

**Minutes**  
**Arkansas Psychology Board**  
**101 East Capitol, Suite 415**  
**Board Room**  
**December 9, 2005**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

Board Members present: Dr. Betty Davis, Dr. Russell Dixon, 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.

**Meeting Agenda**

Dr. Shry presented the agenda. Dr. Betty Hoffman made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Dwight Sowell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Minutes**

Dr. Shry presented the October 14, 2005 minutes. Mr. Sowell made a motion to approve 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 #05-07 Action:*** The Medical Board's attorney was informed that there would be no reasonable way that this referral could be pursued without the cooperation and involvement of its own disciplinary complainant in light of the fact that Respondent had denied the underlying allegation that would form the basis of a psychological ethical complaint (an alleged conflict of interest). That attorney provided contact information for his complainant, and the latter was interviewed. That potential complainant refused to become involved in APB's case and reported that there was not now, and never was, an intent to file a complaint against the Respondent Psychologist. Accordingly, no investigation or disciplinary action could proceed, and the Screening Committee recommends that this matter be closed as being unable to be meaningfully pursued absent an aggrieved participatory complainant. The motion passed unanimously.

***Complaint #05-11 Action:*** The Committee perceives the entire complaint's contents in a manner quite similar to the contentions of Respondent in that no discernible and actionable violation could be discerned as having been committed. A number of references by Complainant to ethical principles (never being more than aspirational in nature) and allegedly-violated

Standards were simply not applicable to the facts and circumstances provided. The Committee therefore recommends that this matter be dismissed with a finding of no violation and, consequently, no discipline being warranted. The motion passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Oral Exam Requirements – Deresa Holler**

Ms. Holler was given restrictions when she was licensed as a Psychological Examiner in January 2005. She has requested to test one day a week without interpreting or scoring the tests and work without supervision. Ms. Holler stated that she would use the funds earned from the testing to take coursework pertaining to scoring and interpreting tests. Dr. Russell Dixon stated that the course could be a better alternative to the training required under Ms. Holler's restrictions. Dr. Dixon made a motion to respond to Ms. Holler in writing that she could not work without supervision. She must meet the requirements of her licensure restrictions. Dr. Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Oral Exam Appeal – Marie Wood**

Dr. Wood requested clarification of why she failed her oral exam. Dr. Dixon made a motion to respond to Dr. Wood in writing providing a summary of her examination and outlining accomplishments for her six-month provisional license. Mr. Larry Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Review of Remediation Proposal – Will Lassiter**

Mr. Lassiter submitted a proposal to meet the requirements of the Board to meet licensure status. The steps outlined are focused on ethics courses rather than internship training. Dr. Dixon stated that Mr. Lassiter needed clarification of an internship or equivalent training, either being six months. This must be Board approved before requesting a Provisional License extension. Dr. Dixon made a motion to respond to Mr. Lassiter in writing that an internship or equivalent must be accomplished for at least six months with supervision and clarifying that the training does not necessarily have to be a formal internship. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Provisional License Extension**

Andrea Todd requested a provisional license extension of six months. Dr. Dixon made a motion to approve the extension. Dr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Christine Lin requested a provisional license extension of six months. Dr. Dixon made a motion to approve the extension. Dr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Asra Khan requested a provisional license extension of six months. Dr. Dixon made a motion to approve the extension. Dr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Supervisor Status**

Dr. David Webster requested supervisor status. Dr. Dixon made a motion to grant supervisory status. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Samuel Hester requested supervisor status. Dr. Dixon made a motion to grant supervisory status. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Richard Back requested supervisor status. Dr. Dixon made a motion to grant supervisory status. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Shea Stillwell requested supervisor status. Dr. Stillwell has met the minimum two years of licensure in another state and is eligible for supervisory status. Dr. Dixon made a motion to grant supervisory status. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Continuing Education Units Deadline Extension – Denise Gilliam**

Dr. Gilliam has requested a CEU deadline of May 1, 2006 due to personal conflicts. Mr. Lawrence made a motion to approve the request. Dr. Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Coursework/Course – Byron Banks**

Mr. Banks is applying for licensure as a Psychological Examiner. His file did not pass credential review. He met only six of the seven core areas. Mr. Banks is requesting to be provisionally licensed so that he can work while he takes another course that would meet the requirements. Dr. Dixon made a motion to deny the request. The course must be taken and all seven core areas must be met before being provisionally licensed. Mr. Sowell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Neuropsychological Assessment Training Pre-Approval – Mark Clark**

Dr. Clark submitted information of Fielding Graduate Institute's Postdoctoral Neuropsychology Training Program. Dr. Clark has been attempting to attend similar programs and each has been discontinued. The current program seems to be well-established. Dr. Clark is requesting confirmation that the current program will meet or exceed the necessary requirements for psychologists to practice Neuropsychology in Arkansas, and he does understand that the program is not being pre-approved. Mr. Sowell made a motion to provide Dr. Clark a written statement as requested. Dr. Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Seminar Reimbursement – Jim Ammel**

Mr. Ammel stated that he would like to attend a seminar titled, "Arkansas Mental Health and The Law 2006". He stated that as the Board's investigator and also as a licensee, this seminar would provide vital information. Mr. Ammel requested a reimbursement of the registration fee. Mr. Sowell made a motion to grant Mr. Ammel's request and to also have a Board member attend the seminar and reimburse the Board member. Dr. Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Board Meeting Dates 2006**

Ms. Janet Welsh presented the following dates for approval:

January 20 - Oral Exams

February 17

March 17

April 14 - Oral Exams

May 19

Dr. Dixon made a motion to accept the Board meeting dates. Dr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **ADJOURN**

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