

Board of Psychology

Board Meeting
August 7, 2020
Teleconference

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	
Lynwood Wheeler, Ph.D., Recording Secretary	2018-2023	x	
Natalie Gaughf, Ph.D., Credentialing Coordinator	2016-2021	x	
Monica Sutton, Ph.D., Treasurer	2017-2022	x	
Lisa Yazdani, Ph.D., Executive Secretary	2019-2024	x	

Also Present

Avery Lee, Esq., Senior Special Assistant to the Attorney General
Stacie Sharp, Board Administrator

Call to Order:

Dr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 10:17 AM and called for amendments to the agenda.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Clark motioned, seconded by Dr. Gaughf, to approve the minutes with noted corrections of the 7/17/20 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

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. Sutton moved to consider going into executive session to discuss applications and complaints. Dr. Clark 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 reported that following actions took place during Executive Session:

Complaints:

Dr. Yazdani reported that 060320-02 is still under investigation. This case pertains to a child evaluation and the records are sealed. Dr. Yazdani will seek for more information pertaining to this evaluation.

Candidate Status/Status of Applications/Complaints:

Dr. Gaughf presented four individuals, William Dalton 12262019, Andrew Hamilton 04102020, Robert Collins 06262019 and, John Waggoner 04282020, who all successfully completed an abbreviated oral examination, for licensure. Dr. Clark moved that these candidates be accepted for licensure, and Dr. Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf recommended a number of applicants for Temporary Practice Certificates: Penelope McAlmond, licensed in Missouri, Rosslyn Douglas licensed in Texas, Angela D. Sallie licensed in Tennessee, Jaime Dorian Crowley licensed in Texas, and Kelle Ray Chandler licensed in Georgia. Dr. Gaughf moved to ratify these applicants and Dr. Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf discussed an individual who applied for licensure and indicated on the application that they do not have an APA approved program or Internship. This individual requested that the board review the program and Internship to evaluate if it is equivalent to an APA approved program. It was discussed that there were multiple areas that did not meet the standard, and thus Dr. Gaughf will contact this individual to inform them that they are not eligible for licensure.

Dr. Gaughf discussed an applicant who does not have an APA approved graduate program. The program has regional accreditation, and the applicant has an APA internship and Post-doc, and is licensed in three other states, but it was determined that the applicant is not eligible for licensure in MS.

Dr. Gaughf discussed an applicant who presented as having an APA approved program, internship, and post-doc. According to ASPPB the internship was not APA accredited. Dr. Gaughf followed up with the applicant pertaining to this and requested documentation of an APA approved internship. A document from ASPPB indicated that the program has been accredited since 3/2002. On the application, it appears that the applicant started in a program that was not accredited, but the program changed ownership and the new program was accredited. Dr. Gaughf will ask the applicant for the certificate of completion to discern which program she completed.

Dr. Gaughf presented that an applicant reported that there was a lot to read to obtain a TPC, and the applicant retracted the application.

Dr. Gaughf presented an applicant who was previously licensed in Mississippi in 2010 and the license expired in 2012. In examining the application, the applicant did not have a post-doctoral experience, but upon examination of the previous application, there was documented post-doctoral experience. Ms. Sharp will ask that the applicant add this to the application.

Dr; Gaughf recommended applicant 04222020 who is licensed in Kansas for an abbreviated oral examination pending confirmation from ASPPB that the applicant completed an APA approved program and internship. Dr.Yazdani moved that the applicant be approved pending the confirmation from ASPPB, and Dr. Ellis seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf recommended applicant 05012020 who is licensed in Michigan for an abbreviated oral examination pending confirmation from ASPPB that the program and internship were APA approved. Dr. Clark moved that the apploicant be approved pending confirmation from ASPPB, and Dr. Yazdani seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf recommended applicant 06052020, licensed in Alabama, for an abbreviated oral exam. Dr. Clark moved to accept this recommendation, seconded by Dr. Wheeler. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Sutton reported that Ms. Sharp requested a PIN to be a state employee. This process involves first finding a job title based on her job description and salary, place this in the budget request, and submit this by August 17, which is the DFA deadline. The State personnel board has the job titles and descriptions. According to Ms. Lee, this also would have to be authorized by the legislature. Dr. Yazdani discussed the need for the board to be educated pertaining to this process, and it will be difficult to implement this by August 17. Ms. Avery stated that the state personal board will provide training and will consult with regard to the most appropriate title. It was moved by Dr. Sutton that the board move forward with exploring a PIN and job title for next year's budget and seconded by Dr.Yazdani. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Continuing Education Coordinator Report:

Dr. Clark reported that Dr. Joe Olmi requested one hour of CE credit for "Pandemic Stress Overload: How to Help Families Cope" and one hour CE credit for "Micro-aggressions and Implicit Bias: Anti-bias strategies for targets, allies and bystanders".

Dr. Clark reported that Vicki Prosser is seeking approval for 15 hours of CE for "How to combat recidivism: achieving lasting treatment changes for clients with substance abuse and co-occurring disorders" by D. Meichenbaum as well as "EMDR Virtual training: Integrating EMDR into your clinic practice" (68 hours), a 7 day course plus exam.

Dr. Clark approved the above and it was moved to ratify this by Dr. Gaughf and seconded by Dr. Sutton. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Clark reported that MPA has requested CE approval for virtual convention presentations as well as convention attendance and poster presentations. It was discussed that this would be approved due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, if there is verification of attendance and a completed survey and

evaluation form. It was moved to approve this by Dr. Guaghf, and seconded by Dr. Sutton. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Civil Commitment Coordinator Report:

Dr. Ellis reported that there will not be a civil commitment training at MPA this year.

Chair Report:

Dr. Ellis reported receiving a question pertaining to Psypact. He expressed the concern that Mississippi's inclusion in this would lead to people being licensed in Mississippi who do not meet licensure qualifications.

Treasurer Report:

Dr. Sutton reported that there is a \$4000 allocation for equipment in the budget. It was discussed that there is not a need for this in the coming year and some of this money could be reallocated to another area.

Board Administrator Report:

Ms. Sharp reported that the end of the year reports were submitted. Ms. Sharp is retyping the changes to the Rules and Regulations for submission to the OLRC for review.

Review and Update of Rules and Regulations:

A copy of the update will be submitted to the OLRC.

Old Business:

Dr. Clark suggested a statue change regarding the two year time period before taking the EPPP after two failures. Dr. Clark with consult with ASPPB pertaining to an appropriate time period for this. This would mean a change in the Rules and Regulations.

Dr. Gaughf discussed psychomotrists continuing to conduct private practice evaluations. There have been occasions when a diagnosis was rendered which is a disregard for their scope of practice. Dr. Ellis reported that Mr. Wiggins continues to work with the Board of education pertaining to this, with the goal being that the scope of practice be clearly delineated on the license renewal for a psychomitrist.

New Business:

No new buisness.

Adjourn:

Dr. Clark moved to adjourn the meeting, and this was seconded by Dr.Gaughf. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Lynwood Wheeler, Ph.D., ABPP
Recording Secretary

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