

**Virginia Board of Psychology
Board Meeting
Minutes
August 10, 2010**

- TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m., August 10, 2010, in Board Room 1 of the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia
- PRESIDING:** Desideria Hacker, Ph.D., Chair
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeffrey L. Clark, Ph.D.
Robert Falk, Ph.D.
Desideria S. Hacker, Ph.D.
Herbert L. Stewart, Ph.D.
Michael L. Stutts, Ph.D.
Jan D. Hembree, Ph.D.
Sonia Price, Esq.
Krishna Leyva
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ann Tolbert Benson, Ed.S.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Dr. Dianne Reynolds-Cane M.D., Director DHP
Arne Owens, Chief Deputy Director, DHP
Evelyn Brown, Executive Director
Howard Casway, Sr. Assistant Attorney General
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst, DHP
Patricia Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Deborah Harris, Administrative Assistant
- ORDERING OF AGENDA:** Ms. Brown added an item to the Agenda under New Business.
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jennifer Morgan, Psy.D., Regulatory Affairs Chair, VPA/VACP announced that VPA's Conversation Hour with the Board of Psychology would not be held at the Fall Conference but will likely be included during the Spring Conference.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dr. Stutts moved to approve the February 16, 2010 Board Meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Dr. Clark and carried.
- DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Dr. Reynolds-Cane greeted board members, welcomed Jan Hembree to the Board and updated the Board on various activities of the Department of Health Professions such as the Board of Health Professions' study relating to physicians signing death certificates. Also, Dr. Cane spoke about the assistance that DHP provided to physicians licensed in other states to be credentialed to provide services at the International Boy Scout Jamboree held in August.

Arne Owens, Chief Deputy Director, greeted members and said how much he appreciated their service to the Department of Health Professions.

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT:**

Ms. Brown noted that because of a staff vacancy, Debbie Harris was assigned responsibility for processing applications and responding to inquiries for Certified Rehabilitation Providers, Certified Substance Abuse Counselors for the Board of Counseling in addition to supporting the Board of Psychology. The position of an administrative assistant has been advertised for the Board of Counseling.

Ms. Brown discussed the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program (VWWP) and noted that Paul Galante, POW during the Vietnam War, now Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services, has sent invitations to the members of the Boards of Psychology, Counseling and Social Work to attend presentations on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) specific to combat veterans, scheduled in three regions of the state in September and October. By consensus, the Board supported including the VWWP presentation information on the Board of Psychology website.

REPORTS:

Regulatory Processes-Elaine Yeatts

Ms. Yeatts provided an overview of Executive Order #14, which sets a timeline for the development and review of regulations proposed by state agencies. She also reported that the Board's proposed regulations were in the Governor's office, and she anticipates that it could be Spring 2011 before they are final. Dr. Stutts inquired about the logistics of applying new regulations to a resident with pre-doctoral experience and who is in a post-doctoral residency when the regulations change. Ms. Brown answered that it has been general policy to apply the new regulations, if they were less burdensome than previous regulations, to an applicant when regulations change. The Board agreed that all residents should be notified of changes in the regulations once they become effective.

Board of Health Professions – Michael Stutts, Ph.D:

Dr. Stutts reported that the BHP was briefed by Dr. Neal Kauder about the next stage of research for the Sanction Reference Study which included surveying licensees who had been disciplined.

Disciplinary-Robert Falk, Ph.D.

Dr Falk reported that since the last Board meeting in February 2009, two informal conferences were held. He also reported that there were eight cases at the Investigation stage and six cases to be reviewed for probable cause. Further, a Consent Order offer was pending in one case.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

Continuing Education Committee: Patricia Larimer

Ms. Larimer reported a CE audit was conducted with 100% compliance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Brown reported that the customer service survey provided at the February meeting represented feedback of only five new licensees. The Board noted that the sample was too small to reflect accurate estimates of consumer satisfaction survey results.

NEW BUSINESS:

2010 Meeting Dates:

The Board accepted the 2011 meeting dates:

February 8, 2011

May 10, 2011

August 9, 2011

November 8, 2011

The Board agreed to invite Virginia psychology doctoral programs faculty representatives of the Virginia psychology programs to attend a meeting with the Board on November 9, 2010 to discuss proposed regulatory changes for supervision, and to include a question and answer session about the mission of the Board in regulating psychologists.

Dr. Stewart and Dr. Clark agreed to represent the Board of Psychology at a meeting of the Healthcare Workforce Data Center to develop a survey of the Boards of Counseling, Psychology and Social Work licensees to gather data to be used for projecting future availability of mental health services in all areas of the state.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Desideria Hacker, Ph.D., Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director