

APPROVED
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THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2007

TIME AND PLACE: The Board of Psychology (“Board”) met on Tuesday, October 8, 2007 at 10:15 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

PRESIDING: Ann Tolbert Benson, Ed.S., Chair of the Board presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Benson, Ed.S.
Jeffrey L. Clark, Ph.D.
Robert S. Falk, Ph.D.
Mary B. Gregerson, Ph.D.
Desideria S. Hacker, Ph.D.
Nadia B. Kuley, Ph.D.
Lorene Martin
Sonia H. Price, Esq.
Michael L. Stutts, Ph.D.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Sandra Whitley Rawls, Director
Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Patricia Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Arnice Covington, Administrative Assistant
Howard Casway, Esq., Sr. Assistant Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Morgan, Virginia Psychological Association

ORDERING OF AGENDA:

Ms. Benson opened the floor to any changes in the Agenda order. Dr. Clark added under New Business the “psychology program.” The Agenda was accepted with noted changes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Dr. Stutts and properly seconded to accept the minutes of July 10, 2007 as submitted. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dr. Jennnifer Morgan, Virginia Psychological Association, reminded the Board of the VPA meeting in Williamsburg on October 18, 2007.

Director's Report on Key Performance Measures – Sandra W. Ryals

Mrs. Ryals provided an overview of the move from the ALCOA Building to the Perimeter Center. She explained Governor Kaine's Performance Expectation for the Department. She reviewed the Key Performance Measures for the Agency and the Board of Psychology. The Board has high performance standards in many areas, but all Boards need improvement in the area of closing disciplinary cases within the Governor's expectations.

The Board discussed ways to improve the statistics for the Board.

Executive Director's Report:

Following Ms. Ryal's report on ways to improve time frames for reducing case resolution Ms. Brown presented a summary of several complaints which were "non-jurisdictional or no violation" cases referred to Dr. Benson, who recommended that those be closed with no further investigation. Following discussion Dr. Clark moved to delegate to Evelyn Brown, Executive Director, the authority to close non-jurisdictional cases, and cases that clearly do not constitute a violation of the Standards of Practice of the Board of Psychology and that staff provide the Board periodic reports and brief summaries of cases closed by staff. Dr. Hacker seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Ms. Brown announced the retirement of Joyce Williams, Administrative Assistant, effective October 1, 2007. Ms. Brown added that the position will be advertised as soon as possible.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board of Health Professions – Mary Gregerson, Ph.D.

Dr. Gregerson reported that AARP requested that the Board of Health Professions study AARP's request that proof of continued competency be based on testing, rather than documenting continuing education hours. Dr. Gregerson added that AARP planned to seek legislation to pass proof of competency legislation.

Regulatory Committee - Michael Stutts, Ph.D.

Dr. Stutts and Ms. Yeatts reviewed the Regulatory Committee's recommendation in response to a petition for rulemaking to reduce the number of face-to-face continuing education hours required. The Board unanimously adopted the proposed regulations. Ms. Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst, projected the Board could expect the proposed regulations to be final by Spring 2008. Dr. Stutts reported that the Regulatory Committee will conduct further study on the Internship/Residency experience petition for rule making.

Continuing Education Committee – Desideria Hacker, Ph.D.

Dr. Hacker reported that the random data run had been generated and staff plans to mail the audit packages on November 8, 2007 with a return deadline of December 6, 2007. The CE Committee expects to meet to review the files in January 2008.

Discipline Committee - Ann Benson, Ed.S.

Dr. Benson reported there are currently 16 complaints in investigations; five (5) cases at Board level; No informal conferences have been held since the last Board Meeting on July 10, 2007; One (1) case is in APD; and two (2) formal conferences are scheduled.

Newsletter – Mary Gregerson, Ph.D.

Dr. Gregerson updated the Board on the progress of the Newsletter and added that with the inclusion of an article from the Regulatory Committee the newsletter should be published by the end of the year.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Clark asked the Board for guidance in a hypothetical credentials matter. He asked how the Board would view an application where all required coursework was obtained, but the coursework was not obtained in a “professional psychology program chaired by an identifiable psychology faculty member.”

The Board discussed concerns of deviating from the requirements set out in the Regulations.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Ann Tolbert Benson, Ed.S., Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director