

**Minutes**  
**Arkansas Psychology Board**  
**101 East Capitol, Suite 415**  
**Board Meeting**  
**December 8, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

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

Guests present: Ms. Elizabeth Glenn

**Meeting Agenda**

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

**Minutes**

Dr. Shry presented the November 17, 2006 minutes. Mr. Dwight Sowell requested that a line be added to the body of the minutes stating that there was an oral examination of an applicant. Mr. Sowell made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Mr. Dwight Sperry 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 #06-04 Action:*** As the Board will recall, the issue of the commingling of forensic test populations was previously provided to the Board at its July 2006 meeting for its reaction as to whether such an environmental circumstance could ever be appropriate. The board advised that such a testing environment would, in fact, never be appropriate.

Subsequently, to continue pursuit of Complainant's other allegations, it was determined that we would need a copy of the forensic custody evaluation report in issue and a summary listing of which contents were deemed to be inaccurate or misrepresentational. Complainant was requested in writing on 8/8/06 to provide that information. Without response, a reminder letter was sent on 9/19/06. Complainant then informed us that she had not received the earlier 8/8/06 letter, so she was allowed until 10/16/06 to provide the requested report and supportive

information. Although providing some additional facts by cover letter dated 10/14/06, Complainant did not actually provide a copy of the report or the Committee-requested information. By phone conference on 10/17/06, Complainant was advised that the Screening Committee was still awaiting the requested information and was allowed until the end of October to submit that. She was also apprised of the fact that an issue of due process could be raised by a respondent if left hanging (twisting in the wind) without meaningful activity transpiring in pursuit of a complaint. On 11/15/06 Complainant called to report that she had material to tender but that it was far from being completed; she was advised to finish her product and submit all requested material by no later than the 12/6/06 Screening committee meeting. Nothing requested (5 separate times) had been received from Complainant by that fourth and final deadline. Accordingly, under due process considerations, the Committee is recommending that this matter now be dismissed due to failure of the Complainant to timely cooperate with requests for data and information required to enable the committee to pursue investigation of her allegations. Should that recommendation be adopted the Committee also intends to incorporate in its "results advisement" letter to Respondent's attorney that the Board has frowned upon the test population-commingling practice of his client and would appreciate his client voluntarily abandoning that inappropriate manner of mixing such populations, with additional warning that any future complaint about a continuing engagement in such practice could result in vigorous pursuit of sanction(s).

The motion passed. Dr. Russell Dixon and Mr. Sowell abstained.

**Authorization Needed:** A professional continuing education organization has scheduled a teleconference seminar for Tuesday, January 30, 2007, from 12:00 to 1:30 pm, pertaining to "Medical Records 101: Responding to Requests for Patient Information." If registered for by 1/3/07, the cost is \$179.00 for a site, with any number of listeners allowed to be present. Considering the number of complaints that involve an issue regarding release of records, the Screening Committee believes this could be a worthwhile instructional event and recommends the Board approve a site registration (\$199 if after 1/3/07) by our Executive Director for the Board offices. If registered, then any Board member would also be eligible to attend the 1/30/07 program.

Discussion followed. Dr. Dixon called the question. The motion passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Newsletter**

The draft newsletter was presented to the Board. Dr. Alford made a motion to accept the newsletter. Dr. Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Credential Review – Full Board: C. Cooper – Internship**

Mr. Sowell stated that he performed the credential review of Christopher Cooper's file. He stated that the internship hours earned was non-conforming with the Board's Rules and Regulations; however, the internship did appear to meet the requirements. Mr. Sowell made a

motion to accept the internship and to pass the file in credential review. Dr. Sabra Hassel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Provisional License Status – New Procedure**

Ms. Janet Welsh presented to the Board an update to the Provisional License status. She requested that the master's level applicants receive twelve (12) months of provisional license status and the doctoral level applicants to receive eighteen (18) months of provisional license status. This change would decrease the number of extensions requested.

Ms. Welsh also presented to the Board the updated letters stating the above and also highlighting that the EPPP must be taken within the provisional license status period.

Discussion followed. Dr. Dixon requested that the items in the letter be bullet items rather than in paragraph form. Dr. Dixon made a motion to accept the new provisional license procedure and the amended letters. Mr. Sperry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Restrictions of License – T. Hough**

Dr. Tanya Hough requested clarification of her restrictions of licensure. The Board requested that Dr. Hough perform 25 MMPI-2 protocols within six months then sit for a second oral examination pertaining to the objective test. Dr. Dixon stated that the evaluations do not need to be signed by a supervisor. However, any supervision received will need to be logged. Dr. Hassel made a motion that Dr. Hough remove objective tests from her Statement of Intent. If she does intend to perform these tests, she will need to be supervised but will not need a supervisor to co-sign. Also, the six month time limit has been removed. Ms. English seconded the motion. Dr. Dixon called the question. The motion passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Supervisory Status**

Christina Scott requested supervisory status. She provided background experience and a vitae with references listed. Mr. Sperry recused. Dr. Alford made a motion to approve Dr. Scott. Dr. Hassel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

June Daniels requested supervisory status. She provided background experience, a reference and a transcript showing graduate coursework on supervision. Dr. Hassel made a motion to approve Dr. Daniels. Dr. Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Provisional License Extension**

Penny Dedmon requested a provisional license extension due to personal and family. Dr. Dixon made a motion to approve the extension and that it be for six (6) months. Dr. Hassel seconded the motion. Mr. Sowell abstained. The motion passed.

Amanda Boeke requested a provisional license extension due to lapse in supervision and lapse in granting the provisional license and the start date of the post-doctoral program. Dr. Alford made a motion to grant the extension. Ms. English seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Matthew Feldner requested a provisional license extension due to finishing his post-doctoral program in December and having yet to take the EPPP. Mr. Sperry made a motion to approve the extension. Dr. Alford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Forensics Mentor: J. Wood/C. Mallory**

Dr. Julia Wood and Dr. Charles Mallory would like for Dr. Wood to mentor psychologists on forensic evaluations. Each stated that this would be a quality check rather than a supervision agreement. Dr. Dixon made a motion to approve Dr. Wood to mentor psychologists on forensic evaluations. Dr. Hassel seconded the motion. Mr. Sperry abstained. The motion passed.

### **Private Practice of Provisional Licensee: C. Lack**

Caleb Lack is a doctoral level provisional licensee. He would like to provide psychological services in a private practice setting under the supervision of a licensed, Board-approved supervisor; however, Dr. Lack would be acquiring the office space. The Board discussed that it would appear that Dr. Lack would be practicing independently while working under a provisional license which is not allowed under the Board's Rules and Regulations. Dr. Lack must work in a setting, public or private, under the direction and control of a licensed Psychologist. Dr. Alford made a motion to deny Dr. Lack his request. Dr. Hassel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Board Meeting Dates for 2007-2008**

The January – May 2007 dates were presented the Board. After discussion, the Board amended the dates and also scheduled meeting dates until January 2008. Below are the accepted dates:

2007	January	19	Orals
	February	23	
	March	23	
	April	20	Orals
	May	18	
	July	20	Orals
	August	24	
	September	21	
	October	26	Orals
	November	16	
	December	7	
2008	January	11	Orals

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

**Farewell to the Outgoing Chair**

Dr. Steve Shry was presented with a plaque for his service on the Board. Dr. Shry has served ten years on the Board and two of those years as the Chair.

**Passing of the Gavel**

Dr. Shry officially passed the gavel to the Chair-elect, Mr. Dwight Sowell. Mr. Sowell will Chair the Board in 2007.

**ADJOURN**

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