

**Minutes
Arkansas Psychology Board
101 East Capitol, Suite 415
Board Room
August 25, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Joe Alford, Acting Chair, at 9:00 a.m.

Board Members present: Dr. Betty Davis, Dr. Russell Dixon, Ms. Jane English, Dr. Sabra Hassel, Dr. Bettye Hoffman, Dr. Steve Shry, and Mr. Dwight Sowell.

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

Guests present: Dr. Leonard Nijssen and Dr. Olivia Nijssen.

Meeting Agenda

Dr. Alford presented the agenda. Ms. Jane English made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Sabra Hassel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Dr. Alford presented the July 21, 2006 minutes. Dr. Hassel made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. English 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 #06-01 Action: Respondent has, through her attorney, refuted a number of actual allegations as being incorrect and essentially, in the unanimous opinions of the Screening Committee, disproved the allegations of ethical improprieties. Of primary concern of the Committee was the "charge" that Respondent terminated a relationship with an existing client (Complainant) to provide services to the children in response to the court appointment. That concern was completely alleviated, however, by Respondent's subsequently solicited second response that further explained that Respondent had initially considered the mother and children as a unitary client until learning of the temporary termination of mom's custody due to abuse allegations and placement of the children in foster care and then being appointed by the court to provide counseling to the children. At that point, Respondent considered mom to have a number of additional resources available to her through the original referring organization, compared to the children having few, if any, professional resources to tap, and then terminated the professional relationship with mom in favor of continuing to provide services to the children

under the court appointment and under the premise that Respondent's expertise was in serving children. She appropriately referred Complainant back to the referring agency for redirection. Inasmuch as the Committee has concluded that there is no probable cause to believe that Respondent has committed any ethical violation in relation to the services provided and under the facts and circumstances accepted to be true regarding Respondent's involvement in this matter, it is recommended that this case be dismissed due to the inability to establish an actionable violation. Ms. English and Dr. Hassel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Roy Murtishaw

Ms. Amy Ford, Assistant Attorney General, stated to the Board that Roy Murtishaw is a complainant and that if he were to try to communicate with any of the Board members, they should not talk to him. All complaints go before the Screening Committee and are presented to the Board anonymously unless and until further action is requested by the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Statement of Intent: A. Parker

Amy Parker was licensed as a Psychological Examiner. It was requested of her to remove Objective Personality Assessment from her Statement of Intent. Ms. Parker communicated with the Board that she would like to continue using the PAI (Personality Assessment Inventory) under Objective Personality Assessment and not utilize MMPI until further training is received. Dr. Bettye Hoffman stated that there is no evidence of Ms. Parker's training of the PAI and did not state who is supervising her at this time. Dr. Hoffman requested that more information be obtained of these concerns before making a decision of Ms. Parker's Statement of Intent. Dr. Russell Dixon made a motion that Ms. Parker be contacted by letter requesting more information concerning PAI training and supervision being obtained before making a decision concerning her Statement of Intent. Mr. Dwight Sowell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ASPPB Annual Meeting

Ms. Janet Welsh presented the information concerning the next annual ASPPB meeting. The 2006 Annual Meeting will be held October 25-29 in San Diego, CA. Ms. English, Mr. Sowell, and Ms. Welsh have requested to attend. Attendance will be allocated for Mr. Dwight Sperry if he wishes to attend. Dr. Hassel made a motion to approve attendance of Ms. English, Mr. Sowell, Mr. Dwight Sperry, and Ms. Welsh to the ASPPB meeting. Dr. Betty Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

EPPP Score Appeal: J. Michael Wood

Dr. Wood took the EPPP (Examination for Professional Practice of Psychology) in 1998 and passed a half percent below the accepting percentage at that time for Psychologists. He is applying with the Board at the Psychologist level and requested the Board to consider rounding up his percentage score to be accepted at the doctoral level and not re-take the EPPP. Mr. Sowell made a motion to grant Dr. Wood's request to round up his score to be accepted at the doctoral level. Ms. English seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Alford turned the meeting over to Dr. Steve Shry, Chair.

Supervisor Status

Dr. Janice Dean requested supervisor status. Mr. Sowell made a motion to grant supervisory status. Dr. Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Website: Dr. Leonard Nijssen

Dr. Nijssen presented to the Board his website, www.Arkansas-Gifted-Children.com. He has requested mailing lists from several licensing agencies in the state to contact those licensees and let them know of the website he has created. He stated that the website is strictly informational and is a free site for all schools and professional people dealing with gifted children to post and find information about curriculum and services offered. He stated that there will be no chat or discussion forums; the website is simply to post and find information.

Board Office Risk Assessment

Ms. Welsh stated that it was suggested that a Board member start signing her timesheet and leave requests and sign off on the Risk Assessment survey. Dr. Alford stated that he would do these as he local and could come by the office as needed. Ms. Welsh also requested that during the yearly election of officers, that the Treasurer be local and to be the one that signs any necessary paperwork for Ms. Welsh. Dr. Dixon made a motion to grant Ms. Welsh's request. Dr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Newsletter Articles 2006

Ms. Welsh requested that newsletter articles be submitted by early to mid October.

Provisional License Extension: K. Bruner

Karis Bruner requested a two month provisional license extension. She will be taking the EPPP at the end of August and if she passes, take her oral exam in October. Dr. Dixon made a motion to grant the extension. Dr. Hoffman and Mr. Sowell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Discussion followed.

Dr. Hassel made a motion to reconsider this issue. Dr. Alford seconded the motion. Mr. Sowell opposed. The motion passed. Discussion followed.

Dr. Dixon made a motion to deny the extension stating that the letter sent to provisional licensees states that only one year of provisional licensure is provided. Ms. English seconded the motion. Mr. Sowell opposed. The motion passed.

The Board recessed for the remand hearing of J. Paul Moore at 10:00 a.m.

The Board reconvened after the remand hearing of J. Paul Moore at 1:00 p.m.

School Psychologist Guidelines

Dr. Hassel stated that she and Dr. Alford conducted an oral interview in July for an applicant with a doctorate in school psychology. The applicant did not have enough clinical experience during her internship. She stated that students/applicants with school psychology degrees need guidelines to obtain enough clinical experience in their internships to be licensed by the Board.

February 2006 Board Meeting Minutes

Dr. Shry stated that the February 17, 2006 minutes should reflect that he and Ms. Welsh attended the ASPPB Midyear meeting.

Mr. Sowell stated that Jerry Gulledge requested to use the word "Clinical" in his title. Arkansas does not license by specialty. Dr. Gulledge can use the title "Provisional License Psychologist" only at this time.

Senior Psychologist Application

There is confusion about the Senior Psychologist application/license. Arkansas does not license by specialty. The title looks to have two meanings: 1) mobility from another state or 2) specialty license. The section of the Rules and Regulations shows this license as a specialty license and should be moved to another section showing it simply as a mobility license. Ms. Welsh stated that she would contact Dr. Robert Doyle about this issue for clarification.

ADJOURN

Dr. Alford made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.