

Virginia Board of Psychology
DRAFT Minutes
July 8, 2008

- TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. on July 8, 2008, in board room 4 of the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.
- PRESIDING:** Ann Tolbert Benson, Ed.S., Chair
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeffrey L. Clark, Ph.D.
Robert S. Falk, Ph.D.
Desideria S. Hacker, Ph.D.
Nadia Kuley, Ph.D.
Lorene Martin
Sonia H. Price, Esq.
Michael L. Stutts, Ph.D.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mary Gregerson, Ph.D.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Howard Casway, Esq., Sr. Assistant Attorney General
Patricia Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Beverly Hutson-Bryan, Administrative Assistant
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Jennifer Morgan, Chair, Regulatory Affairs Committee, Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists
Dr. Doris Nevin, Distance Therapy Committee, Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dr. Stutts made a motion to approve the April 15, 2008 minutes. Dr. Falk seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** Ms. Brown reported that the Department has received no information about board member appointments from the Governor's office at this time. It is not unusual to have appointments and reappointment information received after June

30th, especially when the Governor is busy with legislature.

Ms. Brown reported on the May 2, 2008, Distance Therapy Ad-Hoc Meeting at which Dr. Charles McAdams, Board of Counseling Member, presented research he had completed regarding regulation other states have either begun, have developed proposed regulations for or have regulations under discussion. A general consensus of the committee was that there is a need for regulation of distance therapy, but that flexibility in setting requirements is needed among jurisdictions.

Ms. Brown reported that the travel mileage was increased to \$.585.

Ms. Brown provided an update concerning the error in the renewal notices for July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. Licensees who had not paid the additional fee for renewal were sent a letter stating that the additional fee for renewal would have to be received by July 31, 2008. After that date a late fee would be imposed on renewal of the license. This only applies to those licensees who received the incorrect renewal fee notice in May 2008.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Regulatory Committee: Michael Stutts, Ph.D.

Dr. Stutts reported that the Regulatory Committee discussed issues relating to pre-doctoral practica and internship experience versus post-doctoral supervised experience required for licensure and noted members and staff were assigned research topics to report on at the September 6, 2008, Regulatory Meeting.

Dr. Stutts and Dr. Clark attended the meeting of Virginia Psychological Association on April 18, 2008, and represented the Board at the Conversation Hour with the Board of Psychology.

Discipline Committee: Ann Benson, Ed.S.

Ms. Benson provided the following discipline update: 1 informal conference has been scheduled, 9 complaints are in investigation, 3 cases are at Board level, 3 Informal Fact Finding conferences are to be scheduled, 0 Case(s) at Administrative Proceedings Division, 1 Formal Conference scheduled and 1 consent order for Board consideration.

NEW BUSINESS:**Board Meetings for 2009:**

January 6, 2009, April 7, 2009, July 7, 2009 and October 6, 2009

Consideration of Consent order:

A consent order for John Gruzskos, Ph.D. was presented to the Board for approval.

A motion was made by Dr. Kuley and seconded by Sonia Price, Esquire, that the Board convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.23711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Gruzskos.

The Board reconvened in open session.

Dr. Kuley made a motion to certify that the Board heard, and discussed only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

Dr. Clark made a motion to accept the Consent Order to INDEFINITELY SUSPEND the license of John Gruzskos, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist for a period of not less than one year. Dr. Falk seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING:

October 7, 2008

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Ann Tolbert Benson, Ed.S., Chair
Board of Psychology

Evelyn B. Brown
Executive Director
Board of Psychology