

**Board of Psychology Meeting
December 5, 2014
Woolfolk Building
Jackson, Mississippi**

Karen Christoff, Ph.D.	Executive Secretary	2011-2016
Joe Olmi, Ph.D.	Treasurer	2012-2017
John Askew, Ph.D	CE Coordinator	2013-2018
Jefferson, Parker, Ph.D.	Credentialing Coordinator	2010-2015
Patricia Alexander, Ph.D.	Recording Secretary	2012-2018
Donald Hinton, Esq.	Chair	2012-2017
Lisa Yazdani, Ph.D.		2014-2019

Also Present:

Hy Crocker	Board Administrator
C. Nina Jannik, Ph.D	Board Assistant
Mardi Allen, Ph.D	Board Consultant
Onetta Whitley	Board Attorney

Call To Order:

Mr. Hinton called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. He welcomed the newly appointed Board member, Dr. Lisa Yazdani. He asked for any changes to the agenda. Dr. Olmi requested time be allotted to discuss a question from an attorney.

A motion was made by Dr. Alexander seconded by Dr. Olmi to consider the need to go into Executive Session to discuss applicants and investigations. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Dr. Alexander and seconded by Dr. Christoff to go into Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Dr. Christoff and seconded by Dr. Yazdani that the Board exit Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously.

Actions Taken in Executive Session

Mr. Hinton reported the following actions taken in Executive Session.

Applicants 04142014 and 07072014 were approved to take the Oral exam.

Applicants 07252014, 05232014 and 08042014 were approved to take the EPPP.

Applicant 03132013 was granted special accommodations while taking the EPPP.

Approved applicants receiving a passing score on the EPPP before the January 23, 2014 will be allowed to take the oral exam in February and sent the review information. Ratification of such action will occur in the January meeting.

The Board closed Complaint Cases 03012012 and 08262014.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Parker and seconded by Dr. Alexander to approve the October 3, 2014 minutes with minor revisions. The motion passed unanimously.

Temporary Practice Certificate

Tora Brawley was issued a Temporary Practice Certificate.

Mississippi Strategic Plan

Dr. Allen reported that the Board of Psychology's portion of the Mississippi Strategic Plan had been submitted. The submission fell between Board meetings and she and Hy appreciated the input received from Board members. She reminded them that progress on the implementation will be required and a review of the plan will need to take place each year.

Treasury Report

Dr. Olmi reported on the 1st Quarter financial status that we are within our budget projections for FY15.

Civil Commitment

Dr. Gil MacVaugh met with the Board to discuss revision of the Civil Commitment process. . He was asked to update the current certification training and serve as the new trainer. He will be on the Board's agenda in the spring to report on his progress and present relevant changes.

Recognition from Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB)

Hy Crocker reported that at the most recent ASPPB meeting, Dr. Jeanie Koestler was inducted as a Fellow; Dr. Mardi Allen received the Norma P. Simon award for national and international service to psychology and Dr. Gerald O'Brian was elected to serve on the Board of Directors.

Board Certified Behavior Analysts

Drs. Jim Herzog, Emily Johnson, and Jim Moore met with the Board to discuss the practice of Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA) in MS and proposed legislation to have insurance companies pay for behavioral treatment for individuals with a diagnosis of Autism. Secretary of State, Delbert Hosemann has expressed his commitment to having this legislation passed during this legislative session.

The Board discussed the relevant issues and proposed that Mr. Don Hinton, Dr. Joe Olmi, and Dr. Mardi Allen from the Board along with Dr. Emily Johnson from MPA and a BCBA, Dr. Jim Hertzog, member of the Department of Mental Health and Dr. Jim Moore, faculty at USM and a BCBA request an appointment with Secretary Hosemann. The goal being to emphasize to the need for any individual providing behavioral health services to be licensed at a state level in order to protect the public.

The Board expressed support for a model whereby a committee of BCBA's placed administratively under the Board of Psychology would provide professional oversight, public protection, and state licensure. . Dr. Allen will draft a letter making the request.

With no other business, a motion was made by Dr. Christoff, seconded by Dr. Parker to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Adjournment was at 2:30 p.m.

Next Board Meeting will be held on January 9, 2015 at the Woolfolk Building in Jackson, MS.

Respectively submitted



Dr. Patricia Alexander

Date