

Minutes
Arkansas Psychology Board
101 East Capitol, Suite 415
Board Room
April 30, 2004

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Russell Dixon, Chair, at 9:00 a.m.

Board Members present: Dr. Betty Davis, Dr. Sabra Hassel, Mr. Larry Lawrence, 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. Catherine Chaumont, Ms. Elizabeth Glenn, and Ms. Staci Potratz.

Meeting Agenda

Dr. Russell Dixon presented the agenda. Mr. Dwight Sowell made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Larry Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Dr. Dixon presented the February 20, 2004 minutes. Dr. Mike Wyrick made a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. Betty Davis 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 #00-11 Action: Based on the evidence established through interview of, and interaction with and exchange of information with, Respondent's supervisor, the Committee has determined that there is probable cause to find violations by the Respondent of the aforereferenced Consent Orders by: (1) in not supplying copies of the Orders to Respondent's supervisor for over 1.5 years; (2) in not providing adequate documentation, through the annual supervision report process, of actual activities and duties performed in Respondent's employment; and (3) in engaging in prohibited clinical activities during the period of psychological practice restriction provided for in the Orders. The Committee recommends that these allegations of violations be brought to a hearing for the Board's adjudication of the existence of any violation and, if so found, what additional or different sanction(s) should be applied for any found violation(s). Mr. Sowell recused himself. The motion passed.

Complaint #01-01 Action: A hearing was originally scheduled for 3/04 and later rescheduled for 5/20/04. After re-examining the status of this matter, the Screening Committee is recommending that a hearing be postponed until this case can be compared with several others involving the same Respondent with the assistance of the current Chair in an advisory capacity. Due to a request of the Respondent in 00-11/98-08, the Committee is also recommending that, should the Board adopt the recommendation to conduct a hearing in those latter combined cases, then the hearing date of 5/20/04 could hear the substituted 00-11/98-08 combined cases, provided the Respondent therein waives the advanced "Notice" requirement. Dr. Sabra Hassel called the question. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

W. Harris: Discussion of the number of technicians a neuropsychologist may utilize.

Wightman Harris, Psychological Examiner and President of Arkansas Association of Masters in Psychology (AAMP), made a formal request by electronic mail that the Board give input to Representative Bradford regarding an issue concerning the number of technicians a neuropsychologist may use while adhering to the ASPPB and APA Division 40 guidelines. Mr. Lawrence made a motion to respond to Mr. Harris that the Board will respond to any formal requests for input from Representative Bradford. Dr. Wyrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

J. Rowe: Request that the Board allow clinical teaching experience for post-doctoral hours retroactively acquired.

Jack Rowe, Ph.D., requested by electronic mail that the Board consider accepting his clinical teaching experience for post-doctoral hours retroactively assuming he otherwise meets all of the intended requirements. Mr. Sowell made a motion that Dr. Rowe must meet the requirements in Arkansas to become licensed in this state. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. Dr. Hassel abstained. Dr. Hassel amended the motion to add that each application must be viewed before determining acceptability of teaching experience. Mr. Sowell seconded the amended motion. The motion passed.

Continuing Education Compliance Report

Ms. Rebecca Wright presented a report to the Board of Continuing Education Compliance. She stated that CEU Reporting forms were mailed out on 11/1/03. A second notice letter was mailed first class on 2/2/02. The Attorney General Representative (AG Rep) mailed certified letters with return receipts on 3/18/04. She stated that a total of \$2600 had been collected at the time of the meeting. A total of 37 did not respond to the AG Rep's letters.

Continuing Education Extension Appeals

James Morrison requested an extension for submitting CEUs. The Board agreed that what he has will be acceptable and that he must pay the delinquent fee and submit documentation due to late submission.

Jonelle Chizum requested an extension until 5/15/04. The Board granted the extension.

James Luebben requested an extension until 5/31/04. The Board granted the extension. Mr. Luebben must also pay the delinquent fee and submit documentation.

Christmas Wilbur wrote a letter to the Board concerning her CEUs. It is unclear if she is requesting an extension. The Board agreed to table the issue for the next meeting so that she can make clear what she is requesting.

After discussion, the Board agreed that the matter of major health issues and catastrophes should be discussed so that extensions and fee waivers may be granted.

K. Moore: RIDAC Internship tenure extension

Karlyn Moore requested an extension of her internship tenure at Arkansas Rehabilitation Services. Dr. Wyrick made a motion to allow the extension. Dr. Hassel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A. Sherrod: Request for extension of Provisional Licensure Status

Angelyn Sherrod requested an extension of her Provisional Licensure status. She has paid the fee for the extension. The Board looked at her history of payments and when she first applied for licensure. They questioned why there is a lot of time in between taking the EPPP written exam and her provisional license payments. The Board stated that she must take the EPPP next month and apply for the July orals. If she does not take the exam, she must reapply for licensure.

Amended Statements of Intent

Stacy Moore added “adults” to the populations to be served. Dr. Wyrick made a motion to accept the amendment. Dr. Hassel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Gilbert Sanders requested that the Board recognize the diagnosis and treatment of substance abuse disorders are within the scope of his experience, training, and skill, and that the Board recognizes his ability to discuss and recommend medications to authorized prescribers. The Board agreed that there is no authority within the Board to recognize prescribing medicine.

Carey Rampey added “neuropsychological assessment”. She is testing with supervision and has supervision experience interpreting the test. If coursework is needed for interpretation, she will be notified. Dr. Hassel made a motion to accept the amended statement. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Glen Adams added “Personality Assessment: Objective Tests”. He has received supervision while learning this aspect. Dr. Wyrick made a motion to accept the amended statement. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve Supervisor Status

Swapnila Das submitted her Supervisor Status application. After discussion, Dr. Hassel made a motion to table her application. Dr. Wyrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ronald Smith submitted his Supervisor Status application. After discussion, Dr. Hassel made a motion to table his application. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Schedule for the July – December 2004 Board Meetings

The following dates were given for the July – December 2004 Board meetings: July 16, August 13, September 17, October 15, November 19, and December 17. Dr. Wyrick made a motion to accept the dates and to amend them as necessary. Mr. Sowell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Credential Review Committee

Thomas Merlo’s file was submitted to the Credential Review Committee (CRC). After much discussion, there may be a lengthy process for his license application. He may qualify for a Psychological Examiner license instead of a Psychologist license in Arkansas. The Board agreed that there are more questions to be answered at this time.

Julie Baumberger’s file was submitted to the CRC. She has not acquired enough internship hours that are required in the state of Arkansas. Also, there is no documentation of hypnotherapy training. She must fulfill these items and she can be resubmitted to credential review.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business at this time.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.