

[Minutes
Arkansas Psychology Board
101 East Capitol, Suite 415
Board Meeting
December 19, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The Arkansas Psychology Board meeting was called to order by the Chair of the Board, Dr. Edward Kleitsch, at 10:25 AM.

ROLL CALL

Board Members present: Ms. Dixie Bryson, Dr. Joyce Fowler, Mr. Skip Hoggard, Dr. Edward Kleitsch, Dr. Lisa McNeir, Dr. Kevin Reeder , and Dr. Gary Souheaver.

Board Members excused: Dr. Jawahar Mehta

Board Members absent: Mr. Harmon Seawel.

Staff Members present: Mr. James Ammel, Ms. Maggie Sponer and Ms. Amber Collins-England. Ms. Amy Ford was present as the Board's Attorney General Representative.

Guests present: Ms. Linda VanBlaricom.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Skip Hoggard made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Ms. Bryson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

Dr. Souheaver made a motion to approve the November 21, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes as amended. Dr. McNeir seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT FROM THE COMPLAINT COMMITTEE

C-14-03 [Rec'd 2/18/14 & 3/13/14]BOARD ACTION TAKEN

COMPLAINANTS: Initially the administrative director of an agency's mental health services submitted a complaint about an employed psychologist having had sexual intimacies with a subordinate psychological examiner also employed at the same site of services as the psychologist. Subsequently, a Board-recognized psychologist supervisor of the subordinate also reported the alleged Standard 7.07 violation by the Respondent psychologist.

RESPONDENT: A psychologist without Board-recognized supervisory status who had sexual relations with a subordinate psychological examiner. Respondent eventually resigned after an investigation by the agency substantiated the allegations.

STATUS/RECOMMENDATIONS: APA's ethical code has Standard 7.07 that prohibits a psychologist from engaging in sexual relations with a supervisee working in the same department. The agency's manual for employee conduct also has a similar prohibition. Respondent procured legal representation and denied all allegations, including having no supervisory role over the subordinate and never having had sexual relations with the psychological examiner. Two (2) Board-recognized successive supervisors (including one of the Complainants) of the psychological examiner verified that any and all psychologists employed at the agency's services site were expected to, and in fact did, supply clinical supervision of any employee in their unit and both verified that Respondent did supply such supervision to the psychological examiner while each was employed in the same unit. A review of the report of investigation prepared by the agency, in fact, contained a confession by Respondent that sexual relations were engaged in with the subordinate psychological examiner and that the psychologist had supplied supervision to the subordinate and was also aware that Respondent's behavior was totally inappropriate according to the agency's code of employee conduct.

The Screening Committee concluded that there was clear and convincing evidence had committed a Standard 7.07 violation. It recommended to the Board that a Consent Order resolution be attempted and discussion ensued regarding the terms and conditions to be offered to Respondent through Respondent's attorney. The following terms and conditions were approved by the Board:

1. Two (2) year suspension of Respondent's license
2. A fine of \$3,500 payable in installments during the course of the suspension
3. One (1) year post-suspension supervision by a Board-approved psychologist and quarterly reports to be submitted regarding that supervision jointly submitted by the supervisor and Respondent
4. Acceptable completion (grade of "B" or above) of a Board-approved APA-qualified CE course of a minimum of 6 hours pertaining to ethical principles with particular emphasis on supervisory relationships; such course to be completed prior to the end of the suspension period
5. A permanent ban on Respondent's potential eligibility for supervisory status
6. Prior to reinstatement of licensure, Respondent will submit to an Oral Examination by the Board and successfully complete that exam

These terms and conditions for a Consent Order resolution are being submitted to Respondent's attorney on or about 1/9/15. If a Consent Order resolution is not successfully obtained, this matter will definitely go to a Board hearing (unless Respondent surrenders Respondent's license), with the supervising psychologists and the psychological examiner all agreeing to participate as witnesses.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel Committee

Dr. Souheaver informed the Board that the Personnel Committee had no formal meeting this month. Dr. Souheaver extended his appreciation to his fellow Personnel Committee Members and recommended the reappointment of this sub-committee. Finally, Dr. Souheaver notified the Board that within the last year, the Personnel Committee recommended the termination of the previous Executive Director and the hiring of a new Executive Director along with a new Administrative Specialist III.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Hoggard informed the Board that the available budget was \$79,709.08 and that the Board continues to operate within that budget. In addition, Mr. Hoggard notified the Board that bills are continuing to be paid on time and all deposits are current.

Director's Report

Ms. Sponer notified the Board that the Association for State and Provincial Psychology Board (ASPPB) is changing testing centers that administer the Exam of Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP). Testing will end at Prometric test centers on January 31, 2015 and begin at Pearson VUE testing centers on February 1, 2015.

Ms. Sponer informed the Board that the department of Marketing and Research (M&R) is in the process of locating secured file cabinets for the Board office.

Finally, Ms. Sponer informed the Board that the Board office will be closed Wednesday, December 24, 2014 through Friday, December 26, 2014 and again on Thursday, January 1, 2015 in observation of the Christmas Holiday and New Year.

Completion of 3,000 hours towards Independent Status

Ms. Amy Roberts submitted her Licensee Supervision Completion – PE Independent Practice and Statement of Intent to Practice as a Licensed Psychological Examiner – Independent to the Board for consideration. Dr. Souheaver made a motion to deny the request due to confusion regarding the actual number of supervised hours and requested that Ms. Roberts submit an explanation of actual supervised hours. Dr. McNeir seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Statement of Intent Revision

Ms. Heather Dees submitted a Statement of Intent revision to include Marital and Couples Therapy, along with a Supervision Agreement and Plan indicating Dr. Ronald

Bramlett as her New Primary Supervisor. Dr. Souheaver made a motion to approve both requests. Dr. McNeir seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Daniel T. Warwick submitted a Statement of Intent revision to include Marriage and Family Therapy along with a Supervision Agreement and Plan indicating Dr. Richard Moore as his New Primary Supervisor. Dr. Souheaver made a motion to approve both requests. Dr. McNeir seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisory Status

Dr. Donna Van Kirk submitted the necessary documentation to apply for Supervisory Status. Dr. Souheaver made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Hoggard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Supervision Agreement and Plan

Ms. Kelly Ayers submitted a Supervision Agreement and Plan, to continue accruing her 3,000 hours towards Independent Status, indicating Dr. Jada Vaughan as her New Primary Supervisor. Dr. Souheaver made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Hoggard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Samantha Short submitted a Supervision Agreement and Plan indicating Dr. Rodney Goodwin as her New Primary Supervisor. Mr. Hoggard made a motion to approve the request. Ms. Bryson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Richard Sylvester submitted a Supervision Agreement and Plan indicating Dr. Julia Wood as his New Primary Supervisor. Ms. Bryson made a motion to approve the request. Dr. McNeir seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Recess/Reconvene

The Board recessed for Credential Reviews, Quarterly Reports and lunch at 11:25 am. The Board reconvened at 12:20 pm.

CREDENTIAL REVIEW

The Credential Review Committee made a fully seconded motion to approve the following credentials.

1. Dr. Craig Erisman's credentials were submitted to the Board for consideration as an Applicant Reciprocity Psychologist.
2. Dr. Micholyn Gayoso's credentials were submitted to the Board for consideration as an Applicant Psychologist.

3. Dr. Nina Jefferson's credentials were submitted to the Board for consideration as a National Registry Applicant Psychologist.
4. Dr. Stephen Lucente's credentials were submitted to the Board for consideration as an Applicant Psychologist.
5. Dr. Anne Stevens submitted Ms. Alexandra Meyers' credentials to the Board as a Technician Registration.
6. Dr. Ronald McInroe submitted Mr. Josh Mills' credentials to the Board as a Technician Registration.
7. Dr. Monica Parkins's credentials were submitted to the Board for consideration as an Applicant Psychologist.
8. Dr. Crystal Rofkahr's credentials were submitted to the Board for consideration as an Applicant Psychologist.
9. Dr. Benjamin Silber's credentials were submitted to the Board for consideration as an Applicant Psychologist.

The Board approved all credential review candidates.

Dr. Joyce Fowler submitted Ms. Christa Page's credentials to the Board as a Technician Registration. The Credential Review Committee made a fully seconded motion to approve Ms. Page's credentials as a Technician Registration pending receipt of her Final/Official Transcript.

Quarterly Reports

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

1. Dr. Rachel Battaglia's Quarterly Report for the period of September 2, 2014 – December 2, 2014.
2. Dr. Jason Boye's Quarterly Reports for the period of September 1, 2014 – December 1, 2014.
3. Ms. Sunny Butcher-Keller's Quarterly Report for the period of April 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014.
4. Dr. Andrew Cohen's Quarterly Report for the period of April 17, 2014 – July 17, 2014.

5. Ms. Micholyn Gayoso's Quarterly Report for the period of August 1, 2014 – October 31, 2014.
6. Dr. Sufna John's Quarterly Report for the period of July 21, 2014 – October 20, 2014.
7. Dr. Elizabeth Stout's Quarterly Report for the period of August 12, 2014 – November 12, 2014.
8. Dr. Kathy White's Quarterly Report for the period of July 1, 2014 – October 31, 2014.

The Board approved all quarterly reports.

Dr. Taisha Jones' Quarterly Report forms dated December 27, 2013 – August 27, 2014 were not approved by the Board due to repeated failures to submit the reports in a timely manner. The Board requests that Dr. Jones and her Primary Supervisor, Dr. Mangiaracina, appear at the January 16, 2015 Board Meeting to discuss the consideration of the continued status of her provisional license and the Supervision status of her Primary Supervisor.

The Board set the following Board Meeting dates for 2015:

January 16, 2015 Oral Examinations
February 20, 2015
March 20, 2015
April 17, 2015 Oral Examinations
May 15, 2015
June 19, 2015
July 17, 2015 Oral Examinations
August 21, 2015
September 18, 2015
October 16, 2015 Oral Examinations
November 20, 2015
December 18, 2015

ADJOURN

Dr. Souheaver made a motion to adjourn. Dr. McNeir seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board adjourned at 12:55 PM.