date of the meeting is still to be determined.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion, which was properly seconded, the meeting minutes from August 25, 2015 were approved as amended. The motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Dr. Brown congratulated Jaime Hoyle on her new position as Executive Director of the Behavioral Sciences Boards. He also announced the Chief Deputy position has been filled by Lisa Hahn, and highlighted her credentials and background with the Commonwealth. Dr. Brown discussed the Workforce Data Reports and highlighted how they can be an effective tool to assist with career path decisions. He stated that the statistics the Healthcare Workforce Data Center utilizes can be a marketing tool for college academic advisors. Dr. Brown hopes that our workforce data reports and methodology can be replicated nationwide. Dr. Carter will present on

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these efforts at an upcoming Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR) conference. Dr. Stewart stated to Dr. Brown that the ASPPB has expressed much interest in these workforce reports.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Hoyle reported that she is happy to still be working in the Agency and to still have Dr. Brown as her boss. Ms. Hoyle welcomed Christy Evans as the new Discipline Specialist for the Behavioral Sciences Boards and informed the Board that she had added another staff member as a Licensing Specialist for the Board of Counseling. Also, she shared that the Boards are going green by scanning documents rather than microfilming and mailing, and having the new laptops for Board Members to use during the Board meetings seem to be working out well. We also will discuss how the HPMP process works at our next Board meeting. There still has not been any update on the appointment/reappointment of Board Members.

LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE:

Ms. Yeatts stated she did not have much to report other than on November 16, 2015 the revised Sex Offender Treatment Provider regulations are due to be posted and go into effect. The CE carryover is already in the most recent regulations that posted on October 21, 2015.

DISCIPLINE REPORT:

Ms. Lang reported that there were 19 cases received and 78 cases open. The Board has closed 8 cases. Ms. Lang stated she has set up IFC dates from now through April 2016. She will be contacting the Special Conference Committee Members for the various dates to serve on the panels. She also mentioned that the cases she sends to the committee for review are password protected and that they are receiving the passwords at this meeting.

LICENSING MANAGER'S REPORT:

Ms. Harris reported information on licensing activity, noting that the Board licensed sixty-six Clinical Psychologists, twenty-one School Psychologists Limited, and zero School Psychologists and Applied Psychologists. The Board certified three Certified Sex Offender Treatment Providers.

Ms. Harris reported the current licensure count consisting of 3,104 Clinical Psychologists, 406 School Psychologists Limited, 390 Sex Offender Treatment Providers, 99 School Psychologists, and 29 Applied Psychologists.

Ms. Harris also mentioned there are applications and licensees that are from out of state.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT:

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Mr. Rutkowski gave an update on the Attorney General Taskforce recommendations and indicated they will be forthcoming.

BOARD OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS REPORT

Dr. Van de Water had nothing to report as there was not a quorum at the last committee meeting.

REGULATORY/LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Stewart reported on the Regulatory/Legislative Committee meeting held on June 16. He said that he appointed Dr. Hathaway as Chair of the Regulatory/Legislative Committee. Dr. Stewart stated that Kevin Doyle, the Chair of the Board of Counseling, attended in order to promote cross-Board discussion about the use of the title “psychological assessments” by non-psychologists. The Committee and Dr. Doyle agreed that there needed to be collaboration between all the Behavioral Sciences Boards in order to discuss and draft language on this issue. In addition, the Boards could collaborate on telehealth issues.

In other Committee matters, staff will reach out to DMAS to determine if they would be willing to present to representatives of the Regulatory/Legislative Committees of the Behavioral Sciences Boards to discuss concerns about titles responsibilities of non-licensed individuals.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Stewart indicated that he appointed Dr. Ryan as Chair of the Special Conference Committee, and he accepted.

ASPPB CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Stewart stated that the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) Conference was useful and provided high-quality information. Dr. Hathaway and Ms. Hoyle also attended. Dr. Stewart joined the data workforce taskforce committee. He said the conference included discussion of the issues associated with the development of the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT), which would make cross-jurisdictional practice easier.

NEW BUSINESS

SANCTION REFERENCE POINTS UPDATE

Neil Kauder, Visual Research, presented a new worksheet with a point system that is more compatible with the types of cases that are being adjudicated. This worksheet was voted on and approved for future use. He reported there will be a new manual adopted. He stated he will be available to give a training session to the Board members on how to use the new manual. They will use sample cases for the training session. He also stated his company would be glad to reach out to the graduate programs with a presentation to give them information about the Sanction Reference Points document.

AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS FOR RENEWAL FEE REDUCTION

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Ms. Yeatts reported there is a surplus for the Board of Psychology that will allow a fee reduction for the next renewal period. The Board approved a one-time reduction of renewal fees.

APA & HOFFMAN REPORT DISCUSSION

Dr. Stewart facilitated discussion about an email the Board received from a licensee regarding the Hoffman Report and its implications for psychologists. The psychologist wanted the Board to adopt regulations requiring licensees to take specific types of Ethics continuing education courses. After a lengthy discussion, the Board decided to reply to the psychologist stating there is an Ethics requirement in the Regulations. Further, the Standards of Practice addresses harming clients. If a licensee was to harm a client, the Board would be able to take action against the licensee.

The email also asked why Board member contact information would not be disclosed to her. The Board suggested that staff put a paragraph on the Board's website explaining how information is conveyed to Board Members. Ms. Yeatts indicated that it is the policy of the agency not to give out Board Member contact information. She suggested that Ms. Hoyle discuss this issue with the other Board Executive Directors and determine the best way to explain on websites how staff relays information received from the public to Board Members.

APPLIED PSYCHOLOGISTS REQUIREMENTS DISCUSSION

Board Members discussed whether Applied Psychologist applicants should have to take the EPPP, given that the majority of the content of the exam focuses on clinical psychology. The issue was deferred to the Regulatory Committee meeting, with the suggestion that the Committee gather information from other Boards that have a specific Applied Psychologist or I/O license. The Regulatory Committee will determine whether to recommend a change in regulations regarding requirements for Applied Psychologists.

OLD BUSINESS

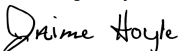
UNLICENSED PROVIDERS AND DMAS

Ms. Hoyle stated that DMAS is very interested in making their manual consistent with our regulations and those of the other Behavioral Science Boards and there were plans to meet as a group. Ms. Hoyle will reach out to DMAS, and ask if they would like to come present to the Psychology Board regarding topics such as job titles and responsibilities of unlicensed staff. We will contact them and invite them to be present during a joint meeting of all of the Behavioral Sciences Boards Regulatory Committees.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.


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Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director

The minutes were approved during the September 30,
2016 meeting, as written.

Herbert Stuart, Ph.D., Chair

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