

IOWA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

February 10, 2012

Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor Conference Room 526

Des Moines, Iowa

Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Mary Johnson, Chairperson at 9:09 a.m.

Roll Call

Members Present:

John Dilley, Ed.D.

Mary Johnson, Ph.D.

Sarah Henderson, Public Member

Ralph Scott, Ph.D.

Ronelle Langley, Ph. D

Heidi Vermeer-Quist, Psy.D.

Members Absent:

James Moody, Public Member

Staff Present:

Sharon Dozier, Board Executive

Barb Huey, Bureau Chief

Karla Hoover, Licensure Specialist

Barb Christiansen, Administrative Assistant

Scott Galenbeck, AAG

Guests Present:

Debra Thompson, IDPH Legislative Liaison

Nancy Campbell, Iowa Sleep Society

Amy Campbell, Iowa Psychological Assn.

Threse Harms, Iowa Sleep Society

Auburne Overton, Iowa Sleep Society

Abby Sink, Iowa Sleep Society

Morgain Hall, Iowa Psychological Association

Review Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Dilley to approve the meeting minutes of November 18, 2011. A second was received from Langley. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Presentation

Representatives of the Iowa Sleep Society (ISS) gave a presentation. ISS is pursuing licensure for sleep technicians, and is interested in joining the Board of Psychology. Following is a summary of the presentation: Sleep medicine is a growing field, highly recognized, and services are well reimbursed by insurance companies. ISS believes this board may be a good fit for sleep medicine, specifically because mental problems can also cause sleep problems. ISS has been involved in the legislative process for over a year now to discuss options that would be best for the organization. It has been recommended that the ISS pursue joining an established board rather than to pursue adding a new government board. The ISS noted that it would be cost prohibitive to establish a board with only 275 practitioners at this time. ISS would request representation on the board with two sleep professional members. Dr. Dilley asked what other boards have been approached to partner with ISS, and how many other states have boards for sleep medicine. The presenters noted that 10 states currently license this profession. Some states are partnered with the Board of Medicine, and in some states there is a separate board. The requirements for becoming a sleep technician include taking an examination to become registered after completion of an associate degree program. Individuals can also become a sleep technician from other training such as EKG technician training. Dr. Scott asked if the representatives present would be comfortable with psychologists providing oversight of this group of practitioners, and the advantages for the Board of Psychology. The presenters stated that sleep disorders are closely linked to mental illness. There would be a monetary benefit from approximately 275 technicians added to licensure. Board members expressed concerns about supervision, which would be out of the scope of psychology practice. An IPA representative reported that an email has been sent to IPA members to inform them that the IPA objects to the ISS proposal. A question was asked about possible liability for the Board if sleep technicians are added. AAG Galenbeck stated that there is no monetary liability, though the types of decisions involved might cause discomfort for board members. Dr. Dilley stated that he would not feel comfortable overseeing this type of practitioner, as would be the case with other health professions. Everyone agreed that the decision will ultimately be made by the Legislature. AAG Galenbeck suggested the ISS review the possibility of merging with the Physician Assistant Board, as it might be a better fit. Dr. Johnson added that she respects the work of the sleep professionals.

Reports

Board Executive: Sharon Dozier reported the Department of Administrative Services has increased the reimbursement for lodging to \$83 + tax effective January 1, 2012.

Administrative Rules- The amendments to the licensure and discipline chapters became effective on February 1, 2012. [These amendments were noticed as adopted and filed in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on 12/28/11, as ARC 9937B and 9945B.]

Licenses and HSP: In 2011, there were 38 licenses issued and 13 Health Service Provider certifications issued.

Bureau Chief: Barb Huey reported that legislation has been proposed regarding deferred sentences of licensed individuals. [REF: discipline rules in effect under Executive Report.] The Bureau will monitor any legislative proposals regarding the Iowa Sleep Society's efforts to become a part of the Psychology Board.

AAG: No report was given

Chair: Mary Johnson reported that she plans to attend the ASPPB 27th Midyear Meeting, April 12-15 in New Orleans, LA. Johnson also announced that Ronelle Langley is not seeking reappointment to the Board. John Dilley added that he has completed the reappointment application to remain on the Board. Johnson asked Dozier to follow up on James Moody's status as a board member.

New Business

None

Old Business

None

Committees

Applications Committee:

The committee reviewed the HSP application submitted by Natalie Sandbulte, who is a licensed psychologist in Iowa. Her internship does not meet the criteria for the organized health service training program. The HSP application is pending, since Dr. Sandbulte may apply for a waiver.

The committee reported on the following applications for continuing education credit:

Steven Robbins requests 20 hours of credit for research studies, including co-authoring a book. A motion was made by Vermeer-Quist to approve the 20 CEU hours contingent on publication of his research article and book. A second was received from Henderson. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Wade Lewerke requests 20 hours of credit for 1) preparing and presenting a 3-hour training on ethics, and 2) research and publication of a book chapter. This application remains pending for additional information regarding the time spent on these activities. The Applications Committee will review the additional information received.

There was discussion of how to determine the provision of credit for scholarly research and course preparation hours. There was agreement that standardization is needed in awarding credit hours for these activities, and this was referred to the Rules Committee for review.

Ronelle Langley, requests 20 hours of credit for preparation and teaching an organizational management course in South Africa through the UNI College of Business Administration. The Applications Committee recommends approving this application. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Henderson to approve 20 CEU hours as requested by Dr. Langley. A second was received by Dilley. All ayes, opposed none. motion carried. Langley recused from the vote.

The Board recessed until 10:59 am.

Complaints

A motion was made to enter into closed session by Dilley to discuss confidential material related to applications, and complaints according to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1) a and . A second was received from Vermeer-Quist. Roll call vote:

Johnson – aye

Henderson – aye

Dilley – aye

Langley – aye

Scott – aye

Vermeer-Quist – aye

Motion carried, unanimous. The Board moved into closed session at 11:00 am.

The Board returned to open session at 11:15am. The following action was taken: A motion was made by Langley to close Case 10-010. A second was received from Scott. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A motion was made by Scott to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 am. A second was received from Dilley. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

The minutes were approved at the May 11, 2012 board meeting.