

Minutes
Arkansas Psychology Board
101 East Capitol, Suite 415
Board Meeting
April 25, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

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

Board Members present: Dr. Joe Alford, Dr. Russell Dixon, Ms. Jane English, Ms. Elizabeth Glenn, Dr. Edward Kleitsch, Dr. Tom Poling and Mr. Dwight Sperry.

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

Guests present: Mr. David Boyd, Mr. Wightman Harris, Mr. Jim Moreland, and Dr. Betsy Speck-Kern.

Meeting Agenda

Dr. Hassel presented the agenda. Dr. Hassel requested an executive session to discuss personnel issues. Mr. Dwight Sperry moved to approve the amended agenda. Ms. Jane English seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Dr. Hassel presented the March 28, 2008 minutes and the April 4, 2008 minutes. Ms. Elizabeth Glenn moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Sperry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Complaint Committee Report

Mr. James Ammel presented a case from the Complaint Committee with request for Board guidance:

Dr. Caleb Lack is a university professor responsible for a practicum course for second year graduate psychology students and is having those students provide services (intakes, some psychological testing, and eventual therapy) in his for-profit private practice for which his clients are being charged directly for such services (on a sliding fee scale). Dr. Lack, who is practicing himself under a supervision requirement imposed by the Board, contended that this arrangement was the only way his students could obtain some clinical experience. Although Dr. Lack contended that university officials had cleared this arrangement, after discussion the Board members uniformly concluded that this arrangement inescapably constituted a violation minimally of ethical Standard 3.05(a) Multiple Relationships and likely presented at least the appearance of violating Standards 3.06 Conflict of Interest and 3.08 Exploitative Relationships. Ms. English moved to send a "cease & desist immediately" letter, citing the involved violations, to Dr. Lack (copied to the university department head and Dr. Lack's current clinical supervisor)

that also pointed out that he seemingly lacked the supervisory credentials to be supervising such students working within a community agency. Mr. Sperry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Psychological Examiner Independent / Technician Registration

With the inception of the independent practice for Psychological Examiner, confusion arose as to who could continue with neuropsychological assessment under supervision or if the independent examiners must register as technicians. Discussion followed.

Dr. Joe Alford moved that psychological examiners and independent psychological examiners who had or have neuropsychological assessment (administration and scoring) under supervision on their Statement of Intent may continue practicing as such. Independent psychological examiners may include this under "other". Psychological examiners after January 2008 may not include neuropsychological assessment unless they have met the requirements of the National Academy of Neuropsychology (NAN) guidelines. Mr. Sperry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Secretary Position

Dr. Alford stated that Denise Luckett has declined the position of Executive Secretary. He stated that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has given permission for the APB to hire the best suited candidate for the position. Dr. Hassel stated that the candidates interviewed would be discussed in the Executive Session.

Continuing Education Reporting (CEU) – Rules & Regulations Review

Ms. Rebecca Wright provided copies of the current Rules & Regulations and copies of Chapter 97 showing the language concerning the reporting of CEUs. She stated that Chapter 97 has general language and that the Rules & Regulations have specific language. The Rules & Regulations language can be modified as necessary to change the type of CEU reporting required. The Board stated that it would review the Rules & Regulations concerning CEU reporting and decide if the CEU reporting requirements should be changed.

CEU Reporting – 2006-2007 Biennium

Ms. Wright stated that approximately twenty (20) letters from the assistant Attorney General, Ms. Amy Ford, were mailed at the beginning of April as the final notice for CEU reporting. As of this date, six (6) licensees have not responded.

Ms. Wright stated that there were only four (4) CEU audits at this Board meeting.

License Application Modifications

Ms. Wright presented the Board with a draft application with modifications. The Board stated that the modifications are accepted and to proceed with the changes. Ms. Wright will update all level applications.

Database Update

Ms. Wright informed the Board of the status with GL Suite and having the online license renewal ready by May 1. She stated that there have been grave problems with GL Suite. It is possible that the online license renewal will not begin on May 1 as requested. This will be the fifth (5th) year that online license renewal has not begun on May 1.

The Board requested that more information be gathered concerning the database FileMaker Pro. At this time, there is one issue with FileMaker Pro that may be overcome with training.

Newsletter

Ms. Wright stated that the newsletter has not been started due to working on CEU reporting and working on the current database. The Board requested that the newsletter be completed as quickly as possible and mailed to the licensees in May.

Directory of Licensees

Ms. Wright stated that the directory for 2007 was not completed due to Rules & Regulation changes not being completed and due to new Board members being appointed. Ms. Wright stated that she would like the most current information included in the directory. The 2008 directory will be completed after the 2008-2009 license renewal.

New Business**Provisional License Extension Requests**

Robert Doneski requested a six (6) month extension. Dr. Doneski is applying at the doctoral level and has a total of three (3) six-month provisional license periods. Therefore, an extension request is not necessary.

Independent Study Practicum Course Approval

Shannon Clark requested approval of an independent study practicum course under supervision. Mr. Clark requested the approval of an online course to fulfill the seventh graduate level course work required by the Rules & Regulations.

Ms. English moved to not approve the independent study practicum course. The course must be attended on campus. Ms. English moved to approve the online course as long as the institution is regionally accredited. Dr. Russell Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Internship Pre-Approval

Michelle Messer requested pre-approval of an internship program to be completed at Northeast Florida State Hospital in MacClenny, FL. Dr. Dixon moved to approve the internship program. Dr. Alford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Status

Alison Leukefeld requested supervisory status. She submitted an application, a transcript, and three (3) letters of recommendation from licensed Psychologists. Dr. Dixon moved to grant supervisory status. Dr. Alford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

David Derr requested supervisory status. He submitted an application, a transcript, and three (3) letters of recommendation from licensed Psychologists. Dr. Alford moved to grant supervisory status. Mr. Sperry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered executive session at 10:35 am.

The Board recessed for oral examinations at 11:00 am.

The Board reconvened at 12:10 pm.

Executive Session

Dr. Dixon moved to approve the hiring of Kelly Kendall for the Executive Secretary position. Dr. Alford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Kendall will be notified this day of the Board's decision.

The Board stated that it was finalizing the details of Ms. Janet Welsh's retirement reception.

Adjourn

Dr. Dixon made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Sperry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board adjourned at 12:15 pm.