

**Virginia Board of Psychology  
Regulatory Committee  
Minutes  
May 21, 2008**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. on May 21, 2008, in training room 2 of the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia.

**PRESIDING:** Michael L. Stutts, Ph.D., Chair of the Regulatory Committee

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert S. Falk, Ph.D.  
Desideria Hacker, Ph.D.  
Sonia H. Price, Esq.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeffrey L. Clark, Ph.D.  
Lorene Martin

**STAFF PRESENT:** Evelyn Brown, Executive Director  
Beverly Hutson-Bryan, Administrative Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Jennifer Morgan, Chair, Regulatory Affairs Committee, Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists  
Dr. Sally Singer Horwatt, President, Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologist

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Dr. Falk and seconded by Dr. Hacker that the minutes of the February 29, 2008, meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

**REGULATORY REVIEW:**

The Regulatory Committee discussed the issues relating to pre-doctoral experience versus post-doctoral supervision required for licensure.

- Ms. Brown reported that the ED of the Washington state board has been on leave and unavailable to answer questions as to that board's experience thus far with having recently eliminated the mandatory post-doc supervision requirement. Ms. Brown will share these findings when obtained or at the next meeting.
- Dr. Hacker reported that the National Register (Hall and Boucher, 2003) study on disciplinary action by years in practice, revealed that 95% of disciplinary sanctions are imposed on practitioners with more than 5 years post initial licensure.
- Ms. Yeatts was unavailable to share data pertaining to Ohio and Utah, two jurisdictions where the post-doc supervision requirement may soon be eliminated. These findings will be made available by the next meeting.
- Ms. Brown was not prepared at this time to present the data on disciplinary actions specific to licensure time frames. This data will be presented will be presented at the next meeting after an analysis is preformed.
- Dr. Stutts reviewed APA criteria for practicum training, several journal articles regarding practicum training previously circulated to this committee, and the report of the ASPPB Practicum Committee delivered at the recent winter meeting. APA criteria for practicum training is very brief and general. Similarly, it is clear from the pertinent professional literature that there is minimal consensus among various constituencies as to what constitutes or defines a practicum hour, or sufficient or minimal hours more generally. Though most seem to agree that a profession-wide model specifying standards and emphasizing competencies must be developed. The ASPPB committee suggested a minimum of 1500 pre-internship hours to be certified by the Director of Training but the larger Practicum Workgroup will not issue a report until August.

Dr. Stutts also commented that the post-doc "hour" is similarly undefined, that, unlike practicum supervisors, post-doc supervisors are not evaluated by supervisees and that post-doc supervision carries potential ethical challenges in that the supervisee is paying for supervision.

Dr. Hacker made a motion to deny the Petition for Rulemaking from Dr. Michael Kohn. Dr. Kohn had petitioned the board to require that clinical psychology licensees be graduates of a doctoral training program which requires that students spend at least 12 consecutive months in residency. As APA accreditation criteria requires at least 12 months *or its equivalent* be at a single institution or location, the committee found no basis upon which to add such a

requirement for licensure. The motion was seconded by Dr. Falk and passed unanimously.

The next Regulatory Committee meeting is to be held on September 3, 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

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Michael L. Stutts, Ph.D.  
Chair, Regulatory Committee

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Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director