

IOWA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

November 05, 2010

Lucas Building
321 E 12th St
5th Floor Room 518
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Brenda Payne, chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mary Johnson, Ph.D. (attended via telephone)
Sarah Henderson
Ronelle Langley, Ph.D.
John Dilley, Ed.D.
Brenda Payne, Ph.D.
Eugene Glass, Psy. D.
James Moody

OTHERS PRESENT

Sharon Dozier, board executive
Scott Galenbeck, AAG
Barb Huey, bureau chief
Tony Alden, clerk specialist
Karen Ahrens, Iowa Psychological Association
Michele Greiner, Iowa Psychological Association
Eric Nemmers, Iowa Medical Society

The board members introduced themselves. The agenda was reviewed. Dozier noted that complaint nos. 10-005 and 10-007 are pending and 10-012 is a new complaint.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dozier noted corrections from the minutes that were sent. Sarah Henderson attended via telephone, and the motion to adjourn was made by Langley. Dilley moved and Moody seconded the approval of the August 13, 2010 conference call meeting minutes as amended. The motion carried.

REPORTS

Board Executive- Sharon Dozier reported that there are currently 539 active licensed psychologists, 338 of whom are also certified Health Service Providers. Applications: The supervision registration form has been revised, to include additional detail and emergency coverage information for off-site supervision requests. Peer Review: The

board currently has four peer reviewers under contract. The board can consider if they want additional peer reviewers. Rules: Sharon stated that all boards are being asked to notice a rule amendment to remove the requirement that license renewal reminders be mailed. This is consistent with changes in Iowa Code Chapter 147, the online renewal program, and the new software system that will allow online reminders to be sent. The Board gave consensus to notice the rule amendment. The Rules Committee met on August 13, and IPA representatives attended and participated.

Bureau Chief- Barb Huey reported the following items for the Bureau of Professional Licensure: The remaining vacant board executive position is in the process of being filled. A new software system called AMANDA is being developed for the Bureau as well as the licensure boards in the Department of Commerce. This system has been rolled out for other state agencies, and the Boards of Medicine, Dental and Nursing. The system will allow the licensure and reactivation processes to be completed online. Huey will continue to provide updates to the boards as this system progresses.

AAG- Scott Galenbeck noted that the AAG's are not presenting a topic this quarter, but will have new topics to present in the future. He is available for questions.

Committees- Prescriptive Authority: John Dilley reported that he received an email regarding a meeting between IPA and DHS. DHS is looking into possible legislative changes to allow prescriptive authority in the state institutions. Dilley received an article that was authored by Dr. Elizabeth Lonning regarding the activities of the Psychopharmacology Education Committee of the IPA. Dr. Lonning may wish to present at a future board meeting. Payne added that there are efforts in Wisconsin to enact legislation, and there are currently three licensees in Iowa who are qualified to take the exam. Johnson noted that if there is a law change, the board would be responsible for the continuing education requirements.

Chair – Brenda Payne reported that she attended the ASPPB meeting. She noted that the host state of Georgia was very hospitable, and she appreciated the opportunity to meet and talk with attendees from other states and the Canadian provinces. Payne gave details of the agenda items that were presented and discussed, including: EPPP- Statistics and a cost increase of \$ 150 within two years; Maintenance of Competence and Licensure (MOCAL); the ASPPB Mobility/Credentials Bank; and telepsychology practice. Payne stated that the ASPPB delegates approved the new Model Licensure Act, which does not allow pre-internship supervised experience accrued prior to the doctoral degree to be used toward the required professional experience for licensure. Payne noted that the ASPPB Board is opposed to changing the sequence of supervised experience (resequencing), primarily because of the mobility issue, and their assertion that uniform standards are needed to provide assurance of public protection. The other board delegates she spoke with were also negative about resequencing, and were shocked that the board would be willing to consider doing this through rulemaking. Payne discussed the administration of resequencing with some states that have experienced a law change to allow predoctoral experience to be used for licensure. She noted that in Ohio the board has experienced a huge increase in workload due to the complexity of the licensure process. The other big concern among jurisdictions is mobility, with a number of states indicating that persons

licensed in other states will not be eligible for licensure in their state. Pennsylvania reported that their law does not allow applicants to complete postdoctoral training after being licensed in a state that allows resequencing. Ohio is providing a disclaimer to inform licensure applicants of the risk that they may not be eligible for licensure in other states or jurisdictions.

Payne asked the board to decide whether to go forward with rules that would allow “resequencing,” as the IPA has requested, or to take no action at this time. She summarized that APA’s model licensing act recommends resequencing, while the ASPPB does not. If the board moves forward, the public may view the change as a watering down of the requirements, and it will be more difficult administratively to determine equivalency, though she noted there is high variability in the quality of both predoctoral practicums and postdoctoral work experiences. Payne stated that there was review of the statistics on the number of licensees who received their doctoral training from Iowa schools (ISU and UI). [Out of 141 licenses issued since 2007, ISU had 9 graduates, and UI had 13 graduates, 5 of whom were licensed in different states prior to returning to Iowa.] Dozier added that licensure applicants graduate from a large number of doctoral programs throughout the U.S.

There was a lengthy discussion of aspects of quality and availability of training, the lack of empirical data to support either argument in assuring minimal competence, and other issues related to this topic. A concern that was previously raised was reiterated, of the difference in the board’s role, to assure protection of the public, and the role of the IPA. Henderson noted her concern about the lack of postdoctoral internships in Iowa, and the access to care issue. She also noted that the board is an enforcement entity, as opposed to an advocacy entity, and that consistency is needed in the requirements. Dozier informed the board that at the time ASPPB surveyed the member jurisdictions, she responded that waiver requests from applicants licensed by resequencing in other states will be likely. Henderson concurs that waivers are likely; she believes that the board will need to address at some point, but the board should not pursue a change in the rules. Payne asked Dr. Michele Greiner, who is representing the IPA, whether IPA would consider moving forward with legislative options. Greiner stated that IPA would consider this or other options that would fall within the mission to serve the public and ensure access to care. Langley stated that the board should take note of the concerns expressed by the Ohio board, and agrees with referring the issue back to the IPA. Glass noted that in some states that passed resequencing there may be a shortage of licensed psychologists similar to Iowa, but also believes that the board will be in a difficult position if rules are pursued without a law change. Dilley stated that he is more concerned now about the board taking the lead through rulemaking, based on the information Payne learned from attending ASPPB. He noted that determining equivalency would be a challenge. Moody stated that the board should not move forward with rulemaking, noting the small number of states that have done this, and that it appears those were based on law changes. If a law is passed, the board will need to inform applicants of the mobility issue. Johnson stated that IPA is in a much better position to move forward, based on the IPA representation of the profession and their organizational structure. There was consensus that the board will not pursue rulemaking at this time to change the licensure

requirements to allow resequencing. However, all members are in agreement that the board would not oppose an effort on the part of IPA if legislation is pursued.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Michele Greiner responded to the discussion about APA accredited internship programs in Iowa. There are three APA internship programs: ISU, U of I, and the VA. Greiner clarified that at the time the Rules Committee requested she obtain information on the states that had changed their rules to allow resequencing, the information she received from Ohio had been positive. She will provide a copy of the email correspondence, which may be shared with the board. Greiner is not certain that Iowa is the only state that would require a law change. She further reiterated that the IPA will consider options, and thanked the board for the time that has been devoted to this topic.

The Board took a break at 11:10 a.m. and reconvened at 11:22 a.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

APPLICATIONS

The correspondence submitted by Nancy Eldridge was reviewed, which pertains to telepsychology. Licensure and exemption application materials will be provided. The telepsychology topic will be discussed further at a later date.

The continuing education application submitted by Elizabeth Rose was reviewed. Henderson made a motion and Glass seconded, to deny Dr. Rose's request that she be granted continuing education for preparing a new course. Glass, Johnson, Henderson, and Moody voted in favor of the motion; Langley, Payne, and Dilley opposed. The motion carried.

The request for off-site supervision submitted by Anne Latham was reviewed. Henderson moved and Langley seconded to approve the request for off-site supervision. The motion carried.

COMPLAINTS

Henderson made a motion to go into closed session to discuss complaints and confidential information under authority of Iowa Code chapter 21.5(1)a. and d. Glass seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Mary Johnson, Ph.D, aye
James Moody, aye
Sarah Henderson, aye
Brenda Payne, Ph.D, aye
Ronelle Langley, Ph.D, aye

John Dilley, Ed.D, aye
Eugene Glass, PsyD, aye

The board went into closed session at 11:49 a.m.
The board returned to open session at 12:29 p.m.

The following actions were taken:

Case 08-008: Moody made a motion to close; Dilley seconded. The motion carried with Glass recused.

Case 09-008: Henderson made a motion to close; Dilley seconded. The motion carried with Payne recused.

Case 10-005: Henderson made a motion to close; Glass seconded. The motion carried.

Case 10-008: Langley made a motion to close; Dilley seconded. The motion carried.

Case 10-011: Dilley made a motion to close; Henderson seconded. The motion carried.

Case 10-012: Langley made a motion to close; Dilley seconded. The motion carried.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

February 11, 2011

ADJOURNMENT

Payne moved to adjourn the meeting, and Glass seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

The minutes were approved by the board on February 11, 2011.