

Board of Psychology

Board Meeting
November 6, 2020
Teleconference

Board Attendance

Present Absent

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| 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 11:18 PM and called for amendments to the agenda.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Clark motioned, seconded by Dr. Yazdani, to approve the 9/25/20 minutes with noted corrections. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Treasurer Report:

Dr. Sutton reported that ITS has upgraded the state cloud services and thus there will be a slight increase in fees.

Continuing Education Coordinator Report:

Dr. Clark discussed that currently psychologists can apply for up to 12 hours of CE that are not through accredited/ board approved providers. Dr. Clark suggested moving this number to 6. This will be one of the proposed changes to the rules and regulations.

Dr. Clark provided two documents for approval: the renewal notice which indicates that this is a CE reporting year, and a definition of approved CE's. A motion was made to approve these documents by Dr. Yazdani, seconded by Dr. Sutton. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Civil Commitment Coordinator Report:

Dr. Ellis had no report. Dr. Ellis has observed in his area of the state that the number of civil commitment evaluations has been decreasing.

Chair Report:

Dr. Ellis discussed the virtual ASPPB meeting and board members shared observations that Mississippi is dealing with some of the same struggles with COVID-19 as other jurisdictions around North America.

Dr. Ellis suggested the board consider a Zoom account.

Dr. Ellis suggested adding supervision of students in other states to the frequently asked questions section on the website.

Board Administrator Report:

Ms. Sharp reported that the Autism Board is meeting today conducting oral exams. The internal control forms have been submitted.

Ms. Sharp discussed adding to the receipt the fee for using a credit card.

Ms. Sharp explored the lack of response from ASPPB to email, and she learned that ASPPB changed firewalls which was blocking these emails, and this has been corrected.

Ms. Sharp also discussed potentially providing applicants with status updates pertaining to application completion.

Executive Session:

Dr. Clark made the motion to enter into closed determination session to consider the need to enter into executive session. Dr. Sutton 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. Wheeler 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 suggested that complaints will be ordered by year, month and sequential number of the complaint.

Four complaints are in process. In case 200502, Dr. Yazdani is recommending an educational letter to the psychologist pertaining to using an outdated test kit. Dr. Clark moved to accept this recommendation, Dr. Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

In case 200903 it was decided that there was no specific ethical violation. The psychologist made statements during an evaluation in an attempt to establish rapport that the individual being evaluated felt were inappropriate. Dr. Yazdani recommended an educational letter pertaining to not discussing personal views, political or otherwise, as way of establishing rapport. Dr. Clark moved to accept this recommendation, Dr. Gaughf seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Yazdani reported that case 200904 is an ongoing investigation.

Dr. Yazdani reported that case 201005 is a new complaint and is in the initial stages of investigation, and she is awaiting a response from the psychologist.

Dr. Ellis and Mr. Wiggins drafted a cease and desist letter to a psychometrist who made advertising statements of providing services which were outside the scope of their training, and Mississippi Code 73-31-27 was cited. This letter was sent via certified mail. The letter was returned as the individual did not accept the letter. This letter will be mailed to the individual's residential address, and if it is not accepted than it may need to be served in person.

Candidate Status/Status of Applications/Complaints:

Dr. Gaughf recommended the following applicants who successfully passed the oral examination and the jurisprudence examination for licensure: Elvin Thomaseo Burton, 06062020, Tennessee, abbreviated oral examination, Takymmea Cheyvhon Clayton, 06172020, Minnesota, abbreviated oral examination, Kathryn Elizabeth Olson, 03032020, full oral examination, Zachary Charles LaBrot, 06112020, Nebraska, abbreviated oral examination, Laura Anne Schwent Shultz, 05042020, Tennessee, abbreviated oral examination and Elizabeth Nosen, 05262020, Alabama, abbreviated oral examination. Dr. Clark moved that these candidates be accepted for licensure, and Dr. Yazdani seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf recommended one applicant for Temporary Practice Certificate, Kathryn G. Jameson, licensed in Minnesota. Dr. Yazdani moved to ratify Dr. Gaughf's recommendation and Dr. Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf recommended applicant 04042020 for Oral Examination pending fingerprint card and subsequent background check report. Dr. Clark moved that this candidate be approved pending the stipulations, and Dr. Yazdani seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote

Dr. Gaughf recommended three applicants for the EPPP, 06112020, 02092020, and 06122020. Dr. Sutton moved to accept this recommendation, seconded by Dr. Clark. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf reported that an individual submitted a request to start application and submitted the application fee, but does not have an APA accredited graduate program or internship. The board approved refund of the application fee.

Dr. Gaughf reported that applicant 04152020 completed postdoctoral training at Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System for a total of 11 months and 30 days, 1560 hours. Dr. Gaughf and Ms. Sharp will follow up to clarify hours, as the applicant must have at least 1800 hours to meet the licensure requirement.

Dr. Gaughf reported that applicant 11032020 previously applied for licensure in 2016. Ms. Sharp will notify Emily at ASPPB that the 2016 application information may be sufficient, but the final application will need to be reviewed before a determination is made.

Review and Update of Rules and Regulations:

The board reviewed the changes to the Rules and Regulations.

Old Business:

Dr. Sutton reported that there has been no response regarding the Autism Board becoming an independent board, and thus having spending authority over their funds and administration. Ms. Lee will research this issue and provide follow up information at the next board meeting.

New Business:

Dr. Clark concurred with Dr. Ellis that the board should have a Zoom account, and Ms. Sharp will research how this can be acquired, and will try to have this information at the next board meeting.

Adjourn:

Dr. Clark moved to adjourn the meeting, and this was seconded by Dr. Yazdani. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote. The meeting adjourned at 1:22 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Lynwood Wheeler, Ph.D., ABPP
Recording Secretary

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