

**Minutes
Arkansas Psychology Board
101 East Capitol, Suite 415
Board Meeting
February 21, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The Arkansas Psychology Board meeting was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Edward Kleitsch, at 10:15 AM.

ROLL CALL

Board Members present: Ms. Dixie Bryson, Dr. Joyce Fowler, Mr. Skip Hoggard, Dr. Edward Kleitsch, Dr. Lisa McNeir, Dr. Kevin Reeder, and Dr. Gary Souheaver.

Board Members Excused: Dr. Mehta

Staff Members present: Mr. James Ammel, Ms. Amy Ford, Ms. Sheila Pauley, and Ms. Maggie Sponer.

Dr. Kleitsch welcomed Dr. Fowler as the newest Board Member.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Hoggard made a motion to amend the agenda to indicate Dr. Gillaspay approaching the Board prior to the report from the Complaint Committee. Dr. Souheaver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Souheaver made a motion to include the additional items received this morning from staff. Dr. McNeir seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

Dr. McNeir made a motion to approve the January 17, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes after grammatical corrections. Ms. Bryson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gillaspay approached the Board regarding approving supervision for Pre-Doctoral Interns in order to be reimbursed by Medicaid. Dr. Gillaspay explained to the Board that his committee met with representatives from Department of Health (DHS) regarding Medicaid reimbursement. DHS representatives advised they are going to have to check the State Medicaid Plan. DHS needs assurance that the Interns are being supervised appropriately. Dr. Gillaspay requested having the language in the Rules and Regulations, § 6.1.B. clarified and §6.3 outlined. Ms. Ford suggested changing the Rules and Regulations through an emergency rule change and adopting the same practices of supervision the Board had developed for Licensed Psychological Examiners (LPE's).

Dr.Souheaver made a motion to indorse the proposal presented by Dr. Gillaspy and Dr. McNeir. Dr. Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT FROM THE COMPLAINT COMMITTEE

12-08 [Rec'd 08-07-12] ADVISORY ITEM

COMPLAINANT: A non-custodial mother who had been ordered to have supervision during visitation with her minor son. Respondent psychologist had been providing therapy services to that minor.

RESPONDENT :The treating psychologist who was subsequently called as an expert witness to provide testimony and recommendations at an 09/09 court hearing and thereafter continued to supply therapeutic services to the minor. Respondent subsequently advocated that visitation be reduced beyond even the very limited amount Complainant already had been allowed.

STATUS/RECOMMENDATIONS: The Committee (with alternate Assistant Attorney General due to recusal by our own designated Senior Asst. AG) found probable cause for a finding of serial violations of Multiple Relationships and a significant Avoiding Harm violation, as well as potential violations of Cooperating with Other Professionals and Standards of Assessment, recommended to the Board that a Consent Order be initially attempted with Respondent incorporating the following sanctions and directives: 1) After a therapy termination interview with the minor (advised by the Board), no further professional services or expert testimony would be provided to that minor or on his behalf; 2) a Letter of Reprimand; 3) a fine of \$2,500; and 4) at least one hour of additional continuing education related specifically to Multiple Relationships.

UPDATE: As of 3/17/14, the Respondent has failed to respond to the 02/17/14 Investigator's letter proffer of a Consent Order resolution approved by the Board. At the February meeting, the Board also approved a potential hearing date for this matter to occur on its May 16th meeting date.

13-03 [Rec'd 05/20/13] ADVISORY ITEM

UPDATE: At the request of Respondent's attorney regarding the allegations of violation of Multiple Relationships and Avoiding Harm, the Committee further recommended that the authorized Consent Order be altered to incorporate a Letter of Caution (rather than a Letter of Reprimand) and a "non-admission" clause, with the remaining sanctions staying the same as previously Board-authorized. These changes were approved by the Board considering that any sanction is reportable to the national disciplinary data-base.

FURTHER UPDATE: Respondent Dr. Blanchard and her attorney have approved the revised Consent Order already authorized by the Board and Respondent Blanchard has signed the Consent Order on 03/04/14. It is now awaiting Exec. Dir. Pauley's signature and dating to make it effectuated and implemented. Accordingly, this complaint file is

closed with notification to the national disciplinary data-base(s) as applicable, as well as to the Respondent and her attorney and the Complainant. A copy of the complete Consent Order follows for the Board's elucidation:

C-14-02 [Rec'd 02/13/14]ADVISORY ITEM

COMPLAINANT: A mother of an adult jailed inmate complained that a forensic psychologist had misinterpreted and ignored data supplied to him regarding her son and advocated his incarceration. The mother also alleged that Respondent was not facilitating the delivery of psychotropic medications to the inmate who was allegedly threatening suicide and which medication was allegedly prescribed by a psychiatrist. She also asserted racial discrimination.

RESPONDENT :A private practitioner psychologist who had been appointed by Circuit Court to solely perform a "competency evaluation" of the Complainant's son. Due to lack of cooperation by the defendant, Respondent reported to the court that he was incapable of making definitive statements about the defendant's competency and capacities and recommended referral to the State Hospital for further evaluation. Respondent had no apparent responsibility or authority to ensure medication management of the incarcerated adult son. While Complainant mother had been advocating referral to the State Hospital, the Respondent clearly did so. There has been supplied no proof that Respondent had advised or recommended continued incarceration of the defendant.

STATUS: The Screening Committee determined that there was absolutely no provided substantive aspect to the Complainant's complaint that would either invoke disciplinary jurisdiction or warrant further investigation of the Complaint by the Board's Complaints Committee. Accordingly, this matter was administratively closed without necessity of any Board Action. The Complainant will be so advised. [Incidentally, no HIPAA or other adequate release signed by the adult incarcerated son was ever supplied by the Complainant despite her being told much earlier that such would be needed to adequately consider the nature of the Complaint.]

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel Committee

Dr. Souheaver notified the Board that the Personnel Committee met this month. The Personnel Committee notified staff that since no one Board Member can speak on behalf of the Board, then it should be policy that if a Board Member's name is included on outgoing correspondence, prior notification of the Board Member(s) must be given before documentation leaves the Board office. The intent of the notification policy is to establish accuracy.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Hoggard notified the Board that the February reconciliation will be finished next week. Mr. Hoggard informed the Board that the Board office is in the process of moving to a Treasury Account and having the credit card machine transferred over to the Information Network of Arkansas (INA) system with minor fee adjustments.

Director's Report

Ms. Pauley notified the Board that the Treasury does not allow electronic transfer funds, so the credit card machine needs to be transferred to INA. Ms. Pauley informed the Board that it is necessary to make adjustments to the transaction fees in order to cover costs. Dr. Souheaver made a motion to approve the adjusted fees. Mr. Hoggard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pauley informed the Board that she is scheduled to have a meeting with Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) on Thursday, February 27, 2014 to discuss Mr. Ammel's contract. Ms. Pauley stated that rather than take bids every year for the Investigator's position, she would like to enter into a contract with Mr. Ammel that has the option of renewing every year, up to seven years, including \$ 24,000 per fiscal year, plus travel reimbursement outside of Pulaski County. This contract can be renegotiated each year. Dr. Souheaver recommendation support Ms. Pauley's efforts in expediting this process.

Dr. Souheaver made a motion to nominate Dr. Reeder as the new Board Secretary. Dr. Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Recess/Reconvene

The Board recessed for lunch 11:25 AM.

The Board reconvened at 12:10 AM.

Board Business

Begin Accruing 3,000 hours towards Independent Status

Ms. Sunnie Butcher-Keller submitted a Supervision Agreement and Plan with Dr. Travis Tunnell to begin accruing 3,000 hours towards Independent Status. Dr. Souheaver made a motion to approve this request, pending Ms. Butcher-Keller clarifies the supervision type. Ms. Butcher-Keller indicated under Other "email if unable to meet face to face" on her Supervision Agreement and Plan. The Board would like to remind her that while accruing 3,000 hours towards Independent Status, she must meet for a minimum of one (1) per week Individual, face to face, weekly supervision. Ms. Bryson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Russell House submitted a Supervision Agreement and Plan with Dr. Cynthia Patton to begin accruing 3,000 hours towards Independent Status. Dr. Souheaver made a motion to deny the request based on the fact that Mr. House's Supervision Agreement and Plan with Dr. Patton indicated one (1) hour per week Individual, face to face supervision, for a period of three (3) times per month. In addition, the Supervision Agreement and Plan indicated Group Supervision as one (1) hour per month. The Board would like to remind Mr. House that while accruing 3,000 hours towards Independent Status, he must meet for a minimum of one (1) hour per week Individual, face to face supervision. Mr. House may not substitute supervision sessions. Dr. Reeder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Alice Keener submitted a Supervision Agreement and Plan with Dr. Chrystal McChristian to begin accruing 3,000 hours towards Independent Status. Dr. Souheaver made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Hoggard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Danielle Reece submitted a revised Statement of Intent adding Objective Personality Testing, along with a Supervision Agreement and Plan with Dr. Ronald Bramlett to begin accruing 3,000 hours towards Independent Status. Dr. Souheaver made a motion to approve the request. Ms. Bryson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Melissa Sigel submitted a Supervision Agreement and Plan with Dr. Shari Gaudette to begin accruing 3,000 hours towards Independent Status. Mr. Hoggard made a motion to approve the request. Dr. McNeir seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Allie Wakefield submitted a Supervision Agreement and Plan with Dr. Cynthia Patton to begin accruing 3,000 hours towards Independent Status. Dr. Souheaver made a motion to approve the request. Ms. Bryson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Daniel Wysocki submitted a Supervision Agreement and Plan with Dr. Daniel Gilchrist to begin accruing 3,000 hours towards Independent Status. Dr. Souheaver made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Hoggard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Completion of 3,000 hours towards Independent Status

Ms. Leslie Batlz submitted the Licensee Completion Forms and a new Statement of Intent PE – Independent Practice for consideration. Dr. Souheaver made a motion to grant Independent Status to Ms. Baltz. Dr. McNeir seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Yousef Fahoum submitted the Licensee Completion Forms and a new Statement of Intent PE – Independent Practice for consideration. Mr. Hoggard made a motion to grant

Independent Status to Mr. Fahoum. Ms. Bryson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Extension of Provisional Licensure

Dr. Megan Edwards submitted a letter requesting a six (6) month extension of her Provisional Licensure to take the EPPP and sit for Oral Examinations in July 2014. Dr. Reeder made a motion to approve the request. Ms. Bryson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Out of State Licensee Letters

Dr. Natalie Brown submitted a letter to the Board indicating that she will be in the State of Arkansas by the end of March to conduct a Forensic Evaluation with the possibility of having to return to provide testimony. Dr. Souheaver advised that a thank you letter be sent to Dr. Brown for her notification. A motion approving her request passed unanimously.

Supervision Agreement and Plan

Ms. Danielle Archie submitted a Supervision Agreement and Plan indicating Dr. Heidi Thompson as her New Primary Supervisor. Dr. Souheaver made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Hoggard seconded the motion. Dr. McNeir abstained. The motion passed.

Dr. Elizabeth Chaisson submitted a Supervision Agreement and Plan indicating Dr. Fred Woolverton as her New Primary Supervisor. Dr. McNeir made a motion to approve the request. Dr. Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Micholyn Gayoso submitted a Supervision Agreement and Plan indicating Dr. Kenneth Counts as her New Primary Supervisor. Dr. Souheaver made a motion to approve the request. Dr. McNeir seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Karen Rineheart submitted a Supervision Agreement and Plan indicating Dr. Glen Lowitz as her New Primary Supervisor. Mr. Hoggard a motion to approve the request. In addition, a second notice of advisement was sent regarding the area of "Other" on Ms. Rineheart's Statement of Intent, notifying that the Board reserves the right to reject anything indicated under "Other" as an area of practice to be served. Dr. Souheaver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Matthew Sutton submitted a Supervision Agreement and Plan indicating Dr. Susan Allen as his New Primary Supervisor. Dr. Souheaver made a motion to approve the request. Ms. Bryson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Karin Vanderzee submitted a Supervision Agreement and Plan indicating Dr. Khiela Holmes as her New Secondary Supervisor. Dr. McNeir made a motion to approve the request. Ms. Bryson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisory Status

Dr. Meagan McPherson submitted the appropriate documentation to request Supervisory Status. Dr. Souheaver made a motion to approve the request. Dr. McNeir seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CREDENTIAL REVIEWS

1. Dr. Kathleen Grubb's credentials were presented to the Board as an Applicant Reciprocity Psychologist. The Credential Review Committee made a fully seconded motion to approve Dr. Grubb's credentials, granting her Provisional Licensure and admitting her to the next available Oral Exam.
2. Dr. Mark Clark submitted a Technician Registration for Ms. Patty Nelson to the Board for consideration. Dr. Souheaver made a motion to approve the Technician Registration. Dr. Fowler seconded the motion. Ms. Bryson abstained. The motion passed.

Recess/Reconvene

The Board recessed to review Quarterly Reports 12:55 PM.

The Board reconvened at 1:10 PM.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

The Credential Review Committee made a fully seconded motion to approve the following Quarterly Report forms:

1. Dr. Richard Barrett's Monthly Reports for the periods of December 10, 2013 – January 8, 2014 and January 9, 2014 – February 5, 2014. The Board requested that Dr. Barrett and his Supervising Psychologist come in front of the Board before July 2014 to update the Board on his supervision year of disciplinary action.
2. Dr. James Carpenter's Quarterly Reports for the period of October 8, 2013 – January 8, 2014
3. Dr. Megan Edwards' Quarterly Reports for the period of November 1, 2013 – January 19, 2014.
4. Dr. Angela Perea's Quarterly Reports for the period of September 15, 2013 – December 14, 2013.
5. Dr. Karin Vanderzee's Quarterly Reports for the period of October 9, 2013 – January 8, 2014.

6. Dr. Kathy White's Quarterly Report for the period of September 22, 2013 –
December 22, 2013.

ADJOURN

Dr. Souheaver made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Bryson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board adjourned at 1:15 PM.