

**MEETING MINUTES FOR**  
**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS,**  
**SUB-COMMITTEE REGARDING CERTIFIED AUTISM BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONISTS**

**DATE OF MEETING:      Saturday, January 10, 2015                      Time: 9:00 a.m.**

**PLACE:                      Peppermill, 2707 S Virginia St Reno, NV 89502, Lakeview 1747**

**1. Call to order/roll call to determine the presence of a quorum.**

**Call to Order at 9:06 a.m.**

**In Reno:**

Patrick Ghezzi, Ph.D., BCBA-D, Chair  
Sheila Young, Ph.D., Secretary/Treasurer  
Pam Becker, Member

**Others Present:**

Morgan Alldredge, Executive Director  
Ken MacAleese, Ph.D.

**2. Public comment.**

No public comment.

**3. Discussion of Board response to AB6.**

Dr. Ghezzi gave some background in regard to the suggested changes presented in AB6. Ms. Alldredge addressed the concern that by accepting all of the changes presented in AB6 then there is a risk of harm being done when the individuals practicing as Registered Behavior Technicians (RBTs) are not being monitored by the Board. The RBT application process is similar to that of the CABI application, however the application fee is only \$50 and the RBT does not need to submit Continuing Education Units. The benefits from keeping the CABI are the closer oversight on training and examination, closer oversight on supervisors, additional layer of protection for the public, additional avenue for complaints and resolution, fees. Dr. MacAleese informed the committee that there appears to be a gap present between eliminating the CABI and implementing the RBT. Dr. Ghezzi suggested that the RBT should be replacing the CABI rather than eliminating the CABI level. Ms. Becker and Dr. Young noted that this puts the supervisors at risk, and leaves an opening for these individuals to harm the public. Dr. Ghezzi informed the committee that under the national certification all supervisors must take a training course, and will be held responsible for any issues that arise for their RBTs. Dr. Ghezzi suggested that the Board keep a close eye on the supervisors for these RBTs. He also suggested that the Board respond by insisting that an RBT be required without any time in between the changes from CABI to RBT. Ms. Becker suggested changing the language to say "and" giving the option for people to either be RBTs or CABIs. Dr. Young shared with the committee that as she understands the guidelines the RBT is more of an educational requirement, and does not completely qualify individuals to work with children. Ms. Becker proposed that the Board suggest some language changes in AB6, suggesting a requirement for the RBT, while focusing on the regulations regarding Licensed Behavior Analysts and Licensed Assistant Behavior Analysts. Ms. Becker received a request from Division of Health Care Financing and Policy to have a member of the Board assist with the transition from CABI to RBT. A request will be placed on a full Board agenda. The committee suggested having the Board's Legislative committee work on the AB6 language. The committee would like the language to reflect an immediate transition from the CABI to the RBT requiring the RBT in place of the CABI. There was also a suggestion to have some type of registration with the Board for RBTs in connection with the licensed supervisors. Dr. Ghezzi will make a memo to present the recommendations to the full Board.

**4. Other issues pressing relating to CABI level.**

**5. Public comment.**

No public comment.

Ms. Becker moved to adjourn. Dr. Young second. Meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Patrick Ghezzi, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LBA  
Chair of CABI Subcommittee