

Meeting Minutes
IOWA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
November 16, 2012
Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor Conference Room #526
Des Moines, Iowa

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 am by Mary Johnson, Chair. Johnson welcomed new board member Joan Skogstrom, and everyone present introduced themselves.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Mary Johnson, Ph.D.

Sarah Henderson, Public Member

Brandon Davis, Ph.D.

Heidi Vermeer-Quist, Psy.D.

Joan Skogstrom, Public Member

Ralph Scott, Ph.D.

John Dilley, Ed.D.

Staff Present:

Sharon Dozier, Board Executive

September Lau, AAG

Barb Huey, Bureau Chief

Barb Christiansen, Administrative Assistant

Guests Present:

Brenda Payne, IPA

Morgain Hall, IPA liaison to the Board

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Davis to approve the meeting minutes of August 10, 2012. A second was received from Dilley. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Reports

Board Executive: Sharon Dozier welcomed new public member Joan Skogstrom, who previously served on another board in the Bureau. The Rules Committee met this morning and the Licensure Committee met yesterday. Both committees will report to the Board. The new exam contract for the EPPP exams is now directly with ASPPB instead of the exam contractor, Pro Exam (formerly known as PES). The new contract is standard language similar to the

current contract, and AAG Lau is reviewing the language. Guidelines on adverse actions: the guidelines provide a means for processing license and renewal applications meeting certain criteria pertaining to the conviction of a crime. The board had previously approved the current criteria, which allows staff to process the application without additional board review. Dozier is requesting that the board review the guidelines and recommend changes, or keep the guidelines as currently written. ASPPB: Dozier attended the Annual Meeting and the Board Administrators/Registrars Meeting in October. [The administrators' meeting topics included management tools, EPPP administration, and a roundtable discussion, including updates from states passing laws for licensure of behavior analysts. The large membership meeting included discussions on mobility, EPPP, legal aspects, and ASPPB initiatives.] Dozier noted that in addition to the jurisdictions that have passed laws for licensure of behavioral analysts, other jurisdictions have had bills introduced; the legislative proposals are linked to advocacy of insurance coverage for autism. Most of the states passing such laws require a master's degree, and are placing this license category under the board of psychology. The ASPPB has established a work group to provide updated information on the status of laws and policy issues regarding this topic. In addition, the ASPPB Telepsychology Task Force reported on a jurisdictional survey that will be used to assess options for recommendations to jurisdictions. A set of guidelines were developed jointly with APA, and the guidelines were open for comments until October 26, 2012.

Bureau Chief: Barb Huey asked about any problems the members are having with the Secure Mail process. She reported that documents sent through Secure Mail are automatically deleted after 14 days. Board members can save the attachments to their hard drive so that these can be accessed after the 14-day cutoff. Huey also reviewed the status of the AMANDA project plan. There will be training for board members prior to implementation, which is anticipated by the end of 2013.

AAG: September Lau provided a summary of Executive Order 80. This order was issued in August and authorizes the Governor's rules coordinator and department heads to initiate stakeholder groups for the purpose of making recommendations to boards and agencies regarding rulemaking. These recommendations are not binding on board decisions. Huey added that the board executives are responsible for completing a form which is similar to the information currently filed with rules. Following division director review, the form and proposed rules are provided to IDPH Director Dr. Miller-Meeks with the date the rules will be filed. Following discussion, there was a question regarding the intent of the stakeholder groups. Lau responded that she believes this provides another mechanism for citizen input on administrative rules.

Chair: Mary Johnson reported further on the work of the ASPPB Task Force on Telepsychology, which was a focus of the ASPPB meeting she attended in the spring. She noted that the Task Force has been working on this issue for at least 18 months, and is working closely with APA. Johnson has also received information on this topic from APA. The Task Force has Guidelines

that were out for public comment, which include a recommendation for notifying both jurisdictions when providing telepsychology to a patient located outside of the jurisdiction of licensure. Though many professions are grappling with this issue, Johnson suggests watching the psychiatry profession closely for developments, as this profession is closely aligned with psychology and is the most problematic as far as availability and access to care.

Committees

Rules Committee – Brandon Davis reviewed the committee recommendations. The committee recommends acceptance of the Certificate of Professional Qualifications (CPQ) to provide enhanced licensure mobility. Following discussion, Dozier clarified that the current rules accept the CPQ in lieu of transcripts and experience documentation, and the ASPPB standards for the CPQ now provide assurance of meeting Iowa law in total. She added that Minnesota is currently adopting full acceptance of the CPQ. Davis reported that another committee recommendation will be to rescind the language on reviewing non-APA accredited schools for persons matriculated prior to January 12, 2005. He also noted that the committee will not recommend a change in the internship rules for the HSP, though the board had previously discussed the possibility of requiring preapproval for an applicant that did not complete an APA or APPIC internship. He noted that this would not be possible for an applicant who had already been licensed in another jurisdiction. Henderson added that the committee reviewed the criteria for internship in the HSP rules, and finds those criteria to be sufficient. Regarding supervision by master's level psychologists (licensed prior to 1985), no change is recommended in the current postdoctoral supervision rules, which state only that the supervisor be a licensed psychologist. Continuing education credit hours are still under review. There has been discussion of the possibility of offering CEU credit to board members and licensees who attend board meetings. The IPA will survey their members about this issue. In summary, the Rules Committee will present a final draft of the entire rules package at the next meeting.

Public Comment

None

Administrative Rules

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Applications Committee

Brandon Davis reported on the review and recommendations of the Applications Committee:

Veronica Lestina: Completed a non-APA accredited program from Capella University. Most classes were completed online. The APA Commission on Accreditation will not accredit a program that is substantially online. The committee recommends the board send an “intent to deny” letter, based on the fact that the Capella program lacks APA accreditation and that the Capella program is substantially online.

A motion was made by Davis to deny the application for licensure submitted by Veronica Lestina. A second was received from Dilley. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Barbara Eckert: This applicant is also a graduate of Capella University. For the same reasons as were noted with Veronica Lestina’s application, the committee recommends that this application be denied.

A motion was made by Davis to deny the application for licensure submitted by Barbara Eckert. A second was received from Vermeer-Quist. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Andrea Nelken: She has been licensed in Pennsylvania since 1995, and does not meet the EPPP requirement for Iowa. She will be advised to submit a petition for waiver. Her application is pending at this time.

Megan Caves: Her postdoctoral work experience was supervised by a master’s level licensed psychologist. Since the rules state only that the supervisor hold a license, she has met all requirements for the HSP. A motion was made by Davis to approve Megan Caves for the HSP. A second was received from Henderson. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Clarella Snavelly: She is an HSP applicant who was licensed under the pre-1985 statute with a master’s degree. She later completed a doctoral degree, but did not complete an internship. Additional information is needed; her application is pending.

Complaints

A motion was made by Dilley to enter into closed session at 10:43 am to discuss confidential material related to applications and complaints according to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1) a and d. A second was received from Davis. Roll call:

Henderson - Aye

Dilley - Aye

Davis - Aye

Scott - Aye

Vermeer-Quist - Aye

Skogstrom - Aye
Johnson – Aye
Motion carried.

The board returned to open session at 11:06 am.

A motion was made by Dilley to close Case 12-008. A second was received from Vermeer-Quist. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A conference call date of Friday, December 21 at 8 am was agreed to for conducting additional board business.

2013 Board Meeting Dates

February 15

May 17 [changed to April 5]

August 16

November 15

Adjournment

A motion was made by Dilley to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 am. A second was received from Vermeer-Quist. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

The minutes were approved at the April 5, 2013 board meeting.