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Arkansas Psychology Board
101 East Capitol, Suite 415
Board Meeting
January 17, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The Arkansas Psychology Board meeting was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Edward Kleitsch, at 10:35 AM.

ROLL CALL

Board Members present: Ms. Dixie Bryson, Dr. James Fuendeling, Ms. Gloria Gordon, Mr. Skip Hoggard, Dr. Edward Kleitsch, Dr. Lisa McNeir, and Dr. Gary Souheaver.

Board Members Excused: Dr. Kevin Reeder and Dr. Mehta

Staff Members present: Mr. James Ammel, Ms. Amy Ford, Ms. Sheila Pauley, and Ms. Maggie Sponer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Souheaver made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Bryson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

Dr. Souheaver made a motion to approve the December 13, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes after grammatical corrections. Ms. Bryson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT FROM THE COMPLAINT COMMITTEE

12-08 [Rec'd 08-07-12 BOARD DECISION/ACTION ITEM

COMPLAINANT: A non-custodial mother who had been ordered to have supervision during visitation with her minor son. Respondent psychologist had been providing therapy services to that minor.

RESPONDENT: The treating psychologist who was subsequently called as an expert witness to provide testimony and recommendations at an 09/09 court hearing and thereafter continued to supply therapeutic services to the minor. Respondent subsequently advocated that visitation be reduced beyond even the very limited amount Complainant already had been allowed.

STATUS/RECOMMENDATIONS:The Committee (with alternate Assistant Attorney General due to recusal by our own designated Senior Asst. AG) found probable cause for a finding of serial violations of Multiple Relationships and a significant Avoiding Harm violation, as well as potential violations of Cooperating with Other Professionals and Standards of Assessment, recommended to the Board that a Consent Order be initially attempted with Respondent incorporating the following sanctions and directives: 1) After a therapy termination interview with the minor (advised by the Board), no further professional services or expert testimony would be provided to that minor or on his behalf; 2) a Letter of Reprimand; 3) a fine of \$2,500; and 4) at least one hour of additional continuing education related specifically to Multiple Relationships.

12-13 [Rec'd 08/07/12] BOARD DECISION/ADVISORY ITEM

FURTHER UPDATE:

The Board accepted the Screening Committee's recommendation that prior restraint of free speech authorized constitutionally for LPE's and LPE-I's could create legal problems. Accordingly, it authorized a newsletter article pertaining to this subject (LPE's and LPE-I's not having the authority to utilize non-licensed examiner's psychologist data and inability to provide any supervision whatsoever to lesser- or equally-qualified practitioners in any assessment process). That article is still in progress. Accordingly, an individual letter to the LPE-I rendering administrative and interpretative services pertaining to the Riverside's Publishing Company's Woodcock-Johnson test instruments will not be issued. The Respondent's attorney has been so advised of these decisions and developments.

13-03 [Rec'd 05/20/13] BOARD DECISION/ADVISORY ITEM

UPDATE:At the request of Respondent's attorney regarding the allegations of violation of Multiple Relationships and Avoiding Harm, the Committee further recommended that the authorized Consent Order be altered to incorporate a Letter of Caution (rather than a Letter of Reprimand) and a "non-admission" clause, with the remaining sanctions staying the same as previously Board-authorized. These changes were approved by the Board considering that any sanction is reportable to the national disciplinary data-base.

13-07 [Rec'd 08/16/13} ADVISORY ITEM

UPDATE;The advisory letter to Respondent has been issued regarding failure to keep the Alabama Board advised of her current location (move to Arkansas licensure and subsequent abandonment of the Alabama licensure) and no further disciplinary action is anticipated despite the Alabama's Board's prior technical suspension and subsequent dismissal of her license.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel Committee

Dr. Souheaver informed the Board that the Personnel Committee met this morning. The Personnel Committee made a fully seconded motion to approve Mr. Jim Ammel as the Board Investigator for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 (FY13-FY14). Dr. Souheaver notified the Board that the Department of Finance and Administration's (DFA) current guidelines for the use of Mr. Ammel as the Board Investigator have been met. The Personnel Committee approved the use of Mr. Ammel's services on a fixed monthly salary of \$2,000 plus travel expenses extending outside of Pulaski County. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Hoggard notified the Board that the December reconciliation had been completed. Mr. Hoggard informed the Board that the current balance in the checking account is \$ 211,978 and the current balance in the Money Market Trust Fund is \$ 181,189.

Director's Report

Ms. Pauley notified the Board that the Statement of Financial Interest (SFI) for calendar year 2013 is due before January 31, 2014. Ms. Pauley will email the Board Members a link to the Secretary of States webpage to complete this form.

Ms. Pauley requested the Board approve Act 1211 of 1995 to allow the agency to reimburse travel expenditures. Dr. Souheaver made a motion to approve Act 1211 of 1995. Mr. Hoggard seconded the motion. Dr. Fuendeling abstained. The motion passed.

Ms. Pauley requested the licensure fees remain at the current amount of \$ 235 for Psychologists and \$ 210 for Psychological Examiners for the upcoming License Renewal Period of 2014-2015. Dr. Souheaver made a motion to approve the request. Dr. Fuendeling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Finally, Ms. Pauley informed the Board that staff has been cleaning and organizing the Board office. All archived and historical files and records have been moved to the basement for storage.

Board Business

Out of State Licensee Letters

Dr. Joan Mayfield submitted a letter to the Board indicating that she will be in the State of Arkansas January 19th and 20th to conduct a one-time Neuropsychological Evaluation. Dr. Souheaver made a motion to send Dr. Mayfield a letter recognizing her notification. In addition, Dr. Souheaver advised to submit a letter to the Texas State Board of Psychology to review a possible ethical violation by including the patients name in her letter. Dr. Fuendeling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Stacey Wood submitted a letter to the Board indicating that she will be in the State of Arkansas January 13th through 17th to conduct a Forensic Evaluation with the possibility of having to return to provide testimony. Dr. Souheaver made a motion to send a thank you letter to Dr. Wood for her notification. Dr. McNeir seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Statement of Intent revisions

Dr. Kristin Addison-Brown submitted a new Statement of Intent adding Children as a population to serve. Mr. Hoggard made a motion to approve the request. Ms. Bryson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Andrew Cohen submitted a new Statement of Intent adding Biofeedback as an area of practice. In addition, Dr. Cohen submitted a Supervision Agreement and Plan with Dr. Wendy Ward as his Supervising Psychologist in the area of Biofeedback. Dr. Souheaver made a motion to approve the requests. Dr. Fuendeling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Stephen Pipkin submitted a new Statement of Intent adding Forensic Evaluations to his area of practice, along with documentation of training in this area. Dr. Souheaver made a motion to approve the request. Dr. Fuendeling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Supervision Agreement and Plan

Dr. Roger Erickson submitted a Supervision Agreement and Plan indicating Dr. Andrew Cohen as his New Secondary Supervisor. Dr. Souheaver made a motion to approve the request. Ms. Bryson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Cassandra Ingram submitted a Supervision Agreement and Plan indicating Dr. Connie Venhaus as her New Primary Supervisor. Dr. Souheaver made a motion to approve the request. Ms. Bryson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Chad Parsons submitted a Supervision Agreement and Plan indicating Dr. Connie Venhaus as his New Primary Supervisor. Dr. Souheaver made a motion to deny the request based on the fact that Mr. Parsons indicated Children as a population to serve on his Supervision Agreement and Plan. However, Children is only indicated under Group Therapy on his Statement of Intent. Ms. Gordon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Kaye Ramsey submitted a Supervision Agreement and Plan indicating Dr. Charles Mallory as her New Secondary Supervisor. Dr. Souheaver made a motion to approve the request. Ms. Bryson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisory Status

Dr. Sarah Downing submitted the appropriate documentation to request Supervisory Status. Dr. Souheaver made a motion to approve the request. Ms. Bryson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

The Credential Review Committee made a fully seconded motion to approve the following Quarterly Report forms:

1. Dr. Richard Barrett's Monthly Reports for the period of November 7, 2013 – December 11, 2013.
2. Dr. Liz Bucolo's Quarterly Reports for the period of October 18, 2013 – December 18, 2013.
3. Dr. Christen Holder's Quarterly Reports for the period of September 1, 2013 – November 30, 2013.
4. Dr. Iryna Kasi's Quarterly Reports for the period of September 16, 2013 – December 15, 2013.
5. Dr. Kaye Ramsey's Quarterly Report for the period of July 16, 2013 – October 16, 2013.

Recess/Reconvene

The Board recessed for lunch and to conduct Oral Exams at 11:50 PM.
The Board reconvened at 3:05 PM.

ADJOURN

Dr. Souheaver made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Bryson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board adjourned at 3:08 PM.

Oral Exam Results January 17, 2014

Team 1:

Dr. Lauriann Balk – passed at the Psychologist level with no restrictions.

Dr. Stephanie Nevin - passed at the Psychologist level with no restrictions.

Team 2:

Dr. William Fulliton – passed at the Psychologist level with no restrictions.

Dr. Byron Simoneaux – passed at the Psychologist level with no restrictions.

Dr. Nathan Denny – passed at the Psychologist level with no restrictions.