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MICHIGAN BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY MARCH 19, 2009 MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Psychology met in regular session on March 19, 2009 at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Dane Ver Merris, Ed.D., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Members Present: Dane Ver Merris, EdD, Chairperson
Julie Cowie, Vice Chairperson
Christopher J. Flores, Public Member
James A Gualdoni, Public Member
Robert Hack, MA, LLP
Monica Navarro, Public Member
James Reed, PhD
Alan Warbelow, LLP

Members Absent: Roberta Toll, PhD

Staff Present: Rae Ramsdell, Director, Licensing Division
Amy Shell, Policy Administration Manager, Licensing Division
Steve Creamer, Manager, Workforce Development,
Research & Evaluation Section (left at 10:16 a.m.)
Susan Affholter, Pain Management Coordinator, Workforce
Development, Research & Evaluation Section (left at 10:16 a.m.)
Leo Friedman, Division Chief, Licensing & Regulation
Division, Office of Attorney General
Starla Walter, Secretary, Licensing Division
Laurie VanBeelen, Board Secretary, Licensing Division

Others Present: Kristen Sheridan, Michigan Psychological Association
Natalie Mosher

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Flores, seconded by Gualdoni, to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2009 meeting with the following correction:

Under **NEW BUSINESS, Elections**, it should be reflected that Dane Ver Merris was re-elected Chairperson.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Gualdoni, seconded by Navarro, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

PAIN AND SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

Steve Creamer, manager of the Workforce Development, Research and Evaluation Section of the Department, gave a Powerpoint presentation regarding the history and function of the Advisory Committee on Pain and Symptom Management (ACPSM). He indicated that the committee was created pursuant to PA 421 of 1998. Creamer reviewed the accomplishments of the committee through the 2008 fiscal year and highlighted the initiatives for fiscal year 2009.

One of the accomplishments highlighted during the presentation was the creation of the Michigan Automated Prescription System (MAPS), which allows physicians and pharmacists to track the medications dispensed to their patients. A variety of information regarding MAPS is available at the following website:

http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-27417_27648---,00.html

Creamer also introduced Susan Affholter, the Pain Management and Palliative Care Coordinator for Michigan's pain management program.

Questions and comments were taken from the Board. Creamer asked the Board to provide him with articles relating to depression which could be included in the Department's newsletters. Creamer also mentioned during his presentation that Public Service Announcements will be aired to educate the public on the ACPSM and indicated that he welcomed suggestions regarding PSA's from the Board.

The Board was encouraged to contact Steve Creamer at creamers1@michigan.gov (517-335-3294) or Susan Affholter at affholters@michigan.gov (517-373-0396) with any additional questions or suggestions.

OLD BUSINESS

Master's Licensing in Other States

Hack provided the Board with various information and articles regarding his belief that LLP's are being severely limited in their practices due to supervision issues, requirements in advertising, and restrictions from insurance companies regarding reimbursement. He also referenced a session which will be held during the upcoming April ASPPB meeting entitled "Scope of Practice Turf Wars."

After much discussion amongst the Board, it was decided that the rules committee will visit the issue of advertising for LLP's.

Shell will be attending the ASPPB April meeting and will provide information regarding the "Scope of Practice Turf Wars" session at the May Board of Psychology meeting.

The Department will research what other states require for supervision of LLP's and provide that information to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson's Report

Ver Merris stated that Toll will attend the ASPPB April meeting as the Board's representative and she will provide an update to the Board at the May meeting.

Ver Merris reported that the Department continues to receive a high number of complaints which relate to custody disputes. He reported that compliance conferences have been held recently and that he, Warbelow and Toll are currently acting as Board conferees. Ver Merris also thanked those Board members that have assisted in reviewing complaints.

Due to the high number of complaints involving custody disputes, it was recommended that the continued professional development model contain suggestions in this area. It was discussed that the APA has suggested guidelines currently on their website.

Department Update

Shell indicated that when attending the ASPPB April meeting, she is also attending a session on telehealth. She will provide the Board with a full update of her visit at the May meeting.

Shell reported that the public hearing regarding the recent Administrative Rules changes will take place on March 23, 2009.

Shell introduced Starla Walter who is a new secretary for the Bureau who will be assisting in providing secretarial support to the boards.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kristen Sheridan, Chairperson for licensing with the Michigan Psychological Association, indicated that the MPA shares the Board's goal in protecting the public. She indicated that MPA assists professionals in understanding and adhering to the Administrative Rules for the Board of Psychology. Sheridan pointed out that the limited license and master's scope of practice is identical, but yet the training is very different.


ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 21, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

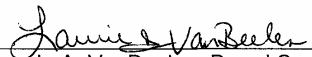
MOTION by Hack, seconded by Gualdoni, to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

MOTION PREVAILED



Dane Ver Merris, Ed.D., Chairperson

5-21-09
Date Minutes Approved



Laurie A. VanBeelen, Board Secretary

March 30, 2009
Date Minutes Prepared