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**THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2002**

The Board of Psychology ("Board") met on Tuesday, July 9, 2002 at the Department of Health Professions, 6606 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Dr. Decker.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

John Bruner, Ph.D.  
Jewell Cowan  
Jeanne E. Decker, Ph.D.  
Edward Eddins  
William L. Hathaway, Ph.D.  
David L. Niemeier, Ph.D.  
Charles A. Peachee, Jr., M.S.  
Virginia Van de Water, Ed.D.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Clifford V. Hatt, Ed.D.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director  
Benjamin Foster, Deputy Executive Director  
Arnice N. Covington, Administrative Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mark Monson, Deputy Director, Administration  
Howard Casway, Assistant Attorney General  
Cathleen A. Rea, Ph.D.  
Mary Gregerson, Ph.D.

**ORDERING OF AGENDA**

Dr. Decker opened the floor to any changes in the agenda order. The agenda was accepted as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Dr. Van de Water and seconded by Dr. William Hathaway to accept the minutes of April 9, 2002 as submitted. The motion carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Decker opened the floor to comment from the public.

Doctors Cathleen A. Rea and Mary Gregerson, representing the Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists, indicated that they would comment during the “New Business” session of the Board meeting.

## **REPORTS**

### Chair’s Report

Dr. Decker discussed the Fall ASPPB Conference, October 16-20, 2002 at, Point Clear, Alabama. Following discussion the Board decided that Doctors Decker and Hathaway (alternate) would represent the Board.

Dr. Decker discussed the Newsletter and the Board requested that a Newsletter be mailed to all licensees and residents. News articles from Board member’s are due in the Board office by August 9, 2002.

### Executive Director’s Report

Ms. Brown and Dr. Bruner updated the Board on the National (EPPP) Examination. Candidates who are approved to take the examination are postponing taking the examination and this is causing financial problems for Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB). The Board is requested to encourage candidates to take the examination as soon as possible.

Ms. Brown advised the Board that effective July 1, 2002 , all draft minutes of meetings are to be posted within 10 working days following the meeting. All final minutes of the Board, including disciplinary and committee meetings are to be posted on the internet within three (3) days following approval.

### Board Counsel, Howard Casway– HIPPA

(The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996)

Mr. Casway advised the Board that the Federal Government has set a 2003 deadline to implement this confidentiality regulation. Currently there is no requirement by HIPPA for the Board of Psychology. Mr. Casway indicated that some individuals may be affected on an individual basis and it was his recommendation that Board staff not offer advice to anyone.

The Board’s current Regulations specify keeping confidential records for at least five years after termination of services to any consumer.

Dr. Decker requested that the Regulatory Committee consider how the HIPPA requirement may affect the Board's five-year requirement for record keeping and report to the Board at a future meeting.

#### Regulatory Review Committee

Mr. Foster stated that the initial regulatory documents for the fee increase that is proposed to be come effective June 30, 2003 have been submitted to the Registrar and Department of Planning and Budget.

#### Discipline Committee

Dr. Niemeier presented the following report: There are currently nine (9) complaints in Investigations; One (1) case at Board level; Two (2) Informal Conferences have been held since January 8, 2002; Two (2) Reinstatement Conferences have been held since January 8, 2002; and there are currently six (6) licenses on probation.

#### Credentials Committee

Dr. Van de Water advised that there have been eight (8) reviews since the last meeting on January 8, 2002. The next review is expected around July 19, 2002. No problems reported.

#### Board of Health Professions

Mr. Peachee reported on issues considered at the past two (2) meetings of the Board.

#### Continuing Education Committee

Dr. Hathaway reported a request of a licensee, for exemption from the requirement of "at least half of the required hours to be earned in a face-to-face setting," due to a medical condition. Following discussion, the Board requested Dr. Hathaway review the request at the next Continuing Education Committee Meeting and for the Committee to make a recommendation for presentation at a future Board Meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Licensure of Post Doctoral Residents – Cathleen A. Rea, Ph.D. (President, Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists)

Dr. Rea reviewed the request of the Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists to the Board of Psychology to take the necessary steps to allow issuance of a full license to practice clinical psychology to applicants immediately upon successful completion of their doctoral degree, clinical internship, and passing of the EPPP.

Following discussion Dr. Decker requested that the Regulatory Committee review this information and make a recommendation to the Board on October 8, 2002. A Regulatory Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 10, 2002 to discuss Dr. Rea's proposal. All school program chairs, training directors' of hospitals (including state hospitals), all psychology associations, Virginia Consortium Program of Clinical Psychology, Chair of Psychology Department at Western State Hospital, and Director of Clinical Psychology Training Program at University of Virginia as well as all Virginia school programs are to be invited to attend the meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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Jeanne Decker, Chair

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Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director

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