



Virginia Board of Psychology
Regulatory Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, March 14, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.
9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233
Board Room 3

- PRESIDING OFFICER:** J.D. Ball, Ph.D., ABPP, Regulatory Committee Chair
- BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Christine Payne, BSN, MBA
Peter Sheras, ABPP
James Werth, Jr. Ph.D., ABPP
- BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Norma Murdock-Kitt, Ph.D.
- BOARD STAFF PRESENT:** Deborah Harris, Licensing Manager
Jaime Hoyle, JD, Executive Director
Charlotte Lenart, Deputy Executive Director
Leoni Wells, Executive Assistant
- DHP STAFF PRESENT:** Erin Barrett, JD, Sr. DHP Senior Policy Analyst
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
- CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Ball called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.
- MISSION STATEMENT:** Ms. Hoyle read the mission statement of the Department of Health Professions, which was also the mission statement of the Board.
- ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:** Ms. Hoyle indicated a quorum was established, after completing roll call of Board Members and staff.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dr. Werth made a motion, which was properly seconded, to approve the August 30, 2021 Regulatory Committee Meeting minutes with minor amendments. The motion was carried unanimously.
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** The agenda was adopted as presented.
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment provided.
- PUBLIC ATTENDEES:** No public attendees.
- BOARD CHAIR REPORT:** **Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System (PCSAS)**
Dr. Ball stated that representatives from Virginia Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System (PCSAS) accredited schools will be providing a presentation at the full Board meeting. Regulation 18VAC125-20-54(A) states "*Beginning June 23, 2028, an applicant shall hold a doctorate in clinical or counseling psychology from*

a professional psychology program in a regionally accredited university that was accredited at the time the applicant graduated from the program by the APA, CPA, or an accrediting body acceptable to the board.” The current regulations allow the Board to consider applicants from PCSAS accredited schools. Additionally, the regulations are written in such a way that they do not preclude the Board from accepting PCSAS as an accrediting body acceptable to the board after June 23, 2028.

Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists (VACP)

Dr. Ball announced that the Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists (VACP) is holding their Spring Conference next month in Staunton, Virginia. Dr. Werth, Dr. Sheras and Ms. Hoyle will be presenting at the Conversation hour with the Board. The presentation will include updates from the Board on issues related to PCSAS, Master’s level licensure, EPPP Part 2 exam and the new social media guidance document.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Update on Social Media Guidance Document

Ms. Barrett provided suggested changes to the new social media guidance document. After a lot of discussion, Dr. Werth and Dr. Ball agreed to work on the document and present a new draft at the full board meeting.

Update on EPPP - Part 2/ Skills Examination

Ms. Hoyle provided an update on the EPPP - Part 2 skills examination. However, the information received from ASPPB was inconclusive and did not provide enough information for the Committee to make a decision on this issue. The Committee decided to table any decision until the Committee can review additional ASPPB EPPP-Part 2 testing data (particularly examinee pass/fail rates). If the Board decides to adopt the EPPP-Part 2, the Committee discussed the need to give appropriate notice (two years’ notice –possibly fall of 2024) to programs and potential applicants.

Action Item:

The Committee will discuss the EPPP-Part 2 examination issue at the next Regulatory meeting. Staff to follow up with ASPPB for new data points on the pass/fail rates.

Update Master’s Level Psychology Licensure

Ms. Hoyle gave an update detailing the titles, examination requirements and training criteria for the various states that have Masters’ level licenses. After discussion, the Committee agreed they needed more information to make a decision on whether to consider developing a Virginia model act for a master’s level license.

Action item:

Continue to research a tiered model master’s level psychology license from at least our neighboring states. The Board will add this action item to the next Committee meeting agenda.

Action Item:

Staff to have a discussion with DMAS about their thoughts on the possibility of reimbursing master level psychologists.

Dr. Sheras stated that the APA Commission on Accreditation has a task force and is actively drafting accreditation standards.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration Petition for Rulemaking

Petitioner submitted a request for the Board to amend the requirements for residency in school psychology to accept five years of experience working as a school-psychologist limited in lieu of 1,500 hours of a supervised residency. After discussion, the committee determined they needed the expertise of the School Psychologist Board members. The petition discussion will be deferred to the full Board.

Email on Model Policies for the Treatment of Transgender Students in Virginia’s Public Schools

Board staff received an email regarding Virginia Department of Education Model Policies for the Treatment of Transgender Students in Virginia’s Public Schools. The Board discussed the email.

Motion:

Ms. Payne moved, which was properly seconded, for staff to respond that the Board of Psychology has no role or response on the subject matter outlined in the email. The Board expects all their licensees to practice within their scope of practice. The motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATES: The next Regulatory Committee meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Ball adjourned the March 14, 2022 Board meeting at 3:55 p.m.

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