

Draft
Virginia Board of Psychology
Board Meeting
Minutes
May 10, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Desideria Hacker, Ph.D., Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m., on May 10, 2011, Board Room 2, at the Department of Health Professions at 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

ORDERING OF AGENDA Dr. Hacker asked that recent legislation relating to “Applied Behavioral Analysts” be added to the agenda.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Benson, Ed.D.
Jeffrey Clark, Ph.D.
Robert Falk, Ph.D.
Desideria S. Hacker, Ph.D.
Krishna Leyva
Sonia Price, Esq.
Herbert L. Stewart, Ph.D.
Michael L. Stutts, Ph.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Evelyn Brown, Executive Director
Dr. Dianne Reynolds-Cane, Director, Department of Health Professions
Arne Owens, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Health Professions
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
Howard Casway, Sr. Asst. Attorney General, Board Counsel
Patricia Larimer, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Catherine Chappell, Deputy Executive Director, Licensing
Deborah Harris, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dr. Clark moved that the Board approve the March 14, 2011 minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jennifer Morgan, Psy.D., Regulatory Affairs Chair, VACP: Bo Keeney , VPA staff

Dr. Morgan expressed appreciation to Board members who attended the *VPA Conversation Hour with the Board of Psychology* at the Spring VPA meeting held at the Homestead. She also inquired about the legislation, which creates a new licensure category for “Behavioral Analysts” to be regulated by the Board of Medicine. She added that VPA is willing to assist the Board of Medicine in the implementation of regulations for Behavioral Analysts or, with the transfer of the profession to the Board of Psychology where it would appear to be more

appropriately regulated.

**DIRECTOR'S
REPORT:**

Dr. Reynolds-Cane reported the following:

She is serving as a senior advisor on the Virginia Health Reform Initiative Advisory Council, as well as a member of the Lyme Disease Taskforce.

All five (5) bills submitted to the General Assembly from the Department passed.

The Department of Health Professions has signed a MOU with the VCU Department of Psychiatry to continue the Health Practitioners Monitoring Program.

The Department's Strategic Plan has been completed.

The Healthcare Workforce Data Center has implemented several workforce surveys, including a survey for licensees of the Boards of Counseling, Psychology and Social Work. The survey is voluntary with the 2011 on-line license renewal.

Long term revenue and expenditures projections indicate that the Board of Psychology will remain in the black through June 30, 2016.

Arne Owens, chief deputy, reported that he was in contact with the Secretary of the Commonwealth regarding current and pending board membership vacancies.

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT:**

Ms. Brown reported that she had been compiling responses from other psychology boards as requested by the Regulatory Committee regarding the status of "residents" who have completed required supervision, but have not passed the EPPP examination. She indicated she had heard from 6-8 psychology boards. Most reported no limitation on the number of times residents can take the exam, and, that "residents" continue in residency status until they pass the EPPP examination and become licensed psychologists.

**LEGISLATIVE
UPDATE:**

Ms. Yeatts reported on Section 38.2-3418.17 of the Code of Virginia: *Coverage for autism spectrum disorder* and the regulation of "Applied Behavioral Analysts" by the Board of Medicine. Discussion ensued about the implementation of the legislation and regulation.

Dr. Stewart made a motion that the Board of Psychology offer assistance to the Board of Medicine, if, and when, "Applied Behavioral Analyst" regulations are proposed. Dr. Stutts seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Ms. Yeatts reported that the proposed *Regulations Governing the Practice of Psychology* are in the final stage of the regulatory process. A motion was made by Dr. Falk, and seconded by Dr. Stutts to adopt the final Regulations. The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

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

Dr. Stutts reported that Dr. Cane's report covered several points from the BHP meeting. He added that a significant turnover in Board of Health Professions membership is anticipated due to a number of the board members' terms expiring.

He stated that all boards are making strides in processing discipline cases in accordance with *the Sanction Reference Guidelines*.

He stated that BHP is recommending licensure for Clinical Laboratory Scientists and Technicians, and Genetic Counselors.

Discipline Committee – Robert Falk, Ph.D.

Dr. Falk reported there are currently 7 cases being investigated by the Enforcement Division; 14 cases are under probable cause review; 1 Informal Conference is scheduled and 1 formal hearing is being held following this Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Hacker opened the discussion of new business. She asked for a nomination for Vice Chair for the Board. Dr. Stewart nominated Dr. Michael Stutts to be Vice-Chair. The nomination was seconded by Ann Benson and carried unanimously. Dr. Hacker thanked the Board members and staff for helping her in her role of Chair during the last two years.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion was held about the current and pending vacancies on the Board. Ms. Brown noted that Mr. Owens, Chief Deputy, communicates with the Secretary of the Commonwealth about the status of DHP's boards' membership needs including the vacancies on the Board of Psychology.

Dr. Stewart spoke about the Healthcare Workforce survey, which he and Dr Clark developed with two members of the Boards of Counseling and Social Work. The Survey is operational as part

of online license renewal for clinical and school psychologists.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Robert S. Falk, Ph.D., Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director