

Minutes
Arkansas Psychology Board
101 East Capitol, Suite 415
Board Room
October 14, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

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

Board Members present: Dr. Joe Alford, Dr. Betty Davis, Dr. Russell Dixon, Dr. Sabra Hassel, Dr. Betty Hoffman, Mr. Larry Lawrence, and Mr. Dwight Sowell.

Staff Members present: Mr. James Ammel, Ms. Amy Ford, Ms. Janet Welsh, and Ms. Rebecca Wright.

Guests present: Dr. Ed Engstrom, Ms. Elizabeth Glenn, and Dr. Steve Holt.

Meeting Agenda

Dr. Shry presented the agenda. Dr. Sabra Hassel requested to add a question concerning ethics. Mr. Dwight Sowell requested to add a legislative audit update. Dr. Russell Dixon made a motion to accept the amended minutes. Mr. Larry Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Dr. Shry presented the August 12, 2005 minutes. Dr. Joe Alford made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Dixon 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 #05-04 Action: As can be plainly seen from the foregoing quotation, the complainant about letter clearly makes no reference to “emotional problems” of the Complainant (despite his initial Complaint deceptively alleging that phrase was used and which Complaint had quotation marks around that phrase as if being quoted from the letter that had not been supplied to us at that point, raising the inference that Complainant was being not altogether truthful or honest in that allegation). Further, that letter contains no diagnosis of the Complainant, despite the allegations of the Complaint that Respondent had done so. Essentially, the Committee found no substantiation of any alleged violations of ethical Standards or of anything else. Respondent has supplied seemingly satisfactory explanations and responses to the allegations of the Complaint. The Committee therefore recommends that this matter be dismissed as involving no apparent

and/or sustainable violation. Dr. Dixon called the question. Mr. Sowell opposed. The motion passed.

APPEAL UPDATE: J. MOORE

Ms. Amy Ford, Assistant Attorney General, stated that Dr. Moore filed an appeal in the Jonesboro Circuit Court. Dr. Moore requested the court to stay the Board's decision to suspend his Psychology license pending the appeal. After review of the issues, an agreed order was entered that allows Dr. Moore to continue to work under his current license under supervision. Additionally, Dr. Moore agreed to an expedited briefing schedule. His brief to the Court was filed October 4, 2005. Ms. Ford stated that she will file a brief on behalf of the Board by October 28th. A hearing could occur in January or February 2006.

Ms. Ford stated that Dr. George DeRoeck would supervise Dr. Moore at this time. Monthly reports are required. Dr. Dixon made a motion to approve Dr. DeRoeck as Dr. Moore's supervisor. Dr. Alford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Complaint #01-03 Update

Ms. Ford stated that the licensee of this case failed to comply with the Order entered in this matter, specifically concerning supervision. Ms. Ford recommended a hearing on the issue of compliance with the supervision requirement and asked that the Board authorize her to offer a consent agreement to accept a voluntary surrender of the license. Dr. Dixon stated that a voluntary surrender of the license would be a more satisfactory action than a hearing. The Board approved the recommendation of Ms. Ford.

ETHICS

Dr. Hassel stated that in northwest Arkansas, clinics were forming that included all mental health professions. She stated that a question arose concerning filing insurance. Dr. Hassel asked if the clinic could file insurance under the clinic number without reference to who actually provided the therapy or would this be considered unethical and fraudulent. Dr. Alford stated that there are two questions involved. The ethical question concerns who would be involved if a complaint were made against the psychologist working in the clinic. Also, if supervision were involved, that could be considered under the Psychology Board's jurisdiction. The fraud question would be an insurance issue.

OLD BUSINESS

Newsletter Articles

Ms. Janet Welsh stated that all newsletter articles were due by November 1st.

Hurricane Katrina Update

Ms. Rebecca Wright stated that at this time all Arkansas licensees were safe and unharmed. A handful of licensees went to Louisiana to help with the disaster relief. At this time, no licensees

from the affected areas have requested temporary or full licensure. The Board extends its thanks to all licensees who helped in any way during this time.

The Board presented Ms. Wright with a Certificate of Appreciation for her work with the licensees during the disaster relief.

Rules and Regulations Update

Ms. Welsh stated that the revised Rules and Regulations were approved by the Legislative Audit and would go into effect on October 16, 2005.

Technician Application and Process

After October 16, 2005, technician applications can be mailed to psychologists requesting packets. Dr. Dixon stated that he would approve applications as they are needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Internship Pre-Approval

Amy Cunningham requested pre-approval of her internship at Baptist Health. According to Rule 5.4.F.(2).(r), all internships with only one position must be approved by the Board. Mr. Sowell made a motion to approve the internship. Dr. Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Lana Dillon requested pre-approval of her internship at Arkansas Counseling Associates. After discussion, Mr. Sowell made a motion to approve the internship. Dr. Hassel seconded the motion. Dr. Bettye Hoffman opposed. Dr. Dixon abstained. The motion passed.

Supervisor Status

Dr. Joyce Fowler requested supervisor status. Dr. Hassel made a motion to approve Dr. Fowler for supervisor status. Dr. Alford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Michael Inman requested supervisor status. Mr. Lawrence made a motion to approve Dr. Inman for supervisor status. Dr. Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Alda Moore requested supervisor status. Dr. Hassel made a motion to approve Dr. Moore for supervisor status. Mr. Sowell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Charles Nichols requested supervisor status. Mr. Lawrence made a motion to approve Dr. Nichols for supervisor status. Dr. Betty Davis seconded the motion. Dr. Dixon abstained. The motion passed.

Dr. Conrad Krauft requested supervisor status. After discussion, Dr. Hassel requested that this application be tabled until the November Board meeting. More information will be requested from Dr. Krauft.

Ethics Issue

Ms. Sandi Wilson emailed the Board office asking if an employee of a clinic could also receive therapy from a Psychologist or Psychological Examiner working in the same clinic. Dr. Dixon made a motion that a response be made in writing to Ms. Wilson stating that the Psychologist or Psychological Examiner who provides the therapy needs to determine if employment compromises objectivity and must follow the American Psychological Association's ethics law. The Board does note that there is a potential dual relationship that could be a disservice to the patient. Dr. Alford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Provisional License Extension

Dan Stutts requested a provisional license extension of three months. Dr. Dixon made a motion to approve the extension. Dr. Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bridgette Simone requested a provisional license extension. Dr. Alford made a motion to approve the extension. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. Dr. Dixon abstained. The motion passed.

Scott Maid requested a provisional license extension of three months. Dr. Dixon made a motion to approve the extension. Dr. Alford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Title Change

Dr. Dixon made a motion to change Ms. Welsh's title from Executive Secretary to Executive Director. Dr. Alford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Welsh stated that the line item in the budget will be changed at the next fiscal year.

December Board Meeting

Ms. Welsh requested the December Board meeting be moved to December 9th. After discussion, the Board approved the request.

Election of Officers for CY 2006

After discussion, the officers will remain the same. Congratulations to the officers of 2006:

Dr. Stephen Shry – Chair

Dr. Bettye Hoffman – Secretary

Dr. Sabra Hassel – Treasurer

Dr. Joe Alford will sit on the Complaint Committee.

Legislative Audit Update

Ms. Welsh stated that a procedural audit was performed for FY 2005. No budget audit was performed. There were no adverse findings.

Credential Review

Dr. Ed Engstrom is applying for a Psychologist license as an upgrade. The education he received for his doctorate degree is from Capella University. A full Board credential review was requested by a Board member. After discussion, Mr. Sowell made a motion to accept the Capella University education for Dr. Engstrom. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. Dr. Dixon opposed. The motion passed.

Oral Examinations

The Board voted to recess for Executive Session to prepare and give Oral Examinations.

ADJOURN

Dr. Dixon made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.