

Board of Psychology
September 17, 2015
MPA Annual Convention
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi

Present:

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
Lisa Yazdani, Ph.D.	Recording Secretary	2014-2019
Patricia Alexander, Ph.D.	Member	2012-2017
Hy Crocker	Board Administrator	
C. Nina Jannik, Ph.D.	Board Assistant	
Mardi, Allen, Ph.D.	Board Consultant	

Not Present:

Onetta Whitley, Esq.	Board Attorney	
Donald Hinton, Esq.	Public Member – Chair	2012-2017

Call To Order:

Dr. Christoff called the meeting to order at 3:35, p.m. and asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Dr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Dr. Christoff made a motion that the agenda be accepted. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

Acceptance of the Minutes:

Dr. Parker made a motion that was seconded by Dr. Christoff to accept the August 14, 2015 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Annual Governor's Report Fiscal Year 2015:

Chair's Report

After Dr. Christoff introduced the Board members to the ten (10) attendees, she presented the Chair's report in the absence of Don Hinton. She reported that the Board met seven times as deemed necessary during FY15. Reasonable notices of all meetings were made available to the public.

The Mississippi Board of Psychology is a long-standing member of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB), along with sixty other state, provincial, and territorial agencies responsible for the licensure and certification of psychologists throughout the United States and Canada. ASPPB offers the national licensure examination and provides the most current and accurate training and consultation on the regulation of psychologists; and offers professional development on critical consumer protection, among other relevant issues.

In the October 2014 Annual Meeting three psychologists from Mississippi were honored. Dr. Angela Koestler was selected as an ASPPB Fellow, Dr. Mardi Allen received the Norma P. Simon Award, and Dr. Gerald O'Brien was elected to serve on the ASPPB Board of Directors.

During FY15, the members of the Mississippi Board of Psychology developed a five-year strategic plan that identified three priorities for FY 2016-2021. One priority of the Board is to make

improvements in the licensure process. The Board also identified the need to enhance its information technology systems. The third priority is to stay involved in national and state issues that affect the ethical practice of psychology including the consideration of joining a national telepsychology compact, collaboration with the licensing Board behavior analysts in MS and to evaluate the implementation of periodic background checks as part of license renewal.

Dr. Christoff reported that Governor Phil Bryant to the Board appointed Dr. Lisa Yazdani during FY15. Dr. Christoff thanked Dr. Jefferson Parker, who has served since 2010 and was scheduled to rotate off the Board in June. He has graciously continued to serve on the Board until notification from the Governor of his replacement. The Board presented him with a gift for his service as Board Chair and Credentialing Coordinator.

Executive Secretary's Report

Dr. Christoff reported that four hundred and sixteen (416) psychologists renewed their license prior to June 30, 2015 and seventeen (17) non-renewals. Thirty (30) psychologists renewed using the emeritus status

During FY15, thirteen (13) candidates were granted temporary licenses while waiting for the next administration of the oral examination while five (5) psychologists licensed in other jurisdictions were granted time-limited temporary practice certificate.

In protection of the public, the Mississippi Board of Psychology investigates all inquiries concerning the ethical conduct of any licensed psychologist. During FY15, the Board took final action on the following cases:

- **03012012:** After the Psychologist completed the terms of an agreed consent order, that included a fourteen-day license suspension, six months of supervised practice and participation in psychotherapy, the Board closed the case.
- **12162013:** After an initial investigation, the Board closed the case with no action taken against the psychologist. The concern of the complainant occurred in a Federal military environment; therefore, the Board informed the complainant that this is a matter of Federal rather than State jurisdiction.
- **08262014:** The investigation was inconclusive in determining a clear ethical violation. The Board sent the psychologist an educational letter of concern and closed the case.
- **12232014:** The Board's investigation found no ethical violation and closed the case.
- **02122014:** The Board sent a letter to a licensed Psychometrist to clarify the need to limit one's professional activities to the scope and limitation of their license. No further action was taken.
- **01112013:** The Board of Psychology sent a cease and desist letter and filed a formal complaint against a Licensed Professional Counselor who was practicing as a psychologist. In a recent LPC Board hearing, our complaint was combined with a formal client's similar complaint against the licensee. The individual's LPC license was revoked.

Credential Coordinator's Report

Dr. Parker reported that there were twenty (20) applications in process from FY14, and twenty-three (23) initial applications received during FY15.

Treasure's Report

Dr. Olmi reported that the Legislature gave the Board spending authority of one hundred twenty four thousand and six hundred sixty eight dollars (\$124,668.00). Beginning Funds for FY15 were one hundred nineteen thousands and seven hundred forty dollars (\$119,740.00) for the FY15, total revenue was one hundred twenty one thousand and one hundred fifty dollars (\$121,150.00).

Expenditures for FY15 were one hundred eleven thousands and eight hundred twenty one dollars (\$111,821.00).

Continuing Education Report

Dr. Askew reported that all APA-approved CE providers are automatically approved by the Board. He identified the five Board-approved providers within the state: the VA Gulf Coast Health Care System, the University of Mississippi Medical Center/VA Medical Center Consortium, the University Of Southern Mississippi Department Of Psychology, the University of Mississippi Department of Psychology, and Mississippi State Hospital. Board-approved CE providers must report CE activities every year. All but one Board-approved provider have submitted the required information for the 2014-2015 reporting period.

He reminded attendees that psychologists were required to report 20 hours of continuing education activities that were earned during July 1, 2013-June 30-2015 as part of licensure renewal. He indicated that he checked each report for the required number of CE hours and for the sponsorship of the activities by APA-and/or Board-approved providers. Further, Dr. Askew described conducting a random audit of CE on eighty one (81) licensed psychologists.

New Business:

Ms. Crocker described a new data system under consideration by the Board. She described the some of the special features of the system. As part of the discussion, it was recommended that the Board inquire about conditions of termination and ownership.

Board members responded to attendees inquiries about CE. and the PLUS program.

Consideration for the need of an Executive Session

A motion was made by Dr. Olmi, seconded by Dr. Askew to consider the need to go into Executive Session to discuss applicants. The motion passed unanimously, with Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

A motion was made by Dr. Alexander, seconded by Dr. Olmi to go into Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously, with Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

Actions taken in Executive Session:

Applicants

Dr. Parker made a motion seconded by Dr. Askew to inform **Candidate 12302014**, that postponement of an oral examination is possible but not an extension of a temporary license. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

Oral Examinations:

A motion was made by Dr. Parker, seconded by Dr. Yazdani for the following action concerning Oral Examinations: **Candidate 1172014 Approval for Oral Candidates 10152014, 05042015 & 06162015 deferred** pending receipt of required documentation.

The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

EPPP:

Dr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Dr. Askew that **Candidate 06292015** be approved to take the EPPP. The motion passed unanimous with Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

Dr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Dr. Olmi to close the file on **Candidate 12042013**. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

Civil Commitment:

A motion was made by Lisa Yazdani, seconded by Dr. Askew to approve the following individuals to take the Civil Commitment examination:

Cliff McKinney
Robert Storer

The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

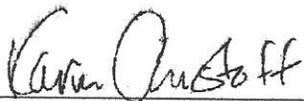
A motion was made by Dr. Parker, seconded by Dr. Askew to exit Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

Adjournment:

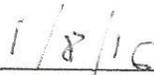
A motion was made by Dr. Alexander, seconded by Dr. Yazdani to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Hinton absent and not voting. The Board adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Next Board meeting will be held on October 16, 2015 starting Oral Examinations at 9:00 a.m., in the Woolfolk Office Building in Jackson, MS.

Respectively submitted



Dr. Lisa Yazdani
Recording Secretary



Date