IOWA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

July 25, 2012
Conference Call

Origination Site: 5th Floor Professional Licensure Conference Room 526
Lucas State Office Building
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Reason for the Conference Call
This board meeting was held by conference call to ensure timely action by the board with regard to a pending H-1B visa petition before the US Citizenship and Immigration Service. It was not feasible to hold an in-person meeting, due to the inability of board members to travel to this meeting. In accordance with Iowa Code section 21.8, access to the meeting was provided to members of the public through attendance at the origination site.

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, John Dilley at 8:15 am.

Roll Call
Members Present:
John Dilley, Ed. D.
Ralph Scott, Ph.D.
Heidi Vermeer-Quist, Psy.D.
Brandon Davis, Ph.D.

Members Absent:
Mary Johnson, Ph.D.
Sarah Henderson, Public Member
James Moody, Public Member

Staff Present:
Sharon Dozier, Board Executive
Barb Huey, Bureau Chief
September Lau, AAG

Others Present:
Charles Roach, legal counsel for Roquette America, Inc.

Request for Letter of Attestation of a Practice Exemption
The correspondence from Christine Wildrick, HR Team Leader, Roquette America, Inc., in Keokuk was reviewed. This request pertains to the company's plans to hire a French citizen, Virginie Doby, for a position titled Operations Culture Transformation Specialist. The company requests that the board provide

a letter stating that the position to be filled by Ms. Doby does not require a licensed psychologist.

Public Comment
Charles Roach thanked the Board for meeting to review this request. He is an immigration attorney who handles immigration matters for the Roquette company. He noted that the letter may be a one-page, informal letter that clarifies the position does not require a licensed psychologist.

Board Discussion and Consensus
There was review and discussion of the functions of the position set forth in the Roquette Inc. letter to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, entitled: "RE: H-1B Petition of Roquette America, Inc. on behalf of Ms. Virginie Gilberte Nelly DOBY." Dozier provided the comments she received from board member Mary Johnson.

Following discussion, there was consensus that the position functions as described would not constitute the practice of psychology under Iowa Code Chapter 154B. Dozier was authorized to write a letter to Roquette America Inc., indicating this.

Scott made a motion to adjourn, and Davis seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

The minutes were approved at the August 10, 2012 board meeting.