



Virginia Board of Psychology
Regulatory Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 27th, 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
- COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Christine Payne, BSN, MBA
Peter Sheras, Ph.D., ABPP
James Werth, Jr. Ph.D., ABPP
- COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Norma Murdock-Kitt, Ph.D.
- BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Susan Wallace, Ph.D.
Kathryn Zeanah, Ph.D.
- BOARD STAFF PRESENT** Deborah Harris, Licensing Manager
Jaime Hoyle, JD, Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director
Charlotte Lenart, Deputy Executive Director
Leoni Wells, Executive Assistant
- DHP STAFF PRESENT:** Erin Barrett, JD, Sr. Senior Policy Analyst
- CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Ball called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.
- Dr. Ball read the mission statement of the Department of Health Professions, which is also the mission statement of the Board. Following a roll call of Board members and staff, Ms. Hoyle indicated a quorum was established.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dr. Sheras moved to approve the March 14, 2022 Regulatory Committee Meeting minutes with non-substantive, line edits. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
- ORDERING OF AGENDA:** The agenda was adopted as presented.
- PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** There was no public comment.
- CHAIR REPORT:** Dr. Ball reported that several Board members and Ms. Hoyle presented at the Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists (VACP) Spring Conference.
- UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** **Considering Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System (PCSAS) as an Accrediting Body**

Over the last four years, the Board has considered the request to approve PCSAS as an accrediting body for doctoral education programs of clinical psychologist licensure applicants. As a part of its deliberation, the Board has held stakeholder meetings, heard presentations from PCSAS accredited schools in Virginia, and considered a petition for rule making, for which all public comment was positive. The Board also considered that PCSAS has received support from the U.S. Department of Veterans of Affairs (VA), the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), and the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC). In addition, the EPPP pass rate of graduates of PCSAS programs is excellent, and the U.S. News & World Report has ranked all forty-one of the country's PCSAS-accredited programs its top fifty psychology programs.

Motion:

Dr. Sheras made a motion, which was properly seconded, to recommend to the full Board that the Board accept guidance document 125-1, pertaining to PCSAS, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Update on EPPP Part 2

Ms. Hoyle reported that there were no ASPPB updates on the EPPP Part 2 pass rate. With no new updates, the Committee took no further action at this time, except to note that, if the Board decides to adopt the EPPP-Part 2 it should 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 will follow up with ASPPB for new data points on the pass/fail rates.

Update on Master's level psychologists

Dr. Wallace gave an update on the discussion at the ASPPB conference related to master level psychologists. Ms. Wallace suggested that the Board be proactive and prepare legislative language.

Dr. Werth suggested that the Committee look to our neighboring states for their scope of practice and supervision requirements when considering master level psychologists. Adding a new license type at the master's level would help with access to care if these new licensees were independently reimbursable.

Ms. Hoyle spoke to DMAS, and they stated that they support the need to pursue any possible path to more licensed mental health providers. They would need to understand what other states do, but they seemed favorable to the idea of master's level psychologists and their reimbursement of them. They also think that it would be helpful to have doctoral trainees reimbursed for services during their internship and practicum. Dr. Sheras stated that the APA Commission on Accreditation has a task force that is actively drafting accreditation standards. However he has not received any new information to present to the Board.

Action item:

Continue to research a tiered model master's level psychology license from our neighboring states and create a model practice act to determine the scope of practice and level of autonomy. Ms. Barrett stated that it would be helpful if the Board would list out their thoughts and comments on how they envision such a license type at its next meeting so that she can present information or answer any questions for any new legislation that might be brought forward. The Committee will add this action item to its next meeting agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:**Regulatory Chart**

Ms. Barrett provided information on the Regulatory Chart provided in the agenda packet. The

Proposed Implementation for final adoption of PSYPACT

The Committee discussed the final adoption of PSYPACT regulations.

Motion:

Dr. Werth made a motion, which was properly seconded, to recommend that the full Board adopt final regulations for PSYPACT. The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Petition for Rulemaking

The Board discussed a petitioner's request, as presented in the agenda packet, to limit psychologists testifying in custody determinations to those with qualifications to do so. The Board decided to take no action on this request, based on its lack of jurisdiction to dictate evidentiary matters that are within the purview of the state court system.

Motion:

Dr. Sheras made a motion, which was properly seconded, to recommend that the full Board not initiate rule making. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Guidance Document**Guidance Document 125-2 Impact of Criminal Convictions, Impairment, and Past History on Licensure, Certification or Registration by the Virginia Board of Psychology**

Ms. Barrett will amend the guidance document to include wording recommended by the Committee and have an amended guidance document ready to be discussed and considered at the full Board meeting.

Motion:

Dr. Werth made a motion, which was properly seconded, to recommend that the full Board approve this document as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Guidance document 125-3.1 Submission of Evidence of Completion of Graduate Work*Motion:*

Dr. Werth made a motion, which was properly seconded, to recommend that the full Board approve this document as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Guidance document 125-3.2 Official Beginning of Residency

Motion:

Dr. Werth made a motion, which was properly seconded, to recommend that the full Board rescind this guidance document. The motion passed unanimously.

Guidance document 125-5.1 Possible Disciplinary or Alternative Actions for Non-Compliance with Continuing Education Requirements

Motion:

Dr. Sheras made a motion, which was properly seconded, to recommend that the full Board approve this document as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of School Psychologists

The Committee started the first of many discussions on the licensure of doctoral level school psychologists and school psychologists-limited. The Board discussed potential changes to the laws, scope of practice and regulations for individuals who have APA doctoral degrees in school psychology.

NEXT MEETING: The next Regulatory Committee meeting scheduled for September 26, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

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