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CE Coordinator Report:

Dr. Wheeler had no report.

Chair Report:

Dr. Yazdani reported receiving questions regarding practice in states when contracted by the VA. She stated that the MS Attorney General's office reported that they cannot make determinations on federal matters. She stated that she instructed the individuals to check with the state laws for the residencies of the clients and the guidelines provided by their insurance carriers.

Executive Director Report:

Ms. Sharp stated that the website has been updated with notice that the revised Rules and Regulations will become effective October 19, 2022.

Ms. Sharp noted that security measures are being taken to protect the website from hackers.

Executive Session:

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

In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §25-41-7(1), Dr. Clark moved to consider going into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing candidate status, status of applications, and complaints. Dr. Wheeler seconded the motion. Miss. Code Ann. §24-41-7(3), (5). The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Actions taken during Executive Session:

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

Candidate Status/Status of Applications

Dr. Clark recommended ratification of the following applicants for Temporary Practice Certificate: James Efstation (HI), Edan Andrew Critchfield (TX). Dr. Wheeler moved to accept Dr. Clark's recommendation, and Mr. Cumbest seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Clark recommended the following applicant who successfully passed the Oral Examination for licensure: Cara Bohon. Dr. Wheeler moved to accept Dr. Clark's recommendation and Mr. Cumbest seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Clark recommended the following for Civil Commitment Training Certificates: Ty Stafford 55 992, Mike Prazak 61 090, Ashley King-Profit 60 1058, Michael Nardoff 54 942, Jeff Lawley 62 1140, Alyssa

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Killebrew 54 946, Josephine Nicholson 51 899, Angela Hatcher 60 1057, Diane Groat 60 1046. Dr. Sutton moved to ratify Dr. Clark's recommendations, and Dr. Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Complaints

Dr. Sutton reported on two complaints: 220807 and 220808. Both subjects were sent cease and desist letters. Dr. Sutton reported that the complaints are considered closed.

Dr. Sutton discussed complaint 220605 regarding a psychologist licensed in the state of Mississippi. Dr. Sutton stated that the Investigative Committee recommends an educational letter to the subject of the complaint. Dr. Sutton motioned to approve the recommendation, and Dr. Yazdani seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Sutton reported that there is a new complaint, 220909, which is currently under investigation.

Leave Executive Session

Mr. Cumbest made the motion to leave executive session and enter into open session. Dr. Clark seconded the motion to enter into open session. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Old Business:

Foreign Degrees

Dr. Clark provided information Rule 4.5 of the Rules and Regulations regarding graduates of programs outside the US. It was discussed that the Rules and Regulations should be consistent with the Miss. Code Ann. §73-31 -13 regarding completion of an APA- or CPA-accredited doctoral program in psychology. It was agreed that the Board should begin the formal process to remove Rule 4.5 due to the inconsistency, and continuously review the Rules and Regulations for needed updates or revisions.

Telehealth Guidelines for Website

Dr. Clark reported that she receives multiple questions regarding telehealth and the practice of psychology in Mississippi. She reported that she plans to provide information on the website directing interested people to the Mississippi statute on telehealth practice.

PSYPACT

The Board discussed PSYPACT and its potential impact on the practice of psychology in Mississippi.

Universal Recognition of Occupational Licenses Act

Dr. Wheeler reported continued concerns regarding psychologists' inclusion in the Universal Recognition of Occupational Licenses Act and the potential harm and disservice to the public. It was

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discussed that Dr. Foster will contact the Mississippi Psychological Association regarding the organizations' concerns regarding this legislation.

New Business:

AG Report on FARB

Ms. Morris reported on her attendance at the recent conference on the Federal Association of Regulatory Boards (FARB) held in Virginia. She stated that she learned helpful information about board functioning and regulation.

Adjourn:

Dr. Clark moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wheeler. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Recording Secretary

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