The North Carolina Psychology Board met in a called meeting via teleconference on April 3, 2014 at 7:30 PM.

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.

Legal/Ethical

1. Donald Mott, M.A. and Janine Szymanski, M.S. – The Board reviewed an inquiry from Mr. Mott regarding the deadline for adoption of DSM-5. Following discussion, the Board instructed staff to refer Mr. Mott to the Board’s current Policy Statement on the Use of DSM, ICD, and Other Classification Manuals as this policy statement already addressed the answer to his inquiry.

2. Michael Ivanov, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed an inquiry from Dr. Ivanov regarding the use of the word “psychological” in the name of UNC-Pembroke’s Counseling Center when there was not a psychologist employed by the center. Following discussion, the Board instructed staff to contact the Counseling Center regarding a possible violation of the Practice Act.

3. The Board reviewed a response letter from the NC Medical Board regarding psychologists making specific medication recommendations to patients. Following discussion, the Board instructed staff to revise the Board’s Advisory Statement on this issue.

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:

4. Andrew Irwin-Smiler, M.A. The Board denied Mr. Irwin-Smiler’s request for a waiver of four-month deadline for taking the State exam.
5. Douglas L. Welsh, M.A. Douglas L. Welsh, M.A. – The Board approved a request from Mr. Welsh for an extension of 90-day deadline to submit one supervisor form. The Board also approved a waiver of the requirement to submit a another supervisor form as Mr. Welsh provided evidence of his unsuccessful efforts to locate one former supervisor and that no one else at the facility could complete the supervisor form.

6. John Rosemond, M.S. – The Board reviewed a request from Mr. Rosemond for clarification as to whether certain of his activities required supervision. Following of review of the description of the activities provided by Mr. Rosemond, the Board determined that the activities appeared to fall under 21 NCAC 54.2006 and required supervision.

7. Anderson, Cynthia Ph.D. – The Board approved Dr. Anderson’s request for a waiver of one supervisor form as that former supervisor was unreachable as he was on leave from his job while a second person who could complete the supervisor form for that time period had died. The Board also approved Dr. Anderson’s request for a substitution of another supervisor form as her former direct supervisor was out of the country.

8. Ritschel, Lorie Ph.D. – The Board approved a waiver of the requirement that a psychologist must complete at least 1,500 hours of supervised post-doctoral health services experience within a consecutive four-year period in order to be permanently licensed as Dr. Ritschel accumulated the vast majority (1,388) of the required supervised HSP hours within a consecutive four-year period and did subsequently accumulated the remaining 112 supervised HSP hours. The Board also took into consideration that Dr. Ritschel has been a licensed psychologist in Georgia since 2007.

9. Warren, Karly Ph.D. – The Board reviewed information provided by Dr. Warren regarding a prior DUI conviction and determined that she must successfully complete a substance abuse evaluation prior to licensure.

Supervision

10. Smeltz-Zapata, Christine, M.A – The Board approved for Level 2 reduced supervision.

Legal/Ethical

11. Alicia J. Bryan, M.A. FINAL DECISION denying Ms. Bryan’s application for licensure was approved and signed on April 3, 2014. Ms. Bryan’s program of study did not meet the supervised training experience requirements of 21 N.C.A.C. 54.1802(a)(8) as it did not include an internship, externship, practicum or other supervised experience appropriate to the area of specialty and the practice of psychology. In addition, Ms. Bryan’s program of study did not meet the requirements of 21 N.C.A.C. 54.1802(a)(9) as it did not include 45 semester hours of graduate study in standard psychology courses, including courses drawn from statistics and scientific and professional ethics and standards.

12. Hillary Siedler, Ph.D. The Board reviewed and accepted the fitness for practice evaluation submitted by Raymond Krych, Ph.D.

13. Beverly Malone, Ph.D. The Board reviewed and accepted the tutorial report submitted by Thomas Thompson, Ph.D.
14. Richard Tamura, M.A. The Board reviewed and accepted the tutorial report submitted by Pam Corbett, M.A.

Daniel P. Collins
Executive Director