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**THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2002**

The Board of Psychology ("Board") met on Tuesday, December 10, 2002 at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Dr. Decker.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Bruner, Ph.D.
Jewell Cowan
Jeanne E. Decker, Ph.D.
Edward Eddins
William L. Hathaway, Ph.D.
Clifford V. Hatt, Ed.D.
Nadia B. Kuley, Ph.D.
David L. Niemeier, Ph.D.
Virginia Van de Water, Ed.D.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Benjamin Foster, Deputy Executive Director
Arnice N. Covington, Administrative Assistant
Howard Casway, Assistant Attorney General
Elaine Yeatts, Regulatory Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mary Gregerson, Ph.D.

ORDERING OF AGENDA

Dr. Decker opened the floor to any changes in the agenda order. The agenda was accepted as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Dr. Hathaway and properly seconded to accept the minutes of October 8, 2002 as submitted. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dr. Decker opened the floor to comment from the public.

Dr. Mary Gregerson, of the Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists, thanked the Board for their receptiveness and openness regarding comments from the Academy.

REPORTS:

Chair's Report

Dr. Decker advised that she and Dr. Hathaway represented the Board at the Fall ASPPB Conference, October 16-20, 2002 at Point Clear, Alabama.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Brown discussed the Budget/Travel Regulations and advised that only three (3) people could attend any conference.

Howard Casway, Board Counsel, reviewed House Bill 1441. Mr. Casway reviewed the Sections of the Bill of particular concern to psychologists. Following the review, a motion was made by Dr. Kuley and properly seconded, that the Board was in support of the confidential consent agreement and generally supports the mandatory reporting requirement. The motion carried. The Board requested that Ms. Yeatts include the Board's comments in the Agency 's analysis of the proposed bill.

Regulatory Committee

Dr. Van de Water gave an overview of the Regulatory Meeting held earlier this date, December 10, 2002. The Committee continues to review whether or not to issue a full license to practice clinical psychology to applicants immediately upon successful completion of their doctoral degree, clinical internship, and passing of the EPPP. Dr. Van de Water further advised that the Committee believes that the "Residency, as outlined in the Regulations," should remain.

Dr. Van de Water moved for the Regulatory Committee that the Board establish a residency license for clinical and school psychologists that will be temporary as authorized under the current regulations. No second is required. This license has precedence with medical interns who have a one-year license. The license would be called, "Licensed Resident in Clinical Psychology."

Following discussion Board counsel advised that while the Board has statutory authority to issue the license, it also must have regulatory authority.

Further discussion ensued. Dr. Van de Water withdrew her motion on behalf of the Regulatory Committee.

Dr. Hathaway moved to return the issue to the Regulatory Committee for further study and to investigate the administrative steps and implications of moving forward with a residency license.

Following discussion Dr. Hathaway withdrew his motion and the Chair referred the residency license issue back to the Regulatory Committee for further study and development prior to beginning the promulgating of regulations.

Further, the Chair requested that the Committee evaluate the American Psychological Association's approval as the "gold standard" for credentialing.

Mr. Foster noted that there were no public comments regarding the fee increase.

Dr. Van de Water, Chair of the Regulatory Committee, moved to accept the fee structure as outlined in the proposed regulations. No second was required. Following discussion the Board voted to accept the proposed fees. The new fee for renewal becomes effective January 1, 2004.

Discipline Committee

Dr. Niemeier presented the following report: There are currently 13 complaints in Investigations; four (4) cases at Board level; and six (6) licenses on probation.

Credentials Committee

Dr. Van de Water advised that there have been three (3) reviews since the last meeting on October 8, 2002.

Continuing Education Committee

Dr. Hathaway reported that he had been investigating what the standard is regarding awarding continuing education credit for a licensee who is a presenter of a course or seminar. The Regulations do not have a provision for presenters who are also licensees. The Committee will discuss the issue, collect facts and report to the Board at a later meeting.

Dr. Hathaway noted that the Committee should start discussion of establishing guidelines or "penalties" regarding non-compliance of required continuing education at renewal time.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Meeting Dates for 2003

Tentative meeting dates for 2003 are as follows: April 1; June 24; and October 7.

Attendance at the Midwinter Meeting of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards.

The meeting will be held February 20-23, 2002 in San Antonio, Texas. Doctors Van de Water and Kuley will represent the Board.

Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards Examination Committee

Dr. Bruner announced that he was reappointed to the Examination Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Jeanne Decker, Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director