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March 23, 2017 MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Psychology met on March 23, 2017, at the Ottawa Building, Conference Room 4, 611 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

CALL TO ORDER

Ozkan, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed new member Dr. Gail Majcher.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Eric D. Ozkan, PhD, Chairperson, Professional Member
Valencia Agnew, PhD, Professional Member
Mindy Fernandes, Public Member (arrived at 9:34 a.m.)
Lisa Gray, Public Member
Dennis Kayes, JD, Public Member
Gail Majcher, PhD, Professional Member
Valerie Shebroe, PhD, Professional Member
Sara Van Wormer, MA, LLP, Professional Member

Members Absent: Lt. Col. USAF, Ret. Michael J. Connelly, Public Member

Staff Present: Nakisha Bayes, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section
Patricia Leary, Analyst, Boards and Committees Section
Karen Carpenter, Analyst, Boards and Committees Section
Wendy Helmic, Analyst, Compliance Section
Erika Marzorati, Assistant Attorney General

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Van Wormer, seconded by Kayes, to accept the agenda as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Kayes, seconded by Van Wormer, to approve the December 15, 2016, as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

Amanda Stephenie-Case Smith, Psy.D. – Petition for Reinstatement

MOTION by Kayes, seconded by Van Wormer, to accept the Proposal for Decision and grant Reinstatement. The Respondent will be placed on probation for one year and the Respondent must comply with the Public Health Code.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Agnew, Fernandes, Gray, Kayes, Majcher,
Shebroe, Van Wormer, Ozkan

Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

OLD BUSINESS

EPPP Step 2

Shebroe inquired if, when the Examination for Professional Practice of Psychology (EPPP) update is completed, the Board will be voting to make the exam a requirement for licensure.

Leary explained that the rules and statute will be reviewed by the rules committee with regard to EPPP, part 2.

FAQ Review

Ozkan summarized the changes and the updates that the Board would like to see on the FAQ on the Board of Psychology page of the Bureau of Professional Licensing website. The Board would like the page to be more user friendly and to see more information provided than what is currently on the page.

PCSAS Discussion

Ozkan explained that Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System (PCSAS) is an alternative credentialing and certification program. He offered to provide documents regarding PCSAS to any Board members who would like more information.

Shebroe inquired if it would be possible to add PCSAS to the rules as a supplement for credentials.

Leary explained that the rules and statute will be reviewed regarding the addition of PCSAS credentialing.

NEW BUSINESS

Alternative Supervision Requests

MOTION by Ozkan, seconded by Shebroe, to grant the Alternative Supervision Request for Heather Ballard.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was taken. Yeas: Agnew, Fernandes, Kayes, Shebroe, Ozkan
Nays: Gray, Majcher, Van Wormer

MOTION PREVAILED

MOTION by Ozkan, seconded by Van Wormer, to deny the Alternative Supervision Request for Cole France.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was taken. Yeas: Agnew, Fernandes, Gray, Kayes, Majcher,
Shebroe, Van Wormer, Ozkan
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

MOTION by Kayes, seconded by Shebroe, to grant the Alternative Supervision Request for Bradley D. Fox.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was taken. Yeas: Agnew, Fernandes, Kayes, Shebroe
Nays: Gray, Majcher, Van Wormer, Ozkan

MOTION FAILED

Chairperson Report

Ozkan thanked the Allegation committee for all of the hard work they do.

He reported that the rules subcommittee is making progress on their changes.

Ozkan welcomed Majcher again and thanked her for her service.

He thanked Leary for her communications. As well as her correspondence clarifying the best way to respond to individuals contacting the Board members directly.

Ozkan explained that there have been some liability concerns for Board members recently. He stated that Texas, Ohio, and Kentucky are combining their health boards to reduce the liabilities the states have faced based on actions of their boards. Ozkan also explained that State of Michigan Board members are protected and have civil immunity while acting within the scope and the authority of a Board Member.

Marzorati confirmed that the members of the Board are afforded qualified immunity, as long as they are acting within the scope of their role as a Board member and in good faith.

HPRC Annual Report

Carpenter present the Board members with a copy of the HPRP Annual Report. She reported on the HPRP statistics as they apply to the Board of Psychology. Carpenter noted the current HPRC representative's term expires December 31, 2017, and referrals for a new representative are welcome.

Department Update

Leary notified the Board of several staffing changes. Cheryl Pezon, JD, Manager of the Boards and Committees Section has been promoted to Deputy Director of the Bureau of Professional Licensing. The new manager of the Boards and Committees Section is Kerry Ryan Przybylo. Leary also notified the Board that she has accepted a new position and will begin her transition on March 27, 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Patricia Deldin, representative from University of Michigan Ann Arbor, introduced herself to the Board. Deldin explained that she feels that PCSAS is the wave of the future. She stated about 18 of the top 25 schools in Michigan are PCSAS accredited at this time. Deldin believes that some schools may drop their current accreditation to go with PCSAS. She was happy to hear the discussion earlier in the meeting regarding PCSAS, she will communicate to the schools that the Board is reviewing it.

Bradly Fox introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Fox disapproved of the actions of the department in implementing procedural changes concerning TLLP. Now TLLPs are

struggling to meet their supervision requirements. He believes there are unanswered questions moving forward concerning supervision, variance requests, and temporary license issues.

Veronica Thomas, representative from the Moody Theological Seminary's Counseling Psychology Program introduced herself to the Board. A recent issue that they have seen is that TLLP licensees were allotted two years to complete their supervision requirements, with the opportunity for extensions as well. The school has been guiding the students upon that understanding. Ms. Thomas feels that the changes are hindering the students and that they should be given the opportunity to be appropriately grandfathered. She feels that the department's procedures are having a negative impact on both the students and the residents in the community.

Toni Crocilla, an LP in private practice, introduced herself to the Board. Dr. Crocilla's concerns reflect those of Mr. Fox and Ms. Thomas'. She is seeing many students coming in that are confused and wondering if their earned hours are even applicable. Dr. Crocilla is also frustrated with the Board's communications regarding supervision variance requests with non-profit organizations. Most non-profits don't make enough to keep a fully licensed LP on staff.

Dr. David St. John, an LP in private practice introduced himself to the Board. Dr. St. John is dissatisfied with the discrepancy between doctoral level psychologists who can renew their limited license five times versus the TLLPs having only eighteen months to practice under a non-renewable temporary license while accruing their supervised hours and passing the exam. Dr. St. John feels that it would be more appropriate to increase the time limits for TLLPs to five years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held June 22, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa Street, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ozkan, seconded by Kayes, to adjourn the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on June 22, 2017.

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