

Board of Psychological Examiners
Approved Minutes, Meeting of Friday, August 12, 2011
National Life Building, North, Floor 2, Montpelier, VT 05620-3402

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Root, Ed.D. Deborah Wallis, Ph.D.
Steve Lewis, Psy.D. Michael Doyle

MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Jan Belville

OTHERS PRESENT: Larry Novins, Board Counsel, Diane Lafaille, Board Administrator, Peter Comart, Unit Administrator, Carla Preston, Case Manager, Colin Benjamin, Board Counsel, Dr. Craig Knapp and Dr. Richard Barnett.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.
2. **Minutes:** Mr. Doyle moved, seconded by Dr. Wallis, to approve the Minutes of the July 8, 2011 meeting with one minor correction. Approved.
3. **Complaint Status and Updates:**
Case Manager's Report – Ms. Preston, Case Manager, updated the Board of its case load. She stated that there were currently 6 complaints under investigation; 2 are in intake, 1 is ready for an Investigative Team meeting and 4 are under investigation.
4. **Applications:**
The following applicant's sought approval to sit for the EPPP:
 - a. Mott, Thomas, MA
 - b. Patno, Michelle, MA
 - c. Pilcher, Lynn, MA

Mr. Doyle moved, seconded by Dr. Wallis, to approved these applicant's to sit for the EPPP. Approved.
5. **Continuing Education Credits:**
 - a. 23rd Annual Vermont Brian Injury Conference – approved.
 - b. Peer Case Consultation and Parent Management Training – approved.
 - c. Latent Variable Methods Workshop – approved.
 - d. "Contingency Management" – approved.
"Holistic Approaches to Recovery" – approved.
"Neuroscience and the Recovery Processes" – approved.
"Risk Assessment for Suicide" – approved.
"Helping Clients at Each Stage of Change" – approved.

- “Treatment of Veterans with Substance Use Disorders” – approved.
- e. Staff consultation time – approved.
- f. Northeastern Mountain Society of Clinical Hypnosis Workshop – approved.
- g. 2011 Bridging the Divide – approved.
- h. Building NESTT – approved.

6. **Rules Revision**

- a. Drs. Craig Knapp and Richard Barnett came to speak with the Board regarding the proposed rules.
- b. The Board reviewed the public comments received. The Board spent a majority of its meeting reviewing these responses.

Mr. Doyle moved, seconded by Dr. Wallis, that a small group is defined as 3-8 people.

Dr. Lewis moved, seconded by Mr. Doyle, that small groups need to be in person or via electronic means where participants can be seen by the other participants. Dr. Wallis was opposed. Dr. Root abstained from voting. Motion not carried.

7. **Correspondence**

- a. At the previous meeting Gretchen Schoenfield sent the Board an e-mail inquiring if she would be denied endorsement or an application for licensure if she did not finish her post-doctorate residency. The Board responded that if she were applying on the basis of endorsement her application would be denied. If she did not have post-doctorate supervision, her application would be denied. She would be required to apply on the basis of examination and show that she had met all the requirements for licensure, including post-doctorate hours. She sent the Board another e-mail stating that she was not inquiring about whether she would be denied endorsement if she did not finish her post-doctoral residency, that she fully planned to finish her two-year post-doctoral residency. Her question was whether the Vermont Board would reject her post-doctoral residency if she became licensed in Arizona prior to the end of her residency. The Board stated that she can be granted licensure in Vermont even if she is licensed in Arizona, as long as she meets the criteria for licensure.
- b. Emily Samara e-mailed the Board stating that she is currently enrolled in a clinical psychology master’s program and has completed her course work, including the internship portion of the program, and will now be writing her major paper to obtain her degree. She is interested in working in a mental health institution this year while she writes her paper and she will be receiving supervision from a licensed psychologist. She is wondering if these hours of supervised work will count toward her needed

supervised hours since she is no longer enrolled in the internship course. The Board stated that she can only count hours of supervised practice if her internship is part of her educational program.

8. **Other**

- a. Psychology Trainee Registration – At the Board’s July 8th, 2011 meeting the Board was asked if it is necessary for one to hold a psychology trainee registration if one is already on the roster of non-licensed and non-certified psychotherapists if one is on track for becoming licensed as a psychologist, or if the roster entry would cover one while accruing hours toward licensure as a psychologist. Attorney Novins was requested to draft a policy for Board review at its August 12th meeting. Attorney Novins presented the board with an interim policy which states, “The supervised practice of an applicant for licensure as a psychologist which occurred while the applicant was registered on the roster of non-licensed and non-certified psychotherapists will not, because the applicant was on the roster, disqualify the supervised practice from counting toward licensure as a psychologist.” Dr. Wallis moved, seconded by Dr. Lewis, to accept this interim policy. Approved.
9. **Review of Process of Meeting Today**
- a. Desired characteristics of Board Group Process – Tabled.
10. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 9th.
11. The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Lafaille, Board Administrator