

Virginia Board of Psychology
DRAFT Minutes
January 9, 2007

- TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. on January 9, 2007 in conference room 4 of the Department of Health Professions, 6603 W. Broad Street, 5th floor, Richmond, Virginia.
- PRESIDING:** Ann Tolbert Benson, Ed.S., Vice Chair of the Board presided.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeffrey L. Clark, Ph.D.
Robert S. Falk, Ph.D.
Mary B. Gregerson, Ph.D.
Lorene Martin
Sonia H. Price, Esq.
Michael L. Stutts, Ph.D.
- MEMBERD ABSENT:** Desideria S. Hacker, Ph.D.
Nadia Kuley, Ph.D.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Joyce D. Williams, Administrative Assistant
Howard Casway, Esq. Senior Assistant Attorney General
Sandra Whitley, Ryals, Director, Department of Health Professions
Faye Lemon, Chief, Enforcement Division
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst
Shannon Roberson, Senior Intake Analyst
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Jennifer Morgan, Chair, Regulatory Affairs Committee, Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Dr. Clark and seconded by Dr. Gregerson that the minutes of July 11, 2006 be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCIPLINARY PROCESS AND PROCEDURES:

Ms. Lemon explained the background and role of the Enforcement Division. She also presented an overview of the disciplinary process.

DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS:

Sandra Whitley Ryals introduced herself and gave a brief personal background.

Ms. Ryals informed the Board that Governor Kaine has appointed a Health Care Reform Commission to study certain health care issues. She further informed the Board that the Governor is interested in making information accessible to the citizens through his web site regarding the different elements of government and how these elements compare from region to region through his web site.

Ms. Ryals discussed three performance measures the Governor wants the Department to achieve.

Ms. Ryals advised the Board of the 211 pilot telephone number that has been developed to assist individuals in finding health professionals. She also informed the Board that the Department will be moving in the summer to the former Circuit City Headquarters on Gaskins Road.

Ms. Ryals apprised the Board that its expenditures will exceed 10%. The Department will, therefore, recommend that the Board consider a temporary decrease in renewal fees in accordance with the Callahan Act. After discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Gregerson and seconded by Dr. Stutts that the Board approve a one-time renewal fee reduction. The motion was unanimously approved.

REGULATORY REVIEW:

Ms. Yeatts presented the proposed Public Participation Guidelines (PPGs) that will allow for fast tracking regulatory actions to be taken. A motion was made by Dr. Falk and seconded by Dr. Stutts that the Board adopt the PPGs. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Yeatts discussed a petition for rulemaking to delete the face-to-face continuing education requirement in the Regulations Governing the Practice of Psychology. There was one written public comment.

After discussion a motion was made by Dr. Gregerson and seconded by Dr. Stutts that the individual requesting this regulatory change in the continuing education requirements be notified that the petition will not be accepted. The motion was unanimously approved. The Regulatory Review Committee will begin to review the Regulations Governing the Practice of Psychology.

Ms. Yeatts discussed a petition for rulemaking to delete the requirement , for individuals who are already licensed, to receive 200 hours of face-to-face contact with sex offender clients and 100 hours of face-to-face supervision when they apply for the Certified Sex Offender Treatment Provider credential. There was one written public comment.

After discussion a motion was made by Dr. Gregerson and properly seconded that the individual requesting this regulatory change in the supervision requirements be notified that the petition is rejected. The motion was unanimously approved. The Board will appoint an ad hoc committee to review the Regulations Governing the Certification of Sex Offender Treatment Providers. Dr. Stutts will chair this ad hoc committee.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Ms. Brown attended the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) fall meeting in San Diego, California on October 25-29, 2006. There was discussion about continuing education. It was found that more candidates are being tested for licensure. There was discussion of not requiring a post doctoral residency. Thirty-eight states now require a post-doctoral residency for licensure.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Discipline

Ms. Brown reported that the Board has 24 complaints in Enforcement. She further reported that three cases are in the Compliance Division for compliance tracking and five cases are in the Administrative Proceedings Division to draft notices for informal conferences. No cases are at Board level.

Board of Health Professions (BHP)

Dr. Gregerson reported on BHP's October 18, 2006 Board Meeting. The report is attached as part of the minutes.

Newsletter

Dr. Gregerson stated that the next newsletter will be published in 2007, and will include a column by rotating board members.

Credentials

Ms. Benson reported on the credentials reviewed by the Credentials Reviewers since the July 11, 2006 Board meeting. The report is attached as part of the minutes.

Continuing Education (CE)

Ms. Brown reported that a total of 60 individuals regulated by the Board of Psychology were audited. Fifty-three of these were random audits for 2006 and seven were audited again as a result of Confidential Consent Agreements (CCAs) issued to them during the last audit, and all seven were found to be in compliance.

Of the 53 random audits, 10 were found to not be in compliance. Five will be noticed for informal conferences, two will be offered CCAs, and three have been sent a letter of concern.

The meeting adjourned 1:55 p.m.

Ann Tolbert Benson, Ed.S., Vice Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director