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MICHIGAN BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY SEPTEMBER 18, 2008 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 September 18, 2008 at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. 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 9:36 a.m.

Members Present: Dane Ver Merris, Ed.D., Chairperson
Julie Cowie, Vice Chairperson
Robert Hack, M.A., L.L.P.
Roberta Toll, Ph.D. (arrived at 9:39)
Alan Warbelow, L.L.P.
James A Gualdoni, Public Member
Christopher J. Flores, Public Member

Members Absent: James D. Reed, Ph.D.
Monica Navarro, Public Member

Staff Present: Brooke Parmalee, Secretary, Licensing Division
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Licensing Division
Amy Shell, Manager, Licensing Division
Jennifer Milczarski, Licensing Division
Susan Balkema, Assistant Attorney General

Others Present: Janice Lazar, Ph.D., M.P.A.
Kevin Keenan, M.I.S.P.P.
Rudy Sera, M.A.P.P.
Patricia Watson, Ph.D.
Joseph Budnick
Deanna Brann, M.A.P.P.
Mary Clark, M.A.P.P.
Bruce Kline, M.A.P.P.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Gualdoni, seconded by Flores to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2008 meeting as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Hack, seconded by Warbelow to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

NEW BUSINESS

A. Chairperson's Report

Ver Merris appointed Flores to the Rules Committee. The committee now consists of Warbelow, Cowie, Flores, and Ver Merris. The CPD rules will be started soon. Ver Merris also asked Reed to serve as alternate on the Disciplinary Subcommittee. Reed tentatively agreed pending his ability to resolve some schedule conflicts.

B. Department Update

Ramsdell stated that the CPD model is being reviewed by departmental staff to ensure that the correct language is included.

Ramsdell acknowledged Kevin Keenan's statements during public comment at the July meeting and indicated that she will be following up with him regarding those issues.

Ramsdell also commented on Rudy Sera's issues presented during public comment at July's meeting regarding LLPs and methods by which they can be reimbursed independently of the Psychology Ph.D. license. She indicated that nothing can be put in the rules to exempt LLPs from being supervised. The reimbursement issue is not something that this board is involved in addressing. The board has no responsibilities for the reimbursement process. The department is working with him to provide other avenues for him to have his issues addressed.

Flores requested information on how other states are dealing with this issue.

C. Boundary Issues Presentation – Patricia Watson, Ph.D.

One of the issues that has come up in the past is Psychologists who have breached boundaries. Dr. Patricia Watson gave a report to the board regarding issues of boundary crossing and boundary violations.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Keenan asked the board to consider the fact that there is a group of individuals in the State of Michigan that are trying to practice Psychology without a license. Keenan also expressed concern that his letter submitted at July's meeting has not received a response.

Sera sent a letter to the department and is in receipt of the department's response. He does not agree with some of the statements included in that response. He believes that legislative changes are needed but also feels that there are things the board can address as well. He indicated that he would like to give a formal presentation at the next meeting.

Budnick commented on the discussion held by the board regarding its duties.

Clark believes that the supervision requirement for Limited License Psychologists is unnecessary. She would like to see this matter be placed on the agenda for a formal presentation.

Brann is of the understanding that the Board of Psychology is here to represent all Psychologists. She believes that there is a bias toward one group and a prejudice toward the other.

Kline commented on the supervision requirement and would like to know what the requirements are to be a supervisor.


ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on November 13, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

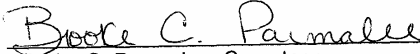
MOTION by Hack, seconded by Warbelow to adjourn the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

MOTION PREVAILED



Dane Ver Merris, Ed.D., Chairperson

11-13-08
Date Minutes Approved



Brooke C. Parmalee, Secretary

9-18-08
Date Minutes Prepared