

Board of Psychology

Board Meeting
March 8, 2019
Woolfolk Annex Building, Room 204
Jackson, Mississippi

Board Attendance

Present Absent

Molly Clark, Ph.D., Continuing Education Coordinator	2018- 2023	X	
Steve Ellis, Ph.D., Chair & Civil Commitment Coordinator	2016-2021	X	
Natalie Gaughf, Ph.D., Credentialing Coordinator	2016-2021	X	
Monica Sutton, Ph.D., Treasurer	2017-2022	X	
Lynwood Wheeler, Ph.D., Recording Secretary	2018-2023	X	
Lisa Yazdani, Ph.D., Executive Secretary	2014-2019	X	

Also Present:

Onetta Whitley, Esq. Deputy Attorney General arrived at 11:00AM

Call to Order:

Dr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and called for amendments to the agenda.

Attendees Recognized

Phillip Gains, Esq. representative of candidate (06012018). Mr. Gains made a brief presentation to the board regarding this case.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Ellis moved, seconded by Dr. Gaughf, to approve the minutes with noted corrections of the February 1, 2019 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Continuing Education Coordinator Report:

Dr. Clark reported that a representative from a continuing education company, Lexis Nexis, contacted her. This company purchased a list of psychologists in Mississippi and was requesting further information on the psychologists. This list is purchased every three months by this company. There was discussion as to what data is appropriate to release. It was agreed that information posted on the website, which is approved by each psychologist, is public information, and thus can be released. Information will not be released on applicants and status. Dr. Clark will contact this representative and send the information requested.

Dr. Clark recommended 12.5 hours of PESI training for Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, a 2 day intensive online course for Dr. Patrick Evans. Dr. Gaughf moved, Dr. Yazdani seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Clark discussed the letter being sent out for renewals. This will be the last year of paper renewals. The letter is also being condensed to be more user friendly.

Dr. Clark crafted two letters pertaining to audits. One states that criteria was met, and the second that was criteria was not met and a list of deficiencies will be provided. When a license is renewed online, the individual will be notified that they are part of the audit process. There also was discussion pertaining to the appropriate percentage of the number audited, and 10% was agreed on.

Dr. Clark reported on a conference call with PESI on 2/15/19 pertaining to type of CE considered for approval. PESI requested that they be considered as an approved CE provider. Dr. Clark recommended accepting CE from the Canadian Psychological Association CPA, National Association of School Psychologists NASP, Category 1 Continuing Medical Education of the American Medical Association ACCME Category 1, but not accepting PESI as an approved provider. Dr. Yazdani moved the above, seconded by Dr. Gaughf. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Clark also discussed a concern brought to her attention regarding records retention.

Treasurer Report:

Dr. Sutton presented the financial statement to the board. A request will be made for a DFA representative to attend a future meeting to discuss travel cards.

Civil Commitment Coordinator Report:

Dr. Ellis had no report.

Chair Report:

Dr. Ellis reports contacting Whitney Lipscomb pertaining to a new public member and is waiting on a response.

Financial disclosures for 2018 need to be completed.

Dr. Ellis provided a list of Internal Control Assessment Action Items which needs to be completed and this was discussed.

Dr. Ellis discussed a recent experience with an individual providing psychological assessments outside of a school setting who was not a licensed psychologist, and that he has observed this occurring more frequently.

There was discussion pertaining to a part time clerical person to assist Ms. Carr. This individual's status will be part time and as needed by the board, and the scope of service will be specified. This was previously approved during the December 2019 meeting.

Dr. Yazdani made a motion to renew Cheryl Carr's contract for the next year and this was seconded by Dr. Clark. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Ellis will not be available for the April meeting, and Dr. Yazdani will reside.

Board Administrator Report:

No report.

Executive Session:

Dr. Clark made the motion to enter into closed determination session to consider the need to enter into executive session. Dr. Gaughf seconded the motion to consider the need to enter into executive session enter into executive session. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Clark moved to consider going into executive session to discuss applications and complaints. Dr. Gaughf seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss applications and complaints. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Actions taken during Executive Session:

Dr. Wheeler moved to consider going into open session. Dr. Gaughf seconded the motion to consider going into open session. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf made the motion to enter into open session. Dr. Wheeler seconded the motion to enter into open session. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Yazdani reported that following actions took place during Executive Session:

Follow up on Prior complaints:

Dr. Yazdani reported she is closing case (10312018).

Dr. Yazdani presented case (12112018) for which an educational letter was recommended by the board. This letter was crafted discussing the ethical issues involved, and letter will be sent today. Dr. Yazdani presented a new case (01092019) and this is the only open case. Dr. Yazdani reported on questions she sent to ASPPB pertaining to how other jurisdictions are handling complaints and their processes.

Candidate Status/Status of Applications/Complaints:

Dr. Gaughf recommended two candidates for oral exams, Kristi Mong 06132018 and Hillary DeShong 09122017. Dr. Clark moved and Dr. Yazdani Seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf discussed case (06012018) and more information will be gathered.

Executive session recessed at 1:22PM to meet with Autism Board. Reconvened at 2:27PM.

Review and Update of Rules and Regulations:

The Board worked on the update of the Rules and Regulations and edited through Chapter 5 to make them consistent with the current MS Statues.

Meeting with Mississippi Autism Board Representative:

Dr. Kasee Stratton-Gadke, current chair of the Autism Board, met with the board at 1:22PM. There are less than 70 licensed Behavioral Analysts, and 2 assistant licensed behavioral analysts. This board has managed continuing education and has a data base with information pertaining to licensees. Their administrative people are busiest the week before meetings, spending about 5 hours. Orals are offered about 4 times a year. Their bylaws require only 2 meetings a year. The shared aspect of the two boards, Autism and Psychology, would be financial management and administrative. DFA is handling the financial for both boards. There is a need for a meeting room and the storage space needed would be a filing cabinet. Licensure renewals/CE are due June 30th. CE's are required yearly, and 12 are required, but the previous year can roll into the next year if the licensee had over 12 hours.

Old Business:

Continuing to work toward completion of Dr. Sara Jordan's consultation contract.

Upon meeting with Autism Board, there is concern financially with the board taking on extra administrative assistants and stay within our budget. The discussion took into consideration that the board will be receiving \$4000 from the Autism Board.

New Business:

Dr. Gaughf reported:

Fingerprint cards, upon receiving a criminal background check report, will be shredded.

Ms. Slaughter at ASPPB inquired about Mississippi Statutes/Rules and Regulations pertaining to CPQ. Since adopting the PLUS application system, it was discussed that the CPQ holds little advantage to applicants. It will be explored if the plus system can be tailored by applicant with CPQ, ABPP, or has at least twenty (20) years of licensure to practice in another state, territorial possession of the United States, District of Columbia, or Commonwealth or Puerto Rico or Canadian Province when that license was based on a doctoral degree based on Miss. Code 73-31-15 (1)).

With temporary practice certificates, the most recent juris prudence score will be maintained if there are more than one.

Updates in the website: Areas of competence – a notary is not required, and this is replaced with attestation.

Other updates were the License Verification request form and the name change form. The Duplicate Certificate request form was deleted. The Mailing list purchase form was updated.

The vignettes for oral exams are being updated.

Adjourn:

Dr. Gaughf motioned, seconded by Dr. Sutton to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote. The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Lynwood C. Wheeler, Ph.D., ABPP
Recording Secretary

Date