

Minutes
Arkansas Psychology Board
101 East Capitol, Suite 415
Board Room
September 19, 2003

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. John Stephen Holt, Chair, at 9:15 a.m.

Board Members present: Dr. Michael Wyrick, Dr. Russell Dixon, Mr. Larry Lawrence, Dr. Stephen Shry, and Mr. Dwight L. Sowell.

Staff Members present: Mr. James Ammel, Mr. Asheton Carter, Ms. Janet Welsh, and Ms. Rebecca Wright.

Meeting Agenda

Dr. Holt presented the agenda. Dr. Russell Dixon suggested amending the agenda to include discussion of the oral exams under New Business. Dr. Dixon made a motion to approve the agenda with an amendment. Dr. Michael Wyrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Dr. Holt presented the July 25, 2003 minutes. Dr. Dixon made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Dwight Sowell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. James Ammel presented the action item complaint reports with a motion to accept case recommendations.

Complaint #01-01: The Screening Committee recommends procuring an expert's opinion on the validity of the interpretations and opinions expressed by the Respondent in the evaluation report regarding the Complainant in comparison with the actual test data, believing that there are significant discrepancies existing regarding a number of interpretative statements not substantiated by the data and actually contradicted by the provided data. The Board is being asked to authorize that solicitation with financial parameters. If negligent interpretation and assessment is found, the Board is being asked to authorize that the case be taken to a hearing. Dr. Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Complaint #01-14: The Screening Committee recommends a hearing be called on the admitted factual basis for a finding of violation of Standard 4.07 (Sexual Intimacies with Former Therapy Patients) and determination of the appropriate sanction(s) to be imposed

provided that Respondent would still have opportunity to resolve this matter as offered on 8-13-03 (i.e., Consent Order and \$700 payment of renewal fees/penalties owed or resignation of license). Dr. Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing has been scheduled for November.

Complaint #03-03: After review of the exam session tape and all materials, including Complainant's several phone calls and written submissions, the Committee could discern no significant departure by Respondent in standard MSE procedures and noted his repeated offer to suspend the exam if Complainant so desired. Furthermore the Committee could discern no apparent ethical Standards violations (although it did sound like there was some frustration on Respondent's part in trying to administer the MSE) and recommends that this case be closed with such a finding and no further action. Dr. Dixon suggested that a thank-you letter be sent to the psychologist working on the case for his hard work. Dr. Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Complaint #03-05: The Committee discerns that the Respondent had sufficient information in support of her opinions and that there has been a difference in professional opinions about Complainant which do not amount to substantiation of an ethical violation. The complained about communication was not intended for public dissemination and apparently was not disseminated as confirmed by the 2003 attorney-ad-litem, who recommended no change in custody or supervised visitation and who noted that Complainant's own psychiatric expert found the videotape to be revolting. Accordingly, it is recommended that this matter be dismissed and closed with a finding of no violation and no further action. Dr. Dixon seconded the motion. Mr. Sowell abstained. The motion passed with three ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

ASPPB Annual Meeting

The following Board members and staff will be attending the ASPPB Annual meeting in October: Betty Davis, Russell Dixon and Janet Welsh with all expenses paid and Dwight Sowell and Steve Holt with registration only paid. Dr. Wyrick moved to accept the expenses of those attending. Dr. Stephen Shry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

October Board Meeting

The October Board meeting will be cancelled. The November Board meeting will be moved up to November 7, 2003.

NEW BUSINESS

Kevin Warren, Psy.D.: Appeal By A Disciplined Psychologist For Licensure In Arkansas

Dr. Dixon was absent and therefore abstained from the discussion. Dr. Wyrick made a motion to table the item until the Attorney General's Representative, Mr. Asheton Carter, can provide legal options. Dr. Shry seconded the motion. Dr. Dixon was absent and therefore abstained. The motion passed with three ayes.

Additional Office Space

Ms. Welsh stated that the room adjacent to the office would provide more space that could be beneficial to the Board. A price of \$12 per square foot was quoted by Ann Laidlaw of the Arkansas Building Authority. Dr. Wyrick made a motion to consider the room at a lower rate. Dr. Shry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.