

TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES FOR
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS

DATE OF MEETING: Thursday, February 12, 2015

Time: 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: 4600 Kietzke Lane B-116, Reno, Nevada 89502

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

Call to order at 12:00 p.m.

On the Phone:

Gary Lenkeit, Ph.D., President
Sheila Young, Ph.D., Secretary/Treasurer
Michelle Paul, Ph.D., Member
Yvonne Wood-Antonuccio, Ph.D., Member
John Paglini, Psy.D., Member
Patrick Ghezzi, Ph.D., BCBA-D, Member
Pam Becker, Member

Others Present:

Morgan Alldredge, Executive Director
Mary Liverati, Nevada Autism Commission
Colleen Lawrence, Nevada Medicaid
Sarah Bradley, DAG

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Review ASPPB Telepsychology Compact Agreement

Dr. Lenkeit updated the Board in regard to the draft compact agreement. The ASPPB Board of Directors has approved the draft of the compact, but it still needs to be reviewed by the lawyers for finalization, so the Board cannot send the language to the legislature yet. Dr. Paul pointed out that the compact combines telepsychology as well as temporary in person practice up to 30 days within another state. She inquired if the 7 states needed to start the compact would join before 2017, which would be the next legislative session. Dr. Lenkeit informed the Board that all past discussions of the compact have been well attended. Ms. Alldredge stated that Ms. Laxalt felt that she could get a legislator behind the language of the compact. Ms. Becker noted the concern for cost of this compact, as the Board will have to take the burden of the cost, as well as some terms lacking a clear definition. Ms. Alldredge notified the Board that Dr. Segel, who works with ASPPB, noted that the cost incurred will be a reasonable cost. Dr. Paul suggested that the Board read the compact and forward any and all questions to Ms. Alldredge to then get answers from ASPPB and to have a more informed discussion at the March 13, 2015 Board meeting. The Board after further discussion scheduled a teleconference for Monday, February 23, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. in order to vote on compact language for the current legislative session. Any questions will be sent to Ms. Alldredge by Tuesday, February 17, 2015. Ms. Alldredge will contact ASPPB and ask for a representative to participate on the call.

4. Legislative Update

Ms. Alldredge informed the Board that the subcommittees were elected in June, 2014. When these committees were elected Ms. Alldredge read the job descriptions from the Board Member Manual. The Legislative Committees job description is: "The Legislative committee should be comprised of the Board president and at least one active Board member to work alongside the Executive Director and Board lobbyist, if applicable, to evaluate and respond to all active legislative issues as the legislature only meets from February to June every odd year it is only necessary to have an active committee during that time." Ms. Bradley informed the Board that if it is labeled as a "committee" then it is subject to the open meeting law and thereby should be noticed as a meeting. The preferred practice is to put bill numbers on an agenda and discuss in a meeting. She noted that the Board can authorize the committee to have the power to make the decisions. Dr. Paul asked how other Boards put the open meeting law into practice during the legislative session. Ms. Bradley suggested having the committee do weekly meetings, as the Board can only make decisions in a meeting. She told the Board that the Board members within the Legislative Committee could review and report factual information in regard to bills to Ms. Alldredge, but they cannot take an

official position on bills. Dr. Lenkeit suggested having meetings twice a week that are noticed from now until the end of the legislative session in June. The Legislative Committee will meet every Tuesday and Friday at 7:30 a.m. during the legislative session starting on February 20, 2015, where the public location will be Dr. Lenkeit's office. For all future committee meetings the Board office will be used as the public location.

Dr. Lenkeit updated the Board on SB 68 that the request is to make the time from application completion to licensure 45 days from the completion of application. With this language the State Examination will have to occur more frequently, possibly every 3 weeks. Ms. Alldredge informed the Board that the addition of licensure time-frames happened at the committee on Monday and is not yet in the language.

A. Review and Discussion of Board's position regarding AB 6

Dr. Ghezzi updated the Board in regard to the CABI subcommittee meeting on January 10, 2015. The outcome of the meeting was to draft a memo to the Board with recommendations in regard to the language presented in AB 6. Dr. Paul asked whether the Board had time between now and the February 20, 2015 Legislative Committee meeting to work on the language for Registered Behavior Technicians. Ms. Alldredge informed the Board that the bill has not yet been scheduled for any hearings. Ms. Mary Liverati suggested that the Board contact the bill sponsor in regard to language changes. The major language changes that the Board is looking to request are the requirement of the RBT registration in place of the Certified Autism Behavior Interventionist, and that the supervisors and RBTs register annually with the Board. Ms. Becker suggested having both RBT and CABI available to the community. Ms. Alldredge noted that currently the CABI is not a requirement and they already want to take it away. Dr. Ghezzi moved to approve the recommendations made by the CABI subcommittee in the provided memo. Dr. Wood-Antonuccio second. Board vote 6-0-0

5. Attendance to ASPPB 30th Midyear Meeting in Atlanta, April 2015

Ms. Alldredge informed the Board that Dr. Young, Dr. Wood-Antonuccio and herself will be attending the meeting.

6. Request from Division of Health Care Financing and Policy for a member of the Board to participate in a committee focusing on the transition from CABI to RBT for paraprofessional.

Ms. Alldredge suggested requesting further information regarding this item to be discussed at the March 13, 2015 Board meeting. In regard to the Division of Health Care subcommittee there is a request for Board participation to help with the transition from CABI to RBT. There was a request sent to Ms. Becker. Dr. Lenkeit informed Ms. Lawrence that any request needs to be sent directly to the Board office. Ms. Lawrence told the Board she will have the request forwarded to the Board office.

7. Attendance of Association of Professional Behavior Analysts March 26, 2015 in Seattle

Dr. Ghezzi has been invited to participate in the Association of Professional Behavior Analysts meeting of Behavior Analysts on State Licensing Boards. Ms. Alldredge requested that the Board could sponsor his ticket and hotel for the night, and report back to the Board. Ms. Becker moved to approve to allow Dr. Ghezzi to attend. Dr. Paul second. Board vote 5-0-0

8. Public Comment

Ms. Lawrence commented on the discussion of AB6. There has been more discussion in regard to whether the CABIs go and the RBT comes in place of that. The standing of Nevada Medicaid on this bill is to keep some form of a paraprofessional.

Ms. Liverati shared with the Board that the Autism Commission was in full support of AB6 and was hoping to work with the Board moving forward.

Dr. Wood-Antonuccio moved to adjourn. Dr. Ghezzi second. Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Sheila Young, Ph.D.
Secretary/Treasurer