

NORTH CAROLINA PSYCHOLOGY BOARD
Open Session Minutes
February 6, 2015
Greensboro, NC

The North Carolina Psychology Board met in a regularly scheduled meeting on February 6, 2015, at the Airport Comfort Suites in Greensboro, NC.

Members present for all or part of the meeting: Kristine Herfkens, Ph.D., ABPP, Chair; Robert Hill, Ph.D., ABPP, Vice Chair; Lynn Lambert, RN, BSN, M.Ed.; Stacie MacDonald, M.A.; Jane Perrin, Ph.D. and Anthony Powell, M.A.

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 6-7, 2014, meeting were approved.
2. The financial report for the period of time ending December 31, 2014 was reviewed.
3. Staff provided an update on the status of the audit of the FY 2013-14 financial statements.
4. Staff provided an update on the status of implementation of ASPPB's PLUS online application process.
5. The following legislative issues were reviewed:
 - a. Staff provided on update on the General Assembly's Program Evaluation Division's (PED's) review of licensing boards and the status of possible implementation of recommendations contained in PED's report.
 - b. The Board discussed the Fee Bill to be introduced in the upcoming General Assemble session as well as the possible introduction by third parties of legislation changing the supervision requirements of Licensed Psychological Associates and the regulation of behavioral analysts.
 - c. Representatives of the North Carolina Psychological Association discussed their intention to introduce legislation to change the recordkeeping requirements contained in the Practice Act.

- d. The Board instructed staff to draft an amendment to the Practice Act creating an inactive license status.
6. The Board was informed of the implementation of the new EPPP vendor and authorized staff to extend exam deadlines for applicants adversely impacted by the unexpected testing blackout period which resulted from the change in vendors.
7. The Board approved the following revised meeting dates - May 14-15, 2015 and August 13-14, 2015.
8. Attached Information Items/Staff Actions were accepted.
9. The Board discussed the application review process, the applicable provisions of the Practice Act and the Board's rules, and the Board's file review sheets.

Legal/Ethical

10. Case #021501 – Charla Hutchinson, M.Ed., BCBA (Unlicensed) – The Board was informed that Ms. Hutchinson may have been engaging in the practice of psychology without a license by authoring a behavior support plan for a client. Following a review of the case report and Ms. Hutchinson's complaint response, the Board determined that authoring the behavior support plan was the unlicensed practice of psychology. The Board instructed staff to contact Ms. Hutchinson and advise her to submit an affidavit affirming that either she is licensed by another board in North Carolina which exempts her from licensure by the Psychology Board or that she has ceased the unlicensed practice of psychology.
11. Case # 021507 – Carl Carter, Psy.D. (Unlicensed) – The Board was informed that Dr. Carter was a Licensed Professional Counsel who has been representing himself as a psychologist, including completing paperwork for veterans that is only to be completed by a psychologist or psychiatrist. Following a review of Dr. Carter's complaint response and a review of his website, the Board determined that Dr. Carter was now operating in compliance with the Practice Act.
12. Erica Wise, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed questions from Dr. Wise regarding the post-doctoral training program requirements.
13. Annette R. Perot, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed Dr. Perot's question regarding possible conflict of interest if she served as an officer and Board member of OCD North Carolina and possibly on the Psychology Board. Following discussion, the Board determined that it did not appear that the positions at OCD North Carolina would create a conflict to serving on the Psychology Board. Dr. Perot was advised that there potentially could be specific situations that arise where she would have a conflict based upon the positions and she would need to recuse herself from any decision making.
14. Theresa Lewis, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed an inquiry from Dr. Lewis as to whether offering workshops to assist people with improving their moods using mindfulness and yoga constituted "one specific type professional service" for purposes of her psychological professional corporation. Following discussion, the Board determined that the described activities would be ancillary to Dr. Lewis' professional practice of psychology, and were then within the purpose of your psychological professional corporation as required under NCGS § 55B-1a(a).

Other

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

- a. implementation of ability to submit complaints online
- b. online application system
- c. update Board's website
- d. change to administering the state examination in a manner that will serve to educate, rather than obtain a pass or fail score.
- e. electronic scanning of all records
- f. 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
- g. explore adding an "inactive" status to the statute
- h. possibly revise Board rules which address the displaying of one's licensure and HSP certificates to cover situations in which services are being provided electronically
- i. 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 went into closed session to discuss individual applicants or individual licensees, following which, it reported:

16. Richard Boone, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed Dr. Boone's request to alter the status of his previously revoked license, which was revoked due to an inappropriate sexual relationship with a former client. Following discussion, the Board determined to deny the request as the Board does not have the statutory authority to restore a revoked license.
17. Dorinda Trader, Ph.D. – The Board granted Dr. Trader's request to relinquish her license.
18. Jessica Tomasula, Ph.D., LP-app. – The Board granted Dr. Tomasula's request for a waiver of the 4- and 8-month deadlines to sit for the EPPP and State exams.
19. Janet O. Cardassi, M.A., LPA – The Board was informed that Ms. Cardassi referred to herself as "Dr. Cardassi" in violation of APA Ethical Standard 5.01(c). Following a review of Ms. Cardassi's response letter as well an affidavit she submitted to the Board, the Board determined that it appeared that she was now operating in compliance with Practice Act.

File Review

Confirm Denial

Nelson, Melissa W. M.S. – PA

Proposed Denial

Berndt, Elsa, M.A. – PA

Egan, Tara, D.Ed. – LP

Tolbert, Ashley M., M.A. – PA

Admit to Both Exams

Arruda, Christopher, M.A. – PA

Love, Grace, M.A. – PA

Perillo, Anthony, Ph.D. – PP

Admit to State Exam

Cummings, Donna H., M.A. – PA

Melikyan, Zarui, Ph.D. – PP



Daniel P. Collins
Executive Director

INFORMATION ITEMS/STAFF ACTIONS
February 6, 2015

Supervision

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

- a. Chesis, Indy, M.A.-3
- b. Hector, Tracie, M.A.-2
- c. Plattner, Calandra, M.S.-3
- d. Saleska, Catherine, M.A.-3
- e. Thomas, Alicia, M.A.-3

File Review

21. The following files have been processed since the last meeting:

Admit to Both Exams

Aspinwall, Elizabeth – PP
Banks, Theresa – PA
Barnard, Laura – PP
Brown, Alicia – PA
Charbonneau, Margaret – PA
Christiana, Chloe – PA
De Leo, Joseph – PP
Duncan, Jason – PP
Feuer, Rachel – LP
Fleming, CJ – PP
Gregg, John – PP
Ivancic, Alison – PA
Jenkins, Whitney – PP
Justice, Jaimily – PA
Kelleher, Sarah – PP
King, Jake – PA
Kinner, Dina – PP
Law, Mary Beth – PP
Masilla, Audrey – PA
McCoy, Meghan – PA
Meyer, Heather – PP
Moskovich, Ashley – PP
O'Dell, Sean – LP
Perez, Hailey – LP
Reddy, Penny – PA
Reihl, Kristina – PP
Schry, Amie – PP
Schwickrath, Heather – PP

Stewart, James – PA
Swalley, Alicia – PP
Tyson, Katherine – PP
Ulke, Audrey – PP
Warren, Angel – PP
Williams, Dustin – PP

Admit to State Exam

Black, Leah – LP
Dale, Jessica – LP
Filcoff, Shannon – LP
Forrester, Michael – LP (MOB)
Galloway, Sarah – LP
Harp, Amanda – LP
Hooks, Elizabeth – LP
Jeannotte, Mary – LP (SEN)
Klimp, Georgina – LP
Kownacki, Richard – LP (SEN)
Matthews_Wells, Crystal – LP
Raja, Amisha – LP
Resick, Patricia – LP (MOB)
Rowland, Meredith – LP
Saffo, Cristin – LP (SEN)
Soper, Ana – LP (MOB)
Tyrell, Linda – LP (MOB)
Welcker, Joy – LP
Williams, Jessie – LP (SEN)