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Oregon Board of Psychologist Examiners

Public Session Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 24, 2010

Salem, OR

- Members Present:** Susan Latham, Public Member, Chair
Shane Haydon, Ph.D. Vice-Chair
Robin Shallcross, Ph.D.
Linda Sherman, Ph.D.
David Wade, Psy.D.
Roger Carlson, Ph.D.
Fran Ferder, Ph.D.
- Excused:** James Hendry
Kent Anderson
- Legal Counsel:** Warren Foote, AAG
- Staff:** Debra McHugh
Kelli Kelly
- Guests:** Scott Pengelly, Ph.D.
Christian Wolff, M.A.
Joan Scott, Ph.D.
Martha Blake, NCPsyA, Licensed Psychologist

CALL TO ORDER AT 12:15 P.M.

I. PUBLIC FORUM

Scott Pengelly, Ph.D., Oregon Psychological Association (OPA) Liaison. Dr. Pengelly presented the following information:

- A. OPA membership is down 8% and has been dropping since July.
- B. Foreign Applicants. OPA would like to know if there is a different set of procedures for foreign degree applicants. Applicants from foreign institutions want to know if they are treated with the same standards as US-educated applicants.
- C. There is an ongoing conversation regarding psychologists and psychologist associates and the insurance commissioner. Only consumers can address the insurance commissioner. There are concerns about consumer access. OPA has agreed to sponsor a survey with psychologist associates about denial of claims and will provide data to the insurance commissioner in October.

D. The Legislature has approved building a second psychiatric hospital. Current costs are \$200,000 per patient per year. OPA proposes the second hospital not be built, and the money be used for community based treatment at a lower cost.

E. OPA Ethics Committee reported there were only twenty-one calls since the beginning of this calendar year. The low number is surprising given the new duty to report law that went into effect January 2010.

F. Dr. Pengelly will participate in a meeting on Thursday, September 30 to discuss a step-down model of the Health Professionals Impairment Program (HB 2345).

G. On October 22-23, 2010 the Pain Society of Oregon is sponsoring a seminar for treatment of chronic pain. Information will be online at www.painsociety.com.

Joan Scott, Ph.D. Psychologist Associate applicant, discussed her prior clinical work experience.

Christian Wolff, M.A. addressed issues regarding Oregon Psychologist Associates. He stated that several states have psychologist associates but no uniformity in rule. Insurance companies will opt to reimburse psychologist associates; he has dealt with several. He would like to see reciprocity for supervised hours for psychologist associate applicants coming from out of state. Mr. Wolff provided handouts on ORS Chapter 743A.

II. APPROVE MINUTES

August 6, 2010 **EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

Moved: Haydon Second: Shallcross Abstention: Ferder

Action: To approve the Executive Session meeting minutes with corrections.

August 6, 2010 **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

Moved: Sherman Second: Carlson Abstention: Ferder

Action: To approved the Public Session meeting minutes as presented

III. THIRTY-DAY INVESTIGATION EXTENSIONS

2009-002, 2009-011, 2009-041, 2009-053, 2009-057, 2009-061, 2009-062, 2009-066, 2009-071, 2009-072, 2009-073, 2009-078, 2010-012, 2010-013, 2010-019, 2010-023, 2010-024, 2010-026, 2010-027, 2010-030, 2010-032, 2010-037, 2010-038, 2010-039, 2010-040, 2010-041, 2010-042, 2010-043, 2010-045, 2010-048, 2010-050, 2010-052, 2010-053, 2010-054, 2010-057, 2010-058, 2010-059, 2010-060, 2010-061

Action: To approve the Thirty-Day extensions

In Favor: All Opposed: None Abstention: None

IV. CONSUMER PROTECTION STATISTICS

78 complaints have been filed in 2010. There are 62 open cases under investigation (including the investigation files scheduled for Board consideration), 2 in the contested case process. Of the open cases under investigation, 35 are regarding licensed practice and 27 are regarding unlicensed practice.

V. CONSUMER PROTECTION VOTES

Case No. 2009-057 Moved: Wade Second: Sherman
That the Board: Issue a Thirty-Day Letter
In Favor: Unanimous Oppose: None Abstain: None

Case No. 2010-045 Moved: Haydon Second: Shallcross
That the Board: Dismiss
In Favor: Unanimous Oppose: None Abstain: None

Case No. 2010-039 Moved: Wade Second: Sherman
That the Board: Dismiss
In Favor: Unanimous Oppose: None Abstain: None

Case No. 2010-077 Moved: Sherman Second: Ferder
That the Board: Dismiss
In Favor: Unanimous Oppose: None Abstain: None

Case No. 2008-017 Moved: Haydon Second: Shallcross
That the Board: Terminate the Interim Stipulated Order.
In Favor: Unanimous Oppose: None Abstain: None

Case No. 2009-031 & 2009-032 Moved: Ferder Second: Carlson
That the Board: Dismiss
In Favor: Unanimous Oppose: None Abstain: None

Case No. 2009-002 & 2009-071 Moved: Carlson Second: Haydon
That the Board: Dismiss
In Favor: Unanimous Oppose: None Abstain: None

Case No. 2009-062 Moved: Shallcross Second: Carlson
That the Board: Dismiss
In Favor: Unanimous Oppose: None Abstain: None

Case No. 2010-003 Dr. Sherman left the room during voting.
Moved: Carlson Second: Haydon
That the Board: Issue a Thirty-Day Letter
In Favor: Unanimous Oppose: None Abstain: None

Case No. 2009-061 Moved: Ferder Second: Haydon
That the Board: Dismiss
In Favor: Unanimous Oppose: None Abstain: None

VI CONSENT AGENDA

Moved: Sherman Second: Haydon
Action: To accept the Consent Agenda as presented
In Favor: Unanimous Oppose: None Abstain: None

VII. FOREIGN DEGREES

Martha Blake, NCPsyA, Licensed Psychologist, shared her expertise on credentialing. Dr. Blake discussed several credential evaluation levels and offered her recommendations. She suggested the Board agree on core education content, establish a relationship with, and send all applicants to one highly

credible evaluation service. This service should translate documents, course descriptions and syllabi when necessary. Dr. Blake indicated that rather than use the term “foreign” she would prefer the term “trained abroad”.

VIII. CONSOLIDATION & EFFICIENCIES OF HEALTH LICENSING BOARDS

Debra McHugh discussed the Governor’s Reset Cabinet Report that proposed moving all health licensing boards under one ‘umbrella’ agency similar to Washington State. The report was released in June 2010.

In July 2010, the Governor’s health policy advisor, Claudia Black and Representative Val Hoyle began a parallel process to focus on Board efficiencies. Board executive directors, Board chairs, and professional association liaisons formed committees to look at efficiencies already in place as well as those that could be developed in the future. The committees looked at topics from human resources to technology. Committee representatives presented their findings and recommendations to The House Health Care committee. It is likely that some legislative proposals will be developed to implement some of the committee recommendations.

IX. EDUCATION SUMMIT

Drs. Shallcross, Sherman and Carlson will represent the Board at the November 5, 2010 Education Summit meeting in Wilsonville. The purpose of the Summit is to begin a discussion about standards for educational preparation for licensure. A flyer will be distributed to all interested parties from individuals in academia to university training program staff to licensed psychologists and applicants.

X. APPLICANT MATTERS

A. Francis A. Johnston, M.A., PhD – Request approval as an independent psychologist associate.

Action: Denied. Approve status as a Psychologist Associate with continued supervision.

B. Joan N. Scott, M.A., PhD - Request approval as an independent psychologist associate.

Action: Denied. Approve status as a Psychologist Associate with continued supervision.

C. Janice Howard, M.A., PhD. - Request approval as an independent psychologist associate.

Action: Denied. Approve status as a Psychologist Associate with continued supervision.

XI. LICENSEE MATTERS

A. Janet R. Jacobs – request to change status from inactive to active.

Action: Approved

XII. 2009-2011 BUDGET REPORT

Ms. McHugh reported that the agency is “under-spent” on the 200-2011 biennium budget due to personnel and technology savings, as well as general office efficiencies.

XIII 2011-2013 AGENCY REQUEST BUDGET

Ms. McHugh reported the agency budget report was submitted, and approved by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), for the 2011-2013 biennium. The 2011-2013 biennium budget request was lower than the 2009-2011 budget. The 2011-2013 budget includes approval for a permanent half-time clerical staff. The clerical position is currently full-time and of limited duration. The budget also includes an upward re-classification for the investigator position. Ms. McHugh explained that the duties of the investigator have evolved significantly, as the expectations of the Board and the complexity of the investigations have increased.

XIV. OBPE WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS

Ms. McHugh reported a significant improvement to the OBPE website including the new “Applicant Tracking Tool” which allows applicants to login to the Board’s website and view the status of their application. The new tracking tool allows applicants access to their file at any time to determine what is missing from their application file.

XV. STRATEGIC PLANNING BOARD RETREAT

A list of agenda items were produced for the November 13, 2010 Strategic Planning Board Retreat to be held at Dr. Haydon’s home. The Board retreat is a public meeting.

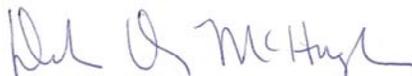
XVI. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

A. Dr. Wade stated his objection to publishing names associated with discipline in the OBPE newsletter. Warren Foote, AAG, and Board legal counsel, says it gives notice to the public and other licensees who may not want to refer clients to someone they have concerns about. Dr. Shallcross stated it shows the board is doing their job. The Board added this topic to the retreat agenda for further discussion and analysis.

B. Shane Haydon stated there is a workshop being sponsored by American Mental Health Alliance of Oregon. Martin Pittionni, Licensed Clinical Social Workers Board, Becky Eklund, Counselors and Therapists Board, and Dr. Haydon, from the OBPE, will respond to questions regarding the new “Duty to Report” law. Dr. Shallcross suggested giving as many facts as possible to attendees, and to be sure and address the issue, “Is consultation with a colleague protected?” Dr. Ferder suggested having case studies as to whether one should take action in reporting unprofessional conduct.

ADJOURN – 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



_____, November 12, 2010
Debra McHugh, Executive Director