

Virginia Board of Psychology
Quarterly Board Meeting
Minutes
July 10, 2018

The Virginia Board of Psychology ("Board") meeting convened at 10:25 a.m. on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 in Board Room 4 at the Department of Health Professions ("DHP"), 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia. Dr. Herbert Stewart, Ph.D., Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present:

Herbert Stewart, Ph.D., Chair
Andrea Bailey, Citizen Member
J.D. Ball, Ph.D. ABPP
Susan Brown Wallace, Ph.D.
Jennifer Little, Citizen Member
Peter L. Sheras, Ph.D., ABPP
Rebecca Vauter, Ph.D., ABPP
James Werth, Ph.D., ABPP

Board Members Absent: none

DHP Staff Present:

Barbara Allison-Bryan, M.D., DHP Chief Deputy Director
David E. Brown, D.C., DHP Director
Christy Evans, Discipline Case Specialist
Deborah Harris, Licensing Manager
Jaime Hoyle, J.D, Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst

Board Counsel:

James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

Call to Order:

Dr. Stewart called the meeting to order and read the Emergency Egress procedures.

Adoption of Agenda:

The Board adopted the agenda as amended, moving the Unfinished Business discussion, consideration of PSYPACT, to follow the Agency Director's Report.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Sheras to approve the May 8, 2018 board meeting minutes, with minor editorial corrections. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ball and passed unanimously.

Welcome New Citizen Member

Dr. Stewart welcomed the new Citizen Board member, Andrea Bailey, to the Board.

Agency Director's Report

Dr. Brown updated the Board on the new procedures for security in the Agency to ensure the safety of our Board members, employees, and the public that attend our meetings. Dr. Brown stated that DHP hired the State Police to conduct an evaluation of the security, and now DHP is researching how other boards across the Commonwealth and across the nation meet their security needs. They are currently considering a sign-in process for all when entering the building. Dr. Brown stated that DHP has already implemented measures to improve security in the new reception area.

Dr. Allison-Bryan updated the Board on DHP's efforts to combat the opioid crisis. Specifically, Dr. Allison-Bryan reported that since March 2017 statistics indicate that doctors prescribing opioids have decreased 49%.

Unfinished Business

Consideration of PSYPACT

Dr. Stewart summarized the communications with the Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists (VACP) regarding the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact ("PSYPACT"). After much discussion, Dr. Sheras moved to endorse PSYPACT and to introduce legislation to enter into PSYPACT, for the 2019 General Assembly. Dr. Vauter seconded the motion and the motion passed with a counted vote of 6-2. Board members Stewart, Werth, Ball, Sheras, Vauter, and Bailey voted in favor of the motion, and board members Brown-Wallace and Little voted against the motion.

Staff Reports

Licensing Manager's Report

Ms. Harris reported that there are 5,685 licensees with the board. She referred to the licensing statistics in the agenda packet.

Deputy Executive Director's Report

Ms. Lang reported that the formal hearing, originally scheduled to take place following the board meeting, was rescheduled. She referred to the discipline reports available in the agenda and requested discussion and questions from board members. Dr. Werth requested that Ms. Lang provide additional statistics in her discipline report for future board meetings, to include the types of complaints made against licensees, as an educational tool for schools and practitioners.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Hoyle welcomed Andrea Bailey, the new citizen member, to the Board. She stated she will send out a board newsletter this month. Ms. Hoyle also stated that she Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) appointed her to the Model Act and Regulations Committee, and they will meet this month. She mentioned that the next meeting ASPPB meeting will be held in October in Salt Lake City, Utah. Ms. Hoyle asked for board members who are interested in attending to contact her. She referred to the Board financial statistics in the Agenda package.

Board Counsel's Report

None.

Board Chair Report

Dr. Stewart updated the Board regarding his attendance at the ASPPB meeting in April, and stated that he hopes to attend the October 2018 meeting, to provide an update about Virginia voting to endorse PSYPACT.

Committee Reports

Board of Health Professions Report

Dr. Stewart stated that the Board of Health Professions discussed the opioid epidemic and the possibility of health boards requiring opioid prevention in their continuing education requirements. A previous motion passed by the Board of Psychology, to introduce legislation to allow the board the option of designating two of the 14 required continuing education hours in a specific subject area each year, was not included in the Governor's legislative package for the 2018 General Assembly. A motion was made by Dr. Sheras, and duly seconded by Ms. Little, to introduce legislation in the agency's 2019 legislative package to allow the board the ability to designate two of the 14 required CE's per year in a specific subject, in addition to the current ethics requirement of 1.5 hour. The motion passed unanimously.

Regulatory Report

Joint Guidance Document on Assessment Titles and Signatures

The Regulatory Committee discussed how to proceed with the pending Guidance Document on Assessment Titles and Signatures. Dr. Werth volunteered to reach out to the Board of Counseling Chairperson and Regulatory Committee Chairperson, to gauge interest. The Committee will decide at its October meeting to adopt its own guidance document or a joint guidance document with the Board of Counseling.

Telepsychology Guidance Document

Dr. Werth indicated that the Committee reviewed and discussed a draft Guidance Document on Telepsychology, and determined they need to get more research on how other state Psychology boards handle Telepsychology. The Committee's goal is to accept a draft version at the October Regulatory Committee meeting to present to the full Board the following day.

Temporary Licenses for Residents

The Committee discussed the topic of issuing Psychology Residents in Training a provisional license while they are under supervision. Before the next meeting, staff will research whether other states issue temporary and/or resident licenses and, if so, obtain information about benefits and drawbacks of doing so.

Legislation and Regulatory Actions

Petition for Rulemaking

Ms. Yeatts described the Petition for Rulemaking in which the petitioner requested an amendment to the requirements for licensure as a school psychologist-limited, in 18VAC125-20-43 of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Psychology.

Following discussion of this petition, a motion was made by Dr. Werth to take no action on the petition, citing that in addition to the School Psychologist-Limited license, Virginia also offers a School Psychologist license. He further noted that by lessening the requirements for licensure, there is a concern about the quality of care. The motion was seconded by Ms. Little and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Psychology Guidance documents

Ms. Yeatts reminded board members that they are required to review the board's Guidance Documents every four years. Following review, the board has the option to revise, reaffirm, or appeal the document.

- **125-2: Impact of Criminal Convictions, Impairment, and Past History on Licensure or Certification.**

After discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Little to revise the guidance document as follows:

- Change referral of criminal history reviews from the Credentials Committee to a member of the board or Special Conference Committee.
- Include registrations, along with licensure and certificates.
- Change example language from "welfare fraud" to "fraud".

The motion was seconded by Dr. Sheras and it passed unanimously.

- **125-3.1: Submission of Evidence of Completion of Graduate Work**

. Dr. Sheras made a motion to reaffirm guidance document 125-3.1. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bailey and passed unanimously.

- **125-3.2: Official Beginning of a Residency**

Dr. Werth made a motion to revise guidance document 125-3.2, to change the "date of receipt" to "date approved by the board". The motion was seconded by Dr. Sheras and passed unanimously.

- **125-3.8: Guidance on Process of Delegating Informal Fact-Finding to an Agency Subordinate**

Ms. Little made a motion to revise guidance document 125-3.8 to make the document gender neutral. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bailey and passed unanimously.

- **125-3.9: Policy on the Use of Confidential Consent Agreements in Lieu of Disciplinary Action**

Dr. Werth made a motion to revise guidance document 125-3.9 to clarify that the list provided are examples of cases that may qualify for resolution by a Confidential Consent Agreement. The motion was seconded by Dr. Sheras and passed unanimously.

- **125-4: Acceptance of CPQ Submitted by Applicants for Licensure by Endorsement**

Dr. Werth made a motion to repeal guidance document 125-4. The motion was seconded by Dr. Sheras and passed unanimously.

- **125-5.1: Possible Disciplinary or Alternate Actions for Non-Compliance with Continuing Education Requirements**

Dr. Sheras made a motion to reaffirm guidance document 125-5.1. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bailey and passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

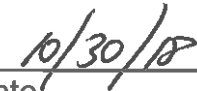
The next meeting will be held on October 30, 2018

Adjournment


The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.



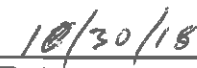
Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director



Date



Herbert Stewart, Ph.D., LCP
Chair of the Board of Psychology



Date