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MICHIGAN BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY NOVEMBER 13, 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 November 13, 2008 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 9:38 a.m.

Members Present: Dane Ver Merris, Ed.D., Chairperson
Julie Cowie, Vice Chairperson
Christopher J. Flores, Public Member
James A Gualdoni, Public Member
Robert Hack, M.A., L.L.P.
James D. Reed, Ph.D.
Roberta Toll, Ph.D. (left at 10:46 a.m.)
Alan Warbelow, L.L.P.

Members Absent: Monica Navarro, Public Member

Staff Present: Rae Ramsdell, Director, Licensing Division
Amy Shell, Policy Administration Mgr, Licensing Division
Desmond Mitchell, Analyst, Licensing Division
Merry Rosenberg, Assistant Attorney General
Laurie VanBeelen, Secretary, Licensing Division

Others Present: Janice Lazar, Ph.D., M.P.A., MI Psychological Association
Kerry Moustakas, Ph.D., MI School of Professional
Psychology (MISPP)
Diane Blau, Ph.D., MISPP
Lee Bach, Ph.D., MISPP
Diane Zalapi, MISPP
C.F. Benson, for MISPP
Max Hoffman, for MISPP

Dana Gill, BL Government Affairs
Philip J. Dwyer
Rudy Serra, MAPP
Mary Clark, MAPP

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Flores, seconded by Toll, to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2008 meeting as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Gualdoni, seconded by Flores, to approve the agenda with the following addition:

Under New Business, add B. Request of Michigan School of Professional Psychology, and re-letter the remaining items.

MOTION PREVAILED

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson's Report

Ver Merris reported the following:

- He attended the ASPPB annual meeting held October 29, 2008-November 2, 2008 and briefed the Board on topics discussed at the meeting. He indicated that it was a very beneficial meeting.
- A practice analysis will be done in 2009 to ensure that the EPPP exam reflects actual practice. Practice exams are available on the internet and appear to be helpful.
- Complaints are received by the Department on a minimum of a weekly basis. He has attended three settlement conferences since the September meeting and will ask members to act as conferees as the need arises.

Request of Michigan School of Professional Psychology (MISPP)

Ramsdell indicated that the MISPP has applied for the National Register/ASPPB designation for the MISPP's doctoral program in psychology. The designation was not granted, however. The school is working toward meeting the requirements for the

designation in order to reapply in January/February 2009. The Psychology rules require doctoral programs to have the designation by June 30, 2009. Notification of whether MISPP's application for the designation is granted is not expected until approximately June 2009. MISPP is concerned that if the designation is not received in 2009, their doctoral program graduates will be unable to become licensed.

Discussion was held and Ver Merris asked for a representative of MISPP to address the Board. Kerry Moustakas, Ph.D., President of MISPP, presented the points as outlined in the school's letter to the Board of October 29, 2008 and answered members' questions.

Additional discussion was held. The Department will prepare a proposal regarding extending the time period for which the designation has to be in place and will provide same to the Board. Discussion will continue on this issue at the January meeting.

Master's License in Other States

A detailed report was provided to the Board regarding many other states' definitions and requirements of licensure at the Master's level. Flores thanked the Department for responding to his request. Discussion was held regarding the various licensing levels which other states have and the fact that the number of states issuing a Master's level license is decreasing.

Department Update

Shell advised the Board that the ASPPB is planning a visit to meet with Department representatives on December 19, 2008 and encouraged members to provide her with any topics which the Board feels should be discussed with the ASPPB representative. Flores indicated that he would like the ASPPB to provide criteria to the Board for obtaining the National Register/ASPPB designation.

Shell introduced Laurie VanBeelen to the Board as the secretary who will now assist the Board.

Ramsdell advised that the ballot proposal providing for the use of medical marijuana passed and the Department has been given the responsibility for promulgating the rules and implementing the registration program.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Max Hoffman, attorney for the MISPP, indicated that he will provide a letter to the Board from a Michigan senator urging the rules be changed to extend the deadline for a school to receive the National Register/ASPPB designation for Doctor of Psychology programs. He believes there are students who will be affected detrimentally if the deadline is not extended.

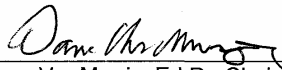
ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on January 22, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

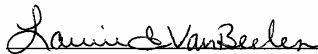
MOTION by Reed, seconded by Gualdoni, to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

MOTION PREVAILED



Dane Ver Merris, Ed.D., Chairperson

1-22-09
Date Minutes Approved



Laurie A. VanBeelen, Secretary

11-18-08
Date Minutes Prepared