

**Virginia Board of Psychology
Regulatory Committee
Minutes
September 3, 2008**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. on September 3, 2008, in Board Room of the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia.

PRESIDING: Michael L. Stutts, Ph.D., Regulatory Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert S. Falk, Ph.D.
Desideria Hacker, Ph.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeffrey L. Clark, Ph.D.
Sonia H. Price, Esq.

STAFF PRESENT: Evelyn Brown, Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
Carole Miller, Administrative Assistant
Beverly Hutson-Bryan, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Jennifer Morgan, Chair, Regulatory Affairs Committee, Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists (VACP)

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dr. Falk made a motion to approve the May 21, 2008 minutes. Dr. Hacker seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

REGULATORY REVIEW:

The Regulatory Committee discussed the work undertaken over the past year based on the Petition for Rule-Making from VACP asking the Board to amend the regulations to allow the supervised "direct services" work occurring in the

doctoral practicum and internship experiences be sufficient without the requirements of the post-doctoral Residency currently required for the clinical psychology license. The committee discussed the various pros and cons of the proposal based on the extensive research gathered and considered by the committee. The Committee also discussed the *ASPPB Guidelines for Practicum Experience*, a study recently completed by ASPPB; research of all state psychology boards' experience requirements compiled by Carol Miller, staff of the Behavioral Sciences Unit, and statistical data gathered by Evelyn Brown regarding disciplinary action taken against Clinical Psychologists licensed in Virginia which demonstrated that new licensees (licensed for 0-5 years) are far less likely to be disciplined by the Board of Psychology than licensees who have held licenses for longer periods of time. Dr. Falk made a motion to recommend that the full Board amend the Regulations to consider the part of Periodic Review of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Psychology, and that the two years of pre-doctoral supervised clinical experience be substituted or used to supplement the post doctoral residency requirement. Dr. Hacker seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Dr. Stutts stated that he would prepare a document to Provide at the October 3, 2008 Board meeting that will summarize the work related to supervision of the Regulatory Committee over the past year, as well as the ASPPB Practicum Guidelines, and will also address the Committee's rationale for the recommendation that the current experience requirements be amended in the Regulations Governing the Practice of Psychology.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Board of Psychology

- 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.