

Minutes
Arkansas Psychology Board
101 East Capitol, Suite 415
Board Room
January 16, 2004

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Russell Dixon, Chair, at 9:15 a.m.

Board Members present: Dr. Betty Davis, Dr. Sabra Hassel, Dr. J. Steven Holt, Mr. Larry Lawrence, Dr. Stephen Shry, Mr. Dwight Sowell, and Dr. Michael Wyrick.

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

Guests present: Ms. Elizabeth Glenn and Dr. John Rago.

Meeting Agenda

Dr. Russell Dixon presented the agenda. Dr. Sabra Hassel made a motion to add approval of Act 1211 to New Business. Dr. Betty Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Stephen Shry made a motion to accept the amended agenda. Dr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Dr. Dixon presented the December 19, 2003 minutes. Dr. Shry made a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. Davis seconded the motion. Mr. Dwight Sowell was absent and therefore abstained. The motion passed.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Complaint #01-01 Advisory: A hearing is being scheduled for 3/19/04. Be sure to plan on attending that Board meeting.

Complaint #03-10: There does appear to be a technical violation of Arkansas statute 16-46-106 (Access to Medical Records Act) that repeatedly occurs, particularly in custody and abuse litigation, when Respondent failed to release requested examination data (but no violation as to refusal to release copyrighted test questions to protect the integrity of the test). Otherwise, the examination, itself, and the produced report appear to have been done within acceptable professional standards and the Screening Committee discerns no ethical violation having been committed by Respondent. The Committee therefore

recommends dismissal of the case with a finding of no violation and that no official sanction be applied. Instead, it is also recommended that a letter be issued to Respondent advising in an educational manner about the provisions and requirements of the aforementioned statute and advising that future compliance with it will be expected. Dr. Steve Holt abstained from the motion. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Pacifica University

Dr. Michael Wyrick presented a report on Pacifica University. He stated that he compared the University's courses to approved schools' courses. He also made contact by email. The response he received is that the University will tailor programs according to the Board's stipulations of approved courses so that students may apply for licensure. Dr. Wyrick stated that seven of the University's areas are acceptable, however, personal therapy is not allowed. Dr. Dixon stated that the amount of semester time is insufficient. Dr. Hassel stated that she would also research Pacifica University and work with Dr. Wyrick. Dr. Wyrick stated that he would continue email contact to get more clarification of the University's courses.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Travel to ASPPB International Congress

Ms. Janet Welsh stated that the ASPPB International Congress meeting would take place on April 21-25 in Canada. At the time of the Board meeting, no agenda was available. Those who would like to attend are Dr. Shry, Ms. Welsh, and Ms. Rebecca Wright. Dr. Holt made a motion to accept the attendees. Mr. Larry Lawrence seconded the motion. Mr. Sowell called the question. The motion passed unanimously.

Act 1211 of 1999 – Expense Reimbursement

Dr. Wyrick made a motion to approve Act 1211 of 1999. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. Dr. Holt called the question. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Newsletter Articles

Ms. Welsh stated that she would like the Board Chair to write an article for the newsletter. Mr. Ammel will write an article concerning the law of releasing test scores to patients. Ms. Welsh stated that she would write an article concerning Continuing Education Units.

ORAL EXAMINATION QUESTIONS

The Board discussed each member writing oral exam questions. Dr. Dixon suggested that different areas be covered.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.