

# **BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**December 2, 2010**

**Open Session**

**The Open Session of the Board of Psychology was called to order at 8:20 am 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.**

**James Campbell, Ph.D.**

**Margaret Paccione-Dyslewski, Ph.D.**

**Charles E. Maynard, M.S.**

**Board members not in attendance:**

**Staff members in attendance:**

**J. Michel Martineau**

**Charles Alexandre, PhD, RN**

**Members made reference to the issue of someone practicing without a license. The Board Administrator notes the Department has a practice of reporting these allegations to the Office of the Attorney General as we have jurisdiction over licensed individuals.**

**Members discuss initiating a colleague assistance program that would allow a non-disciplinary confidential contract for individuals with a substance abuse problem. The Administrator states that Dr. Alexandre advises these programs are currently in place with both the nurse and physician boards and available for review by this Board.**

**The minutes of the open session held on September 16, 2010 were presented. Dr. Peter Oppenheimer makes a motion to correct the spelling of a name, it is seconded by Dr. Margaret Paccione-Dyslewski; it was unanimously voted to make the correction. On a motion made by Dr. Peter Oppenheimer, seconded by Dr. Margaret Paccione-Dyslewski, it was unanimously voted to accept the amended minutes. The minutes of the closed session held on September 16, 2010 were presented. Dr. Peter Oppenheimer made a motion to accept, seconded by Charles Maynard, it passed unanimously.**

#### **Adjournment to Executive Session**

**On motion of Dr. Margaret Paccione-Dyslewski, seconded by Dr. Peter Oppenheimer, it was unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode**

**Island Generals Laws, as Amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed. The Open Session adjourned at 8:25 am.**

### **Return to Open Session**

**The Open Session was called back to order at 10:00 am. On motion of Charles Maynard, seconded by Dr. Peter Oppenheimer, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in Closed Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.**

**Members revisit the subject of instituting a colleague assistance program and note RIPA wants to submit a plan.**

**Members state a preference to change the law to allow applicants to get a Temporary Permit before they sit for the EPPP exam.**

**Board Members reference proposed legislation addressing Autism Spectrum Disorders; it is noted as An Act Relating to Insurance.**

### **Adjournment**

**Having no further business, on motion of Dr. Peter Oppenheimer, seconded by Dr. James Campbell, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 am. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 8 am.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**J. Michel Martineau**

**Board Administrator**