

WV Board of Examiners of Psychologists Board
Board Meeting July 31, 2009
Location: 1st Presbyterian Church, Charleston, WV

Present: Tina Yost, Ed.D., President; Terry Sigley, MA, Secretary; Robert Martin, MA; Michael Folio, Lay Member; Toni Parsons, Ed.D.; Bill Brezinski, MA Jeffrey Harlow, Ph.D., Executive Director; and Kathleen Lynch, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Father Jude Molnar

Public Present: None

Call to Order 9:00 AM.

Agenda Items

Old Business

Minutes for April 23, May 11, and July 13, 2009 Approved

Motion: Dr. Yost moved that the minutes listed above be approved with noted revisions.

Second: Ms. Sigley **Vote: Unanimous**

Title 17, Series 2 and 3

A review was completed of documents pertinent to amending Series 2 and 3 rules. These documents were submitted on July 27, 2009 to the Legislative Rule Making Committee (LRMC). Board members indicate that they would like to be contacted when the Series 3 Rule comes before the LRMC. The Board's letter to psychologists, comments and Board responses to them, and the amended rules will be placed on the Board's website. It will be requested that WVPA post on its ListServ the Board's letter to psychologists and also the notification that the aforementioned documents are posted on the Board's website.

Motion: Dr. Yost moved to establish a committee to develop the midway review for supervised psychologists to be chaired by Mr. Brezinski. **Second:** Ms. Sigley **Vote: Unanimous**

Ken Rosner, Ph.D. and John Wesley Crum, Ph.D. - Extensions of temporary licenses

Motion: Mr. Martin moved that Ken Rosner's and John Wesley Crum's temporary licenses will be extended to September 24, 2009. **Second:** Dr. Yost **Vote: Unanimous**

New Meeting Dates.

- Thursday September 24th – Oral Examinations at Mr. Folio's office in Charleston.
- Friday September 25 – Town Hall Forum then Business meeting at 10:30.
Check with WVPA on room availability
- November 20, 2009 in Fairmont – Business and Oral Examinations

Report on Member's Only site on web

Report was reviewed.

EPPP – Report on WV Scores, Pass Point for the EPPP, Actual Report, and Reliability and Content Validity of a Shortened form of the EPPP.

All documents were reviewed. A study of EPPP passage by school has been requested. It was requested that data be gathered on EPPP passing scores and a possible relationship to the candidate's degree granting institution.

Financial Reports – Supervision Training – FY 2009 Report

The Board discussed cost efficient ways of reducing legal fees. It was decided that reimbursements for ethical inquiry expenses will be recorded and a cumulative sum will be reported at the end of the fiscal year.

Continued Oral Examination Supervisees

A list of these supervisees was reviewed.

Status of Supervision Training Participants

Among the group who attended the supervision training, it was decided that (a) pre-training approved supervisors will be approved for continued supervisor status when the appropriate certificates have been submitted; (b) psychologists who are two years post licensure, and who were not approved supervisors prior to the training and had no limitations on supervision at the time they passed their oral examinations will be approved for supervision status; (c) those psychologists with a two year limitation will be approved when the two year period is completed; and (d) all others must complete a focused oral examination.

Executive Director

Counseling Law Legalizes Testing For Counselors

Motion: After appropriate research and reference to procedures to hire outside assistance, Mr. Brezinski moved that the Board acquire an outside expert in the field of assessment to provide to the Board a written report regarding assessment procedures that should remain within the exclusive purview of the field of psychology. **Second:** Mr. Martin **Vote: Unanimous**

WVU & Marshall Doctoral Programs Request

Motion: Ms. Sigley moved that any individual currently licensed with a Master's degree, who acquired a doctorate degree from an APA approved program from a regionally accredited institution and is going to practice fully within their Board approved scope of practice, need only complete a new demonstrable competency form to be able to use the doctorate credential once they receive written confirmation from the Board. All other applicants will be required to sit for an oral examination before using the doctorate credential. **Second:** Mr. Brezinski **Vote: Unanimous** A letter will be sent to the parties who inquired about this subject.

Sentis

The issue of this company potentially hiring unlicensed psychologists was discussed.

WVPA Request for Town Hall Meeting

The Board will participate in the fall meeting of WVPA and will conduct a Town Hall Forum at 8:30 a.m. on September 25, 2009.

Robert Deakins, Ph.D.

Motion: Ms. Sigley moved that the required extra year of supervision be rescinded due to Mari Sullivan Walker's letter. **Second:** Mr. Martin **Vote: Unanimous**

WVPA Supervision Training Participant Feedback

This information was reviewed.

Ethics Committee

Other state Boards post on their websites sanitized summaries of ethical cases for which they have implemented restrictions. The purpose of these is to educate psychologists on how to avoid being the subjects of ethical complaints.

Motion: Mr. Folio moved that the Board enter Executive Session. **Second:** Ms. Sigley
Vote: Unanimous

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Vote: Unanimous

Ethics Inquiries

2008-3 – Update

There is no reconsideration of the Board's prior decision.

2009-2 – John Damm, Ed.D.

Motion: Ms. Sigley moved that in regard to this inquiry, the recommendation of the Ethics Committee is accepted and the Board finds no probable cause. **Second:** Mr. Martin **Vote: Unanimous**

2009-4 – Board Review for Probable Cause

Motion: Mr. Brezinski moved that the recommendation of the Ethics Committee of probable cause be approved. **Second:** Ms. Sigley **Vote: Unanimous**

Board Office Tasks – Travel Vouchers, Certificates, Licenses, etc.

New Business - None

Adjourn at 4:15 pm – Motion was passed.