

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, 7 October 2004

Open Session

The Open Session of the Board of Psychology (Board) was called to order at 8:30 A.M. on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, Rhode Island Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.

Board members in attendance:

Peter Oppenheimer, Ph.D

Joan Retsinas, Ph.D

Joan Rollins, Ph.D.

Beverly Serabian, Ph.D.

Board members not in attendance:

Maria Garrido, PSY.D

Staff members in attendance:

Charlie Alexandre, Chief, Health Professions Regulation

Kelly Doyle, Board Administrator, Health Professions Regulation

Gregory Madoian, Legal Counsel

Others in attendance:

None

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 August 2004 were presented. On a motion by Dr. Retsinas and seconded by Dr. Rollins, it was unanimously Voted to accept the Open and Executive minutes as presented and that the Executive minutes to remain sealed pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

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Topics of Discussion

The Board reviewed and approved the applications of the following

candidates for licensure by examination, to take the EPPP examination:

- Susannah Mozley - Anjali Palav

- Michelle Broth (pending receipt of reference letters)

- Timothy Apodaca (request for PST permit approved, pending receipt of reference letters)

Mr. Alexandre reviewed and discussed the draft of the proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations for the Licensure of Psychologists (Rules and Regulations) distributed to them by staff. Mr. Alexandre noted that the Community Review took place last week. Comments were received from two interested parties and the amendments were made to the draft to accommodate both requests. Mr. Alexandre informed the Board that the Public Hearing is scheduled for December 1, 2004 at 10:00 A.M. Upon acceptance and approval of the proposed Rules and Regulations by the Department, the Rules and Regulations are then filed with the Secretary of State's Office and become official twenty days after signing. Staff thanked the Board for a job well done.

Mr. Alexandre noted that the request from the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology (National Register) regarding consideration of adding acceptance of the National Register's requirements to our Rules and Regulations was approved. Mr.

Alexandre noted that the Rules and Regulations accepts the CPQ which staff noted that the CPQ and National Register's supervised practice prerequisite hours are the same requirement of a minimum of 1500 hours per year. Mr. Alexandre noted that given this fact the Rules and Regulations are amended to reflect the supervised practice requirement of a minimum of 1500 hours per year. Mr. Alexandre left the meeting at this time.

The Board reviewed the following requests for approval of continuing education credits:

- Dale Blumen, Jerome Adams, and Peter Maynard – Rhode Island Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Conference held on October 8, 2004. The Board noted that if the conference is approved by the Board of Marriage and Family Therapists, it is approved for continuing education credit, applicable to the satisfaction of the Category I or Category II requirement.

- Jennifer Lambert – Assessment and Treatment of Anger Workshop held on November 11-12, 2004. The Board noted that this workshop is approved for continuing education credit, applicable to the satisfaction of the Category I or Category II requirement.

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Adjournment to Executive Session

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn the Open Session and move to Executive Session pursuant to the Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 (a)(1)(4) of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed, or oral examinations administered. On a motion by Dr. Rollins, and seconded by Dr. Retsinas, it was unanimously so Voted to adjourn to Executive Session.

Return to Open Session

Dr. Oppenheimer called the Open Session back to Order at 10:45 AM.

On motion of Dr. Oppenheimer, seconded by Dr. Rollins, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

The Board reported the following final actions:

2004-03-PS No Unprofessional Conduct

2003-08-PS Referred to the Department of the Attorney General

The Board administered oral examinations to six candidates, all of who were judged to have successfully completed said examinations and will be licensed as psychologists.

Topics of Discussion (continued)

Staff distributed to the Board, for their information, copies of correspondence from the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards. This correspondence was informational in nature therefore no action by the Board was necessary.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

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Adjournment

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn the Open Session pursuant to the Sections 42-46-4 and 42-42-5 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island. On a motion by Dr. Retsinas, and seconded by Dr. Rollins, it was unanimously so Voted to adjourn.

The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Doyle

Board Administrator

Health Professions Regulation