

NORTH CAROLINA PSYCHOLOGY BOARD
Open Session Minutes
January 15-16, 2014
Greensboro, NC

The North Carolina Psychology Board met in a regularly scheduled meeting on January 15-16, 2014, at the Airport Comfort Suites in Greensboro, NC.

Members present: Kristine Herfkens, Ph.D., ABPP, Chair; Robert Hill, Ph.D., ABPP, Vice Chair; Lynn Lambert, RN, BSN, M.Ed.; Jeffrey Lorence, M.A.; Jane Perrin, Ph.D., Anthony Powell, M.A. and Matthew Van Horn, J.D.

Others present: Daniel P. Collins, Executive Director; Susan Batts, M.A., Staff Psychologist; and Sondra Panico, Assistant Attorney General.

Dr. Herfkens reminded Board members that, in accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every Board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict. Board members were directed to identify any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the Board at the meeting and to refrain from any undue participation in the particular matter involved. Board members were asked to identify any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest with respect to any matters coming before the Board at the meeting, and instructed that, if one arose during the course of this meeting, to articulate it to the Board.

General

1. Open session minutes of November 14-15, 2013, meeting were approved.
2. Open session minutes of December 4, 2013 teleconference meeting were approved.
3. The attached Consent Agenda was accepted.
4. The financial report for the period of time ending December 31, 2013 was reviewed.

Legal/Ethical

5. Alicia J. Bryan, M.A. - A hearing was held in open session on January 15, 2014. Following discussion in closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.18(6), the Board announced in open session that it determined to deny Ms. Bryan's application for licensure at the Licensed Psychological Associate level.
6. A letter from NCPA regarding the Board's Advisory Statement on psychologists making medication recommendations was reviewed. Following discussion, the Board instructed staff to contact the North Carolina Medical Board for guidance on whether or not psychologists making specific medication recommendations to patients would constitute the practice of medicine.
7. A letter from NCPA regarding the Board's Advisory Statement on the use of DSM-5 was reviewed. Following discussion, revisions to the Advisory Statement were approved.

8. A revised draft Advisory Statement on face to face supervision via live video was approved.

9. Vanessa Stuart Onipede, Ph.D. (unlicensed) – The Board reviewed an inquiry from Dr. Onipede on whether her proposed I/O consulting work qualified for exemption under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-270.4(a). Following a review of information provided by Dr. Onipede, the Board determined that the proposed I/O work as presented qualified for exemption under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-270.4(a).

10. Case # 011407 Nancy Couch (unlicensed) – The Board was informed that Ms. Couch may have been engaging in the practice of psychology without a license in violation of the Practice Act. Following its review of the case report, Ms. Couch’s response letter and the changes made to her website, the Board determined it appeared that Ms. Couch was operating in compliance with the Practice Act.

11. Christine Dorantes, M.A., (unlicensed) – The Board reviewed an inquiry from Ms. Dorantes on whether her internship experience met the requirements of 21 NCAC 54 .2009(i). Following a review and discussion of the extenuating circumstances causing Ms. Dorantes’ internship to change sites, the Board determined that the combination of the two supervised training sites would meet the requirements of 21 NCAC 54 .2009(i).

12. Megan Klenk, Ph.D – The Board reviewed an inquiry from Dr. Klenk on whether certain CE courses offered by AHEC qualified for Category A credit under 21 NCAC 54.2104 when the course descriptions do not specifically list “psychologists” under the target audience was reviewed. Following a review of the course descriptions, the Board determined that the courses would not qualify for Category A credit. The Board also instructed staff to contact AHEC regarding CE requirements.

13. Catherine Cheek, M.A. – A request for the Board to send a letter to United Healthcare advocating the credentialing of Licensed Psychological Associates was denied.

14. David M. McCord, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed a request from Dr. McCord regarding supervision plans for Western Carolina University’s Psychological Services Clinic. Following a review of information provided by Dr. McCord, the Board determined that provisionally licensed psychologists could count their hours supervising trainees as activities comprising the practice of psychology.

15. The Board continued to review its rules in response to the recently enacted rules review statute.

Other

16. Board Projects - The Board reviewed and discussed the following list of ongoing/future projects as indicated below:

- a. change to administering the state examination in a manner that will serve to educate, rather than obtain a pass or fail score.
- b. electronic scanning of all records

- c. explore developing an advisory statement regarding life coaching vis á vis the practice of psychology
- d. consider amending rules which address the filing of a Section 2 supervision contract when an individual's work is totally outside of the mental health field
- e. further define the term “residence” in board rules
- f. explore adding an “inactive” status to the statute
- g. possibly revise Board rules which address the displaying of one’s licensure and HSP certificates to cover situations in which services are being providing electronically
- h. instituting criminal background checks

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion made and adopted by the Board to hold a closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.18(6), the Board will go into closed session to discuss individual applicants or individual licensees, following which, it reported:

17. [REDACTED] Ph.D. At the request of the Complainant, the Board reconsidered its previous determination that it did not find probable cause of ethical and/or legal violations by Dr. [REDACTED]. Following discussion, the Board reaffirmed its previous decision.

File Review

Admit to Both Exams

Burke, Kevin – PP

Douleh, Tanya – PP

Rich, Michelle L. – PA



Daniel P. Collins
Executive Director

CONSENT AGENDA
January 15-16, 2014

Supervision

1. The following reduced supervision files have been reviewed and approved since the last meeting at the indicated level:

- a. Baptista de Paparella, Niosoty, M.A.-2
- b. Fields, Robert, M.A.-3
- c. Jordan, Kelly, M.A.-3
- d. Kalnen, Deborah, M.A.-2
- e. Miller, Kimberly, M.A.-3
- f. Smith, Katie, M.S.-3

File Review

Admit to Both Exams

Batkowski, Jennifer – LP
Boeding, Sara – PP
Dawkins, Tamara – LP
Demetral, Jana – PA
Ebnetter, Daria – PP
Gentes, Emily – PP
Gibson, Felicia – PP
Ginn, Nicole – PP
Hobkirk, Andrea – PP
McIntyre, Jerica – PA
Mitchell, Rachel – PP
Miskey, Holly – PA
Mosher, Tiffany – PA
Rich, Michelle – PA
Simmons, Christina – PA
Staikova, Ekaterina – PP
Thompson, Ashland – PA
Wisco, Blair – LP

Admit to State Exam

Cavanaugh, Amy – LP
Desai, Armanda – LP
Gurwitch, Robin – LP
Hahn, Angela – LP
McCall, Anne – LP (Sen)
Mansdorf, Irwin – LP (Mob)
Onofrei, Cristin – LP

Ray, Vernetta – LP
Ritchwood, Tiarney – LP (Mob)
Sachs, Bonnie – LP
Whitfield, Robin – LP (Sen)

License

Daubs, Carlyn – PP
Harris, Matthew – LP