

**TENNESSEE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY  
MINUTES**

**DATE:** January 24, 2008

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m., CST

**LOCATION:** Health Related Boards  
Iris Room  
227 French Landing, Suite 150  
Nashville, TN 37243

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Carl Gilleylen, Psy.D., Chair  
Robert Kores, Ph.D., Vice Chair  
Patrick Lavin, Ph.D.  
Janice Martin, Ph.D.  
David Caye, MS, Sr. PE  
Susan Strickler, Ph.D.  
Mark Sigler, Ph.D., Sr. PE  
Evelyn Kemp, Psy.D.  
Brenda Hunter, Consumer Member

**STAFF PRESENT:** Melody Spitznas, Board Administrator  
Barbara Maxwell, Administrative Director  
Diona Layden, Advisory Attorney  
Lakita Taylor, Administrator

Dr. Gilleylen called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. All Board members were present.

**Review/Ratify November 15, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes**

Upon review of the November 15, 2007 board meeting minutes, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lavin, to approve the minutes with revisions. The motion carried.

**Conflict of Interest Policy Statement**

Ms. Layden reviewed the Conflict of Interest Policy with the board asking the Board members to disclose any conflict of interest they may have prior to contested cases or any other legal proceedings or matters to determine if there is a conflict of interest.

Ms. Layden stated that if a Board member does have a conflict of interest they must recuse him/herself and leave the hearing room during the proceeding.

## **Office of General Counsel Report**

Ms. Layden reviewed the OGC report stating there are currently no rule amendments to report at this time.

Ms. Layden stated there are currently three (3) open cases pertaining to the Board of Examiners in Psychology.

## **Investigative Report**

Ms. Stone reviewed the Investigative Report stating there are currently twenty-two (22) complaints against psychologists. Ms. Stone said twenty-one (21) complaints have been closed; thirteen (13) with no action, two (2) with a letter of concern; two (2) with a letter of warning; and, four (4) referred to OGC.

Ms. Stone stated there are currently five (5) complaints against psychological examiners. Ms. Stone said three (3) have been closed; two (2) with no action; and, one (1) referred to OGC.

Ms. Stone stated there currently zero (0) complaints against psychological assistants.

## **Disciplinary Report**

Ms. Stone reviewed the disciplinary report, which gives the name of the disciplined practitioners, their license number, date of action, expiration date, civil penalty costs, continuing education requirements, reporting, peer assistance, and comments.

Ms. Stone stated there are currently eleven (11) practitioners being monitored.

## **Financial Report**

Ms. Spitznas reviewed the Financial Report stating the board has a cumulative carryover as of June 30, 2007 of \$250,284.26.

## **Administrative Report**

Ms. Spitznas reviewed the Administrative Report stating there are currently 1308 active psychologists, 590 retired, 419 failed to renew and 90 deceased.

Ms. Spitznas said there are currently 583 active psychological examiners and senior psychological examiners, 517 retired, 924 failed to renew and 65 deceased.

Ms. Spitznas said there are currently seven (7) active psychological assistants and one (1) deceased.

Ms. Spitznas asked Board members to encourage their colleagues to utilize the online renewal system.

Ms. Spitznas said there is no longer a restriction on travel. Ms. Spitznas stated in order to obtain approval, please submit any request for travel to the Board Administrator at least sixty (60) days in advance of the scheduled conference.

Ms. Spitznas stated there are currently no projects in progress and, with the exception of incoming files, all files for this profession have been imaged.

**Discuss/Consider Licensees receiving an updated copy of rules and law upon renewal of their license**

The Board discussed issuing the rules to licensees upon renewing their licenses. The Board stated the rules are available on the Board's website and is not difficult to obtain.

The Board suggested sending a postcard to licensees instructing practitioners how to go to the Board's website and the steps to finding the rules and statutes that govern this profession.

**Discuss visit from ASPPB regarding their annual meeting to be held in Nashville, TN**

Janet Pippin, Director of Member Services, and Anita Scott, Executive Assistant, appeared before the Board stating the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) will be holding its annual meeting in Nashville, TN and would like to extend an invitation to all Board members to attend the meeting scheduled October 29, 2008.

Ms. Pippin asked the Board for ideas and input regarding the practice of psychology to be placed on the agenda for discussion at the meeting.

Dr. Sigler stated he would be interested in having a representative speak at the meeting regarding the colleague assistance program.

Dr. Strickler said topics such as supervision in rural areas, online training, and distance education have been considered by the Board.

Ms. Scott stated they are expecting a good crowd because Nashville is a centralized location and a great area.

Ms. Pippin and Ms. Scott discussed with the Board ASPPB's development of a new Interjurisdictional Practice Certificate (IPC) which the association hopes will provide member boards with better oversight and regulation of licensed psychologists wishing to practice temporarily in their state from another jurisdiction without having to obtain an additional license.

**Consider authorizing a rulemaking hearing**

The Board discussed authorizing a rulemaking hearing regarding rules 1180-2-.01(7)(d) and (e) regarding supervision; 1180-2-.02(1) regarding specifying a residency requirement; 1180-1-.08(1)(e) 1-3 regarding the three (3) hour ethics requirement; and, rule 1180-1-.06(4)(c)1.(iii) regarding patient records.

Upon discussing supervision, Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sigler, to amend and send to rulemaking hearing. The motion carried. A roll call vote was conducted and all members answered in the affirmative.

Upon discussing specification of a residency requirement, Dr. Sigler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to adopt the language from APPSB as the language of the rule amendment regarding residency requirement. The motion carried.

Upon further discussion, Dr. Lavin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kemp, to amend the previous motion to add the following clause: “of at least two (2) should be from the institution granted”. The motion carried

Upon discussing the three (3) hour ethics requirement, Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores to amend the rule by changing language to read “and/or”. The motion carried.

Upon discussing patient records, the Board decided to table the discussion and in the interim decided to research guidelines by health care delivery.

### **Discuss T.C.A. §63-11-202 and 203 regarding scope of practice for Senior Psychological examiners and Psychologists**

The Board discussed the scope of practice for Senior Psychological examiners and Psychologists as it pertained to forensic psychology.

Ms. Layden stated legislation would have to change the law to include and/or address forensic psychology as being within the Board’s scope of practice.

Upon discussion, the Board decided to request additional information regarding forensic psychology from Tennessee Psychology Association (TPA) and table until the next meeting.

### **Ratify Newly Licensed**

Upon review of the lists of newly licensed Psychologists with health service provider designation, Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to approve the following applicants for licensure:

**Louisa Branscomb, Ph.D.**

**Courtney Burnette, Ph.D.**

**Nalini Conner, Ph.D.**

**Ellen Denny, Ph.D.**

**Marcos Di Pinto, Ph.D.**

**Elizabeth Fenimore, Ph.D.**

**Monica Jacobs, Psy.D.**

**Christine King, Ph.D.**

**Kevin Krull, Ph.D.**

**Megan Wilkins, Ph.D.**

**Trudi Zaplac, Ph.D.**

The motion carried.

**Review/Ratify Initial Determinations/Recommendations by Board Members**

Upon review, Dr. Sigler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to approve the initial recommendations by board members for the following candidates:

**Kimberly Tartt-Godbolt, Psy.D.**

**Keith Crabtree, Ph.D.**

**Heather Gow, Psy.D.**

**Paul S. Foster, Ph.D.**

The motion carried.

**Review/Ratify Written Examination Results**

Upon review, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lavin, to ratify the following EPPP examination results. The motion carried.

**Elena Bloodgood, Psy.D. Pass**

**Courtney Burnette, Ph.D. Pass**

**Janetta E. Jamerson, Ph.D. Pass**

**Lisa N. Schum, Ph.D. Pass**

The motion carried.

**Review/Ratify Ethics and Jurisprudence Examination Results**

Upon review of the ethics and jurisprudence examination results, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Strickler, to ratify the passing scores for the following candidates:

**Trudi Zaplac Porter, Ph.D.**

**Monica Jacobs, Psy.D.**

**Kevin R. Krull, Ph.D.**

**Megan Leigh Wilkins, Ph.D.**

**Louisa Branscomb, Ph.D.**

**Charlene L. Donovan, Ph.D.**

**Courtney P. Burnette, Ph.D.**

**Elena R. Bloodgood, Psy.D.**

The motion carried.

## **Review/Respond to Correspondence**

Upon review of a letter from **Mark Hector, Ph.D.**, requesting reconsideration of his reinstatement application, Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caye, to address Dr. Hector by letter requesting proof of forty (40) hours of continuing education. The motion carried.

Upon review of a letter from **Lisa Beavers, Ph.D.**, requesting an extension for her application to remain open and authorization to retake the EPPP examination due to maternity, Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sigler, to approve Dr. Beaver's request for extension and to retake the EPPP in June of 2008 with the stipulation that no further extensions will be granted. The motion carried.

Upon review of a letter from **Eliot Faris, Ph.D.**, requesting an extension to complete the required continuing education requirements for 2007 due to extenuating circumstances, Dr. Sigler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to approve Dr. Faris' request for an extension to complete the required continuing education requirements for 2007 by his April 30, 2008 license renewal date and to address him by letter explaining that proof must be submitted to the Board and that these hours will not count toward the 2008 continuing education requirements. The motion carried.

Upon review of an email from **Cabot Young, Psy.D.**, indicating incompleteness of required post-doctoral supervision, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sigler, to address Dr. Cabot by letter explaining the need to reapply for a provisional license, submit fees and take the written examination. The motion carried.

Upon review of a letter from **Thomas Schacht, Psy.D., ABPP**, addressing a miscommunication in the Autumn 2007 Psychology Board Newsletter regarding Public Chapter 365, the Board decided that a statement clarifying this in the Board's next newsletter would be issued.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Frank Dattilio, Ph.D., ABPP**, extending a thank you to the Board for its participation in a survey on the issue of psychological testing and the use of the terms, "psychologists" and "psychological" for use in conducting research and publication in the journal, *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*.

Dr. Gilleylen announced that Dr. Martin became ill and will not be present for the remainder of the meeting. A sufficient number of members were present to constitute a quorum for the remainder of the meeting.

## **Review Licensure Files**

### **Neelam Jain, Ph.D./HSP**

Dr. Kemp made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunter, to approve Dr. Jain to sit for the EPPP examination. The motion carried.

**Traci Goldbach, Ph.D./HSP**

Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Strickler, to approve Dr. Goldbach for a provisional license and to sit for the EPPP examination. The motion carried.

**Vickie Woosley, Psy.D./HSP**

Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lavin, to approve Dr. Woosley for a provisional license and to sit for the EPPP examination. The motion carried.

**Shana V. Hamilton, Ph.D.**

Dr. Lavin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to approve Dr. Hamilton to sit for the ethics and jurisprudence examination pending receipt of a criminal background check with no findings. The motion carried.

**Jim Petrea, Certified Psychological Assistant**

Dr. Strickler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to delay approval of Mr. Petrea's application pending receipt of additional documentation regarding service hours. The motion carried.

**Update regarding the status of the Peer Assistance Grant**

Ms. Layden discussed with the Board the status of the Peer Assistance Grant stating the proposal is still being reviewed and she is awaiting feedback from the Attorney General's Office. Ms. Layden recommended having current copies of the proposal at the Board's next meeting so there could be discussion and changes made if needed.

Upon discussion, the Board decided to table this topic and place it on the agenda for its next meeting.

With no other board business to conduct, Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sigler, to adjourn the meeting at 2:44 p.m. The motion carried.

**Ratified by the Board of Examiners in Psychology on April 16, 2008.**