

MINUTES
TENNESSEE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY

Date: October 18, 2006
Time: 9:00 a.m., CST
Location: Millennium Maxwell House
2025 Metro Center Boulevard
Nashville, TN

Board Members

Present: Carl Gilleylen, Psy. D., Chair
Robert Kores, Ph.D., Vice-Chair
Patrick Lavin, Ph.D.
David Caye, MS, SPE
Mark Sigler, Ph.D., Sr. PE
Janice Martin, Ph.D.
Susan Strickler, Ph.D.

Board Members Absent: Carolyn West-Willette, Ed.D.

Staff

Present: Melody Spitznas, Board Administrator
Robbie Bell, Director
Nicole Armstrong, Advisory Attorney
Shiva Bozarth, Assistant General Counsel
Jerry Kosten, Regulations Manager
Barbara S. Maxwell, Administrative Director

Dr. Gilleylen, Psy.D., chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. A sufficient number of board members were present to constitute a quorum.

Review Minutes

Upon review of the July 18-19, 2006 minutes Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried.

Letter of Reprimand for John S. Auerbach, Ph.D.

Mr. Bozarth, OGC litigating attorney, presented a Letter of Reprimand for Dr. John S. Auerbach which requires Dr. Auerbach to obtain monthly consultation with a psychologist approved or designated by the board, require the consultant to review Dr. Auerbach's private practice clients on a monthly basis, require the consultant to submit quarterly reports to the board documenting he is in compliance with the requirements, enter into a therapeutic relationship with a

psychologist or senior psychological examiner approved or designated by the board for two years, require the therapist to submit quarterly reports to the board documenting he is in compliance with the requirement and pay all costs allowed by law up to a maximum of \$10,000 within thirty-six (36) months of the receipt of the Affidavit of Costs.

Upon discussion, Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caye, to accept the Letter of Reprimand for Dr. Auerbach. The motion carried.

Agreed Order for Ted Hagen, Ph.D.

Mr. Bozarth presented an Agreed Order for Dr. Ted Hagen which requires Dr. Hagen to surrender his license effective December 31, 2006 in order to transfer or otherwise discharge his clients and pay costs of this cause not to exceed \$500 upon receipt of the Affidavit of Costs.

Upon discussion, Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to accept the Agreed Order for Dr. Hagen. The motion carried.

Letter of Reprimand for Boyd Kersey, Ph.D.

Mr. Bozarth presented a Letter of Reprimand for Dr. Boyd Kersey which requires Dr. Kersey to obtain and complete the “Maintaining Proper Boundaries” course offered by the Vanderbilt Medical Center or a similar program approved by the Board’s consultant within twelve (12) months of the ratification of this reprimand, undergo an evaluation from the Vanderbilt Comprehensive Assessment Program and cause a copy of the assessment to be released to the Board’s consultant within six (6) months of the ratification of this reprimand, complete sixteen (16) hours (16) of Type 1 continuing education in ethics within two (2) years of the ratification of this reprimand and pay costs allowed by law within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the Affidavit of Costs.

Upon discussion, Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lavin, to accept the Letter of Reprimand for Dr. Kersey. The motion carried.

Interview with Laura Berrier, Psychological Examiner applicant

Dr. Gilleylen asked Ms. Spitznas to update the board on the status of Ms. Berrier’s application.

Ms. Spitznas said Ms. Berrier submitted her application in April 2005 and indicated on her application that she had alcohol and drug issues. Ms. Spitznas said the board issued her a temporary license with conditions that she submit to drug screenings, have monitored treatment, submit reports and make a personal appearance before the board upon completion of her examinations.

Ms. Berrier addressed the board stating she has passed the written and oral examination and submitted the required documentation.

Dr. Gilleylen asked Ms. Phelps if she received Ms. Berrier's reports. Ms. Phelps stated that Ms. Berrier has complied with the stipulations of the board.

Upon discussion, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sigler, to issue Ms. Berrier a Psychological Examiner license. The motion carried.

Interview with Kimbra L. Gill, Ph.D., Psychologist/HSP applicant

Mr. Randy Mill, Esq. addressed the board stating he is Dr. Gill's attorney. Mr. Mill said Dr. Gill applied for licensure a year ago and in January 2006 her application was denied based on the fact that she did not receive her Ph.D. from an APA accredited university or equivalent.

Mr. Mill distributed material to the board members indicating Dr. Gill's educational history which resulted in her obtaining her doctorate degree at Capella University in Minneapolis, Minnesota, which is an on-line university accredited by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education and North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Dr. Gill asked the board to look at the coursework, which is equivalent to the requirements of an APA program.

Upon discussion, Dr. Sigler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to delay Dr. Gill's application to take this matter under review and address it at the next board meeting. The motion carried.

Office of General Counsel Report

Ms. Armstrong reviewed the OGC report with the board stating the rule amendments regarding titles by licensees, post-doctoral supervised experience and housekeeping became effective October 10, 2006.

Ms. Armstrong said the rule amendments regarding the ethics and jurisprudence exam administration, retake fee, petitions for stay and reconsideration and deletion of obsolete Psychological Examiner licensure process language were sent to the Attorney General August 18, 2006, where they remain.

Ms. Armstrong stated there are seven (7) open cases in OGC pertaining to the Board of Examiners in Psychology.

Conflict of Interest Policy Statement

Ms. Armstrong reminded the board to disclose any potential conflicts of interest, whether existing or potential, personal or financial to determine if the board member should recuse him/herself from the proceedings.

Administrative Report

Ms. Spitznas reviewed the Administrative Report stating there are one thousand two hundred sixty-one (1,261) active Psychologists, six hundred twenty (620) active Psychological Examiners and Senior Psychological Examiners and four (4) active Certified Psychological Assistants.

Ms. Spitznas said sixty-two (62) Psychologists and twenty (20) Psychological Examiners renewed their licenses online between July 12, 2006 and October 11, 2006.

Ms. Spitznas stated there is legislation pertaining to the board behind the administrative report for the board's review, one of which extends the Board of Examiners in Psychology through 2010.

Ms. Spitznas said there are approximately twenty (20) to twenty-five (25) oral examinations to conduct for applicants completing their post doctoral supervised experience.

Disciplinary Report

Ms. Phelps reviewed the Disciplinary Report, which is a list of practitioners currently being monitored to assure they are in compliance with their orders.

Ms. Phelps reviewed the list of all Psychologists and Psychological Examiners that have been disciplined by the board since 1985.

Ms. Phelps stated Ms. Moran, Director of the Office of Investigations, is working with the Attorney General's Office on a pilot project to obtain judgments for pass due civil penalties which can lead to attachments, garnishments and liens.

Investigative Report

Ms. Phelps reviewed the Investigative Report stating of the twenty-six (26) complaints against Psychologists; fifteen (15) were closed with no action, five (5) were closed with letters of concern, four (4) were closed with letters of warning and two (2) were referred to OGC.

Ms. Phelps said of the four (4) complaints against Psychological Examiners; two (2) were closed with no action, one (1) was referred to OGC and one (1) referred to screening panel.

Ms. Phelps said there were no complaints against Certified Psychological Assistants.

Ratify Newly Licensed and Reinstated Psychologists and Psychological Examiners

Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lavin, to ratify the following newly licensed psychologists:

Brian V. Abbott
Patricia Lobo Arena

Christopher H. Bassin
Heather L. Beaudry
Lesli J. Beckwith
Jacqueline D. Bethany
Connie Marie Briscoe
Marsha P. Burdette
Julia W. Culligan
Jon S. Ebert
Deborah R. Fahr
Norman I. Itkowitz
Christina S. Jones
Jodi P. Jones
Peter E. Millet
Diana Monteiro
Amanda M. Monville
Yvonne H. Osborne
Sarah D. Richie
Edward J. Stepanski
Sharon P. Thompson
Lindsay E. Vaughn
Molly M. White

The motion carried.

Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to ratify the following reinstated psychologist:

Karri L. Orem

The motion carried.

Dr. Sigler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to ratify the following newly licensed psychological examiner:

Shereen O. Haj-Hassan

The motion carried.

Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sigler, to ratify the following reinstated psychological examiner:

Brenda A. Massey

The motion carried.

Review and Ratify Written Examination Results

Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to ratify the following psychologist/HSP applicants who passed the written examination:

Psychologist/HSP

Andrea N. Jurbergs, Ph.D.
Stacy D. Sanford, Ph.D.
Christen T. Logue, Ph.D.
Stephanie J. Shapiro, Ph.D.
Ohiana Torrealday, Ph.D.
Jessica L. Allin, Ph.D.
Nancy J. Keesee, Ph.D.
Keisha L. Bowens, Ph.D.
Janet B. Winn, Ph.D.

The motion carried.

Psychological Examiner

None to report

Review and Ratify Oral Examination Results

Dr. Sigler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to ratify the following psychologist/HSP applicants who passed the oral examination:

Psychologist/HSP (completed postdoctoral supervised experience)

Connie M. Briscoe, Ph.D.
Amanda Monville, Ph.D.
Brian V. Abbott, Ph.D.
Jacqueline D. Bethany, Ph.D.
Edward Stepanski, Ph.D.

Psychologist/HSP (in process of completing postdoctoral supervised experience)

Catherine M. Grello, Ph.D.
Christen T. Logue, Ph.D.
Diana Monteiro, Ph.D.
Stacy D. Sanford, Ph.D.
Andrea N. Jurbergs, Ph.D.
B. Charles Ihrig, Ph.D.

The motion carried.

Ratify Closure of Abandoned/Incomplete Files

Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to ratify the following abandoned/incomplete files:

Jane Tram, Ph.D.

Sara Scott, P.E.

The motion carried.

Ratify Initial Licensure Determinations/Recommendations by Board Members

Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sigler, to ratify the initial determinations and recommendations by board members for the following applicants:

Amanda Parsons, Psy.D./HSP

Issued a provisional license and scheduled for EPPP examination.

Lisa L. Oglesby, Ph.D./HSP

Issued provisional license and mailed ethics and jurisprudence examination.

Sharon P. Thompson, Ph.D./HSP

Mailed the ethics and jurisprudence examination.

Marcos Di Pinto, Ph.D./HSP

Issued a provisional license and scheduled for EPPP examination.

Peter Millet, Ph.D./HSP

Mailed ethics and jurisprudence examination.

Mary K. Polak, Ph.D./HSP

Issued a provisional license and scheduled for EPPP examination.

Jodi P. Jones, Ph.D./HSP

Mailed the ethics and jurisprudence examination.

Natalie Ballash, Ph.D./HSP

Issued a provisional licensed and scheduled for the EPPP examination.

Brian D. Spillman, Ph.D./HSP

Issued a provisional license and scheduled for the EPPP examination.

Norman Itkowitz, Ph.D./HSP

Mailed the ethics and jurisprudence examination.

Justin Yopp, Ph.D./HSP

Mailed the ethics and jurisprudence examination.

Jeffrey Viers, P.E.

Upgraded to a Senior Psychological Examiner.

The motion carried.

Review and Ratify Ethics and Jurisprudence Examination Results

Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lavin, to ratify the following psychologists/HSP applicants who passed the ethics and jurisprudence examination:

Alexandra C. Smith, Ph.D./HSP

Deborah R. Fahr, Ph.D./HSP

Sharon P. Thompson, Ph.D./HSP

Peter E. Millet, Ph.D./HSP

Jodi P. Jones, Ph.D./HSP

Justin M. Yopp, Ph.D./HSP

Norman I. Itkowitz, Psy.D./HSP

The motion carried.

Review Financial Report

Ms. Spitznas reviewed the Financial Report stating the board has a projected cumulative carryover of \$199,157.51 as of June 30, 2006. Ms. Spitznas said this doesn't include the cost for the move to Metro Center which should be reflected on the year end.

Review and Respond to Correspondence

Ms. Armstrong discussed a letter from Cliff Heegel, Ph.D. regarding his Health Service Provider Designation status not being indicated on his license. Dr. Heegel was issued a restricted license in April of 1993, which allowed him to work under supervision and in 1996 appeared before the board to have the restriction lifted. Ms. Armstrong said from the available documents it appears Dr. Heegel was providing health services and it was the board's intent at that time to issue the HSP designation. Ms. Armstrong recommended that the board add the HSP designation to Dr. Heegel's license. The board agreed.

Ms. Armstrong discussed a letter from Dr. Norman Stephenson objecting to the infrequency of the board's meetings and having a board member review files and issue initial authorizations for temporary/provisional licensure between board meetings. Ms. Armstrong said there is no requirement for a board member to review files between board meetings and it would be up to the board to designate a member to review files. Mr. Caye and Dr. Lavin agreed to review applications between this and the next board meeting to make initial determinations to issue temporary/provisional licenses and go-to-work letters.

Ms. Armstrong discussed a letter from James F. Murray, Ph.D. regarding the release of test data for a child custody case. Ms. Armstrong said she advised Dr. Murray to contact his attorney or the judge as the board needs to refrain from those situations as much as possible.

Ms. Armstrong discussed an e-mail she received from Melissa Greer, Senior Psychological Examiner, asking if she could provide supervision for a practicum for an individual from Mississippi who is completing their practicum in Tennessee. Ms. Armstrong said the licensure is equivalent to a Psychological Examiner in Tennessee. Ms. Armstrong said she directed Ms. Greer to the rules which allow Senior Psychological Examiners to be a secondary supervisor for a practicum, but cannot supervise certified psychological assistants and asked her to consult the Mississippi licensing board.

Discuss/Consider Contracting with a Peer Assistance Program

The board discussed a peer assistance program and whether to have a formal grant process or informal proposal process.

Ms. Bell suggested the board conduct an informal proposal process to allow the board to determine the scope of services.

Ms. Armstrong said there needed to be objective criteria for evaluating and comparing the three bids. Ms. Armstrong said the bids could be submitted to her two weeks before the January meeting and the board can make the final determination at the April meeting to allow for a fiscal start date of July 2007.

Upon discussion, the board determined the following criteria would be used for the peer assistance program:

1. The grantee is required to submit a budget that includes all overhead costs.
2. The grantee has to be a nonprofit entity associated with a professional organization.
3. The grantee can not be considered a state entity.
4. The grantee cannot directly provide substance abuse treatment.
5. The peer assistance program must include treatment for substance abuse, behavioral issues, specifically boundary issues, anger management, stress management, or any condition that may impair practice, including but not limited to any disorder listed in the current Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association.
6. The peer assistance program must include diversion procedures to address new applicants for licensure who may be referred by the board staff as part of their application review process; licensees disciplined by the board who are ordered as part of their disciplinary order to obtain substance abuse or a behavioral health issue monitoring and treatment; licensees referred by the Office of Investigations for evaluation; and, a mechanism for licensees to self-report or self-refer themselves to the peer assistance program for confidential evaluation.

7. The peer assistance program must provide evaluations, recommendations for treatment or monitoring.
8. Referrals to qualified healthcare professionals for treatment.
9. Random drug testing.
10. Monitoring for compliance which includes reporting to the board in instances of noncompliance.
11. The peer assistance program must agree to appear before the board to advocate for a practitioner that he/she is a safe practitioner.
12. The peer assistance program must provide professional education in the form of advertising to licensees and presentations at schools and association events to educate about the availability of the peer assistance program.
13. The peer assistance program must provide regular status reports to the board.

Schedule Board Meeting Dates for 2007

The board scheduled the following dates for the 2007 board meetings:

January 30-31, 2007

April 25-26, 2007

August 29-31, 2007

October 24-25, 2007

Application Review

Upon review, Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to schedule **Jon R. Webb, Ph.D.**, Psychologist/HSP applicant, for the EPPP examination. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sigler, to send **Zachary Warren, Ph.D.**, Psychologist/HSP applicant, the ethics and jurisprudence examination. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sigler, to send **Nicole Swain, Ph.D.**, Psychologist/HSP applicant, the ethics and jurisprudence examination. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sigler, to issue **Melissa Porter, Ph.D.**, Psychologist/HSP applicant, a provisional license and schedule her for the EPPP examination. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sigler, to issue **Ryan Gillespie, Ph.D.**, Psychologist/HSP applicant, a provisional license and schedule him for the EPPP examination. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sigler, to issue **Lori Vehring, Ph.D.**, Psychologist/HSP applicant, a provisional license and schedule her for the EPPP examination.

Upon review, Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sigler, to issue **Megan Wilkins, Ph.D.**, Psychologist/HSP applicant, a provisional license and schedule her for the EPPP examination. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Sigler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to upgrade **Kelly Alviar, Psychological Examiner**, to a Senior Psychological Examiner. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Sigler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to upgrade **April Bowen, Psychological Examiner**, to a Senior Psychological Examiner. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Sigler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to upgrade **Robert Doran, Psychological Examiner**, to a Senior Psychological Examiner. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Sigler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to upgrade **Tara Sweeten, Psychological Examiner**, to a Senior Psychological Examiner. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Sigler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to issue **Shannon Beuscher, Certified Psychological Assistant**, a certificate upon receipt of a letter of recommendation from a Senior Psychological Examiner or Psychologist. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Sigler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to deny the application of **Alan Carpenter**, for a Certified Psychological Assistant as he only has one of the required three course hours in ethics. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Strickler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to issue **Caitlin Allen, Ph.D./HSP** a temporary license and send her the ethics and jurisprudence examination. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Strickler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to issue **Sara Shepherd, Ph.D./HSP** a temporary license and send her the ethics and jurisprudence examination. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Strickler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to issue **Nalini Conner, Ph.D.** a provisional license and schedule her for the EPPP examination. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Strickler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sigler, to issue **Mary Beth Covert, Psy.D.** a provisional license and schedule her for the EPPP examination. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Strickler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sigler, to issue **Ellen Denny, Ph.D.** a provisional license and schedule her for the EPPP examination upon receipt of confirmation of her doctorate degree. The motion carried.

Upon review, Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Strickler, to issue **Elizabeth Cates, Ph.D.** a temporary license and send her the ethics and jurisprudence examination. The motion carried.

Upon review, Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sigler, to issue **Elena Bloodgood, Ph.D.** a provisional license and schedule her for the EPPP examination upon receive of documentation from NRASPPB that the program is equivalent to an APA approved program. The motion carried.

Upon review, Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sigler, to issue **Philip Axtell, Ph.D.** a provisional license and schedule him for the EPPP examination. The motion carried.

Upon review, Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sigler, to send **Mirella Auchus, Ph.D.** the ethics and jurisprudence examination. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Lavin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Strickler, to issue **Andrew Gross, Psy.D./HSP** a temporary license and send him the ethics and jurisprudence examination. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Lavin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Strickler, to issue **Gauri Jaboin, Ph.D./HSP** a temporary license and send her the ethics and jurisprudence examination. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Lavin, made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to issue **Julia McAninch, Ph.D.** a provisional license and schedule her for the EPPP examination. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Lavin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to approve the internship program for **Aimee Lyst, Ph.D./HSP** as it is equivalent to an APA or APPIC internship program, and send her the ethics and jurisprudence examination upon receipt of letter of reference regarding her Health Service Provider designation. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lavin, to delay the reinstatement application for **Bobby Rouse, Ph.D./HSP** until receipt of a letter of explanation regarding his job duties during his year of working on an expired license and payment of the \$900 penalty fee for working on an expired license. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to delay the reinstatement application for **Steven Hollon, Ph.D./HSP** for more information on Dr. Hollon's continuing education and work experience for the last year and payment of the penalty fees for working on an expired license. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to issue **Todd Moore, Ph.D.** a provisional license and schedule him for the EPPP examination. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lavin, to delay the application of **Michael Dimitroff, Ph.D./HSP** upon receipt of a letter from the National Register stating the internship and postdoctoral requirements for National Register placement in 1977. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to issue **Tammy Dukewich, Ph.D.** a temporary license and send her the ethics and jurisprudence examination. Before a go-to-work letter can be issued, Dr. Dukewich must submit proof of her work visa. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Strickler, to send **Gina Paige Owens, Ph.D./HSP** the ethics and jurisprudence examination. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lavin, to issue **Elizabeth A. Fenimore, Ph.D.** a provisional license and schedule her for the EPPP examination. The motion carried.

With no other board business to conduct, Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. The motion carried.

Ratified by the Tennessee Board of Examiners in Psychology on January 30, 2007.