

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

MINUTES OF MEETING

November 14, 2013

Open Session

The Open Session of the Board of Psychology met on the above date in Room 104, Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI, 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: Board Members not in attendance:
Peter Oppenheimer, Ph.D., Chair Margaret Paccione-Dyslewski, Ph.D.**

James Campbell, Ph.D.

Charles E. Maynard, M.S. Staff members in attendance:

J. Michel Martineau

Steve Morris, Esq.

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 8:10 AM. Members reviewed the Open agenda. The Minutes of the open session held on August 1, 2013 were presented. On motion of Dr. Campbell, seconded by Dr. Oppenheimer, it was unanimously voted to accept the open minutes.

Members review a communication from Atty. Howell asking if a medical doctor (psychiatrist) may be employed by a non medical doctor (psychologist). Dr. Oppenheimer indicates nothing prevents the business relationship in question and also notes this is not a regulatory issue, but the board is willing to provide this good faith guidance.

The administrator asks members to consider rescheduling board meetings from 8:00 AM to 8:45 AM. Members indicate 8:00 AM is less disruptive to their personal schedules and allows for board work to be addressed before their busy work day starts. The administrator indicates scheduling at will remain at 8:00 AM and concurs that parking would likely be problematic at 8:45 AM. Dr. Oppenheimer asks the administrator to pursue parking lot access cards for board members, to be used for board meetings as well as other visits to Capitol Hill.

Dr. Oppenheimer indicates the board will work to define their legislative priorities while understanding that RI is very busy working to implement the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Dr. Oppenheimer references a) the “equivalency” (Rules & Regulations Section 4.1 “...or its equivalent...”) matter, b) reviewing the Post Doc requirement with consideration to incorporating that as part of the Pre Doc requirement, and c) TeleHealth. Dr. Oppenheimer indicates board interest in pursuing these three matters and indicates members

should determine if now is a good

time to pursue or perhaps holding off as the state addresses other issues, including the ACA.

Atty. Morris asks if board members want to eliminate “equivalency” or tighten it up via the Regulations, noting a change in law is a significant matter, Atty. Morris indicates he will review to understand if he may tweak the regulations to address this issue. Members indicate a good example of someone to be considered for equivalency would be a recent graduate from a new program that is not yet accredited by the APA, or a recent graduate from a program that recently lost APA accreditation.

Members and board counsel Morris review and consider if the board could have a narrow window defining equivalency to allow the board to consider only select non-APA accredited program applicants as opposed to the current situation where all non-APA applicants may be reviewed for equivalency. Atty. Morris and members ask if anyone has written narrow exceptions, Dr. Oppeheimer and this administrator mention the ASPPB Listserv is an excellent resource to pursue this information.

Atty. Morris notes an option is to refer non-APA accredited program applicants to have a professional organization review their foreign

credentials for equivalency. The administrator indicates some states have U.S. educated non-APA accredited program applicants seek review from an instate APA accredited university program.

Members indicate the Regulations do not address TeleHealth; it may be wise to propose a change and suggest this be addressed in the regulations. Atty. Morris indicates any proposed changes to the regulations would be reviewed by the HEALTH Regulations Committee and Dr. Fine is a member of this committee. It is suggested that at the appropriate time it would be useful to communicate directly with Dr. Fine on this matter.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On motion of Dr. Campbell, seconded by Dr. 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 General Laws, as Amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed. The Open Session adjourned at 8:35 AM.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order at 9:20 AM. On motion of Dr. Oppenheimer, seconded by Charles Maynard, 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.

Board Chair Oppenheimer reports that the Minutes of the executive session held on May 10, 2013 were presented. On motion of Dr. Campbell, seconded, Dr. Oppenheimer, it was voted to accept the Executive session Minutes.

Adjournment

Having no further business, on motion of Charles Maynard, seconded by Dr. Campbell, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Michel Martineau

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