

MINUTES OF A MEETING FOR
NEVADA STATE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS

DATE OF MEETING: Friday, February 26, 2016

Time: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: College of Southern Nevada, West Charleston Campus, 6375 W. Charleston Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89146
702-651-5000, H105

And by video conference to
University of Nevada, Reno Knowledge Center Room 110, Reno, Nevada 89557

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:09am

In Las Vegas:

Gary Lenkeit, Ph.D., President

Michelle Paul, Ph.D., Member

John Paglini, Psy.D., Member

Others Present:

Raymond Trybus, Ph.D.

Robert Durette, Ph.D.

Ken McKay, Ph.D.

Sean Collier

In Reno:

Sheila Young, Ph.D., Secretary/Treasurer

Yvonne Wood-Antonuccio, Ph.D., Member

Patrick Ghezzi, Ph.D., Member

Others Present:

Morgan Alldredge, Executive Director

Pam Snyder, Executive Assistant

Sarah Bradley, DAG

Neena Laxalt, NBOP Lobbyist

Brian Reeder

2. Public Comment

No public comment

3. Approval of minutes of previous meetings

Dr. Wood-Antonuccio moved to approve the January 15, 2016 minutes as submitted. Dr. Paul second. Board Vote 6-0-0.

4. Treasurer's report

Dr. Young and Ms. Alldredge discussed that CD's will be renewed in the upcoming months. Dr. Young reported that the bank balance is \$111,523.78. Dr. Wood-Antonuccio motioned to approve the report. Dr. Ghezzi second. Board Vote 6-0-0.

5. Review of complaints, disciplinary actions, and litigation pending.

- A. **Complaint #15-0317** - Ms. Bradley reported that a hearing is still scheduled for April 29, 2016 and we will proceed with that hearing.
- B. **Complaint #15-0826** - Complaint deferred until next Board meeting. Dr. Paglini, the reviewing Board member needs to discuss NRS629 with Ms. Bradley.
- C. **Complaint #15-0928** - Complaint deferred until next Board meeting pending response from psychologist.
- D. **Complaint #15-1008A** - Complaint deferred until next meeting pending response.
- E. **Complaint #15-1008B** - Complaint deferred until next meeting pending response.
- F. **Complaint #15-1013** - Dr. Young motioned for dismissal of complaint, due to complainant non-response after 4 months of requesting release of records. Dr. Wood-Antonuccio second. Board Vote 6-0-0.
- G. **Complaint #15-1123** - Complaint deferred until next Board meeting as Dr. Paglini, the reviewing Board member recused himself. The complaint will be outsourced to an outside investigator.
- H. **Complaint #15-1130** - Complaint deferred until next Board meeting as Dr. Wood-Antonuccio, the reviewing Board member, requesting the entire file including all release of records forms.
- I. **Complaint #15-1210** - Complaint deferred until next Board meeting as Dr. Paul, the reviewing Board member requesting the entire file including all release of records forms.
- J. **Complaint #16-0104** - Dr. Young motioned to dismiss the complaint due to the fact that the psychologist is deceased. Dr. Wood-Antonuccio second. Board vote 6-0-0.
- K. **Complaint #16-0115** - Ms. Bradley would like to send to ASPPB for review and requested authorization from the Board to send to ASPPB and that the Board pay \$200.00 for ASPPB to review. Dr. Wood-Antonuccio motioned to approve sending to ASPPB and the Board will pay \$200.00 for the review. Dr. Ghezzi second. Board Vote 5-0-1, with one recusal.
- L. **Complaint #16-0119** - Complaint deferred until next Board meeting.
- M. **Complaint #16-0120** - Complaint deferred until next Board meeting.
- N. **Complaint #16-0127** - Complaint deferred until next Board meeting.

6. Update regarding complaint for Injunctive Relief filed against David Hopper in the Eighth Judicial district Court.

A. Closed Legal Session.

Board convened a closed session at 9:45am to 10:15 a.m. Dr. Paul motioned to authorize Ms. Alldredge to attend, negotiate and represent the Board as it's Executive Director and is authorized to approve the amount and terms as discussed during the closed session. Dr. Wood-Antonuccio second. Board vote 6-0-0. The session closed at 10:06am.

7. Board Policies and Procedures regarding the registration of Psychological Interns and Assistants.

A. Effect of approval of Psychological Interns and effect of APPIC approved sites.

A supervision site came to the Board with concern regarding the Board's approval of Psychological interns on their status as an APPIC approved site. A site accepts the contract between the psychologist and the intern prior to the start of the registration process. Dr. Paul informed the Board that effective 2017-2018 application cycle, only APA approved programs will be able to join the APPIC Match. By entering the Match, APPIC will certify the Interns qualifications and readiness, not the Board. Further evaluation of applicant's abilities and qualifications will be done by the Board upon application as a psychological assistant and/or application for licensure as a psychologist. Dr. Young made a motion to clarify that the Board's responsibility is to approve the Registration of the Intern only, and the Board is not approving the applicant for Licensure. Dr. Wood-Antonuccio second. Board vote 6-0-0.

B. Backdating approvals for Interns and Assistants.

Ms. Alldredge clarified the term "backdate" regarding the approval date of psychological interns and assistants supervision hours. Currently the standard practice is to approve from application date, however, there have been many instances in the recent past where individuals have completed their entire hours prior to completing their PLUS application. Ms. Alldredge suggests limiting the approval date for acquiring supervision hours within 3 months of application approval unless extenuating circumstances occur. The Board agreed to update the policy to state; Registration and supervision hours will be approved to the date of application or 3 months prior to approval date of application; whichever is sooner. It was suggested that we input this change in the welcome letter so that applicants and supervisors are aware.

C. Continued work of registered person, after hours are complete.

The approval of registration as a psychological assistant is up to three years. Ms. Alldredge has noticed an increase of applicants who've completed their post-doctoral hours, and are continuing to work under the title until they receive their license. The Board recommends that if the Registered Psychological Assistant has completed their 1750 hours and they may continue to work up to 3 years. However, they will be required to submit logs and supervised practice plan annually. The Board office will work on creating a new form and updating supervisors of this new policy.

8. Schedule of future Board meetings, hearings, and workshops.

The next Board meetings are scheduled for Friday, March 25, 2016 at 9:00am and Friday June 10th, 2016 at 9:00am. A disciplinary hearing is scheduled for April 29, 2016 in Las Vegas, where the Board and staff must attend. If another meeting is needed in May, there will be a phone meeting scheduled.

9. Board needs, operations, and schedules.

A. Executive Assistant PC

Ms. Alldredge requested a new computer for the Executive Assistant. A motion was made by Dr. Paul to authorize this purchase. Dr. Paglini second. Board vote 6-0-0.

B. Update regarding Legislative Interim Health Committee.

Ms. Alldredge reported that she testified and there were no questions.

C. Discussion and Update regarding Board's future Legislative game plan.

Dr. Lenkeit updated the Board regarding a game plan with future legislation regarding future legislation. A motion was made by Dr. Young approving Dr. Lenkeit, Dr. Paul, Ms. Alldredge and Ms. Laxalt to have a phone meeting to discuss the Interstate Compact and Bill Draft Request. Dr. Ghezzi second. Board vote 6-0-0. A phone meeting time was established for March 14, 2016 at 10:30am.

10. Update regarding changes to NAC 641.

A. R127-14 - There were no updates

B. R128-14 - There were no updates

C. R131-15 - Dr. Paul working on resubmissions regarding the language relating to Respecialization. Both Dr. Paul and Ms. Alldredge will on the language to submit to LCB.

Dr. Trybus from Walden University submitted a suggested change to R131-15 regarding education evaluation. Dr. Lenkeit requested that the Board review and discuss at the next Board meeting.

11. Review/decision upon applications. (NRS 241.030)

PSYCHOLOGISTS/PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANTS/PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERN

- A. Kamar Abulsaad - No discussion warranted
- B. Ines Acevedo Lugo - No discussion warranted
- C. Vanessa-Carolina Alvarado-Lopez -Dr. Wood-Antonuccio motioned to close file due to non-response. Dr. Paul second. Board vote 6-0-0.
- D. Nicole Anders - No discussion warranted
- E. Gera Anderson - Dr. Wood-Antonuccio motioned to close file due to non-response. Dr. Paul second. Board vote 6-0-0.
- F. Christopher Awosika - No discussion warranted
- G. John Barona - No discussion warranted
- H. Sarah Belgrad - Dr. Wood-Antonuccio motioned to close file due to non-response. Dr. Paul second. Board vote 6-0-0.
- I. Stephanie Bellusa - No discussion warranted
- J. Steven Benning - No discussion warranted
- K. Ashley McCabe Bock - No discussion warranted
- L. Carolyn Bola - No discussion warranted
- M. Bruce Bongar - Dr. Wood-Antonuccio motioned to close file due to non-response. Dr. Paul second. Board vote 6-0-0.
- N. Michael Borders - No discussion warranted
- O. Tara Borsh - Dr. Ghezzi motioned to approve for temporary licensure and state exam contingent upon file completion and approval. Dr. Wood-Antonuccio second. Board vote 6-0-0.
- P. Janet Brito - Dr. Wood-Antonuccio motioned to approve for state exam contingent upon file completion and approval. Dr. Ghezzi second. Board vote 6-0-0.
- Q. Cory Brown - No discussion warranted
- R. David Brownstein - No discussion warranted
- S. Jessica Kirkland Caldwell - No discussion warranted
- T. Cynthia Cameron - No discussion warranted
- U. Rachel Capurro - No discussion warranted
- V. Joseph Casciani - No discussion warranted
- W. Joseph Ceniti - No discussion warranted
- X. Sylvia Chang - No discussion warranted
- Y. Maria Cid - No discussion warranted
- Z. Sunshine Collins - No discussion warranted
- AA. Julia Connelly - No discussion warranted
- BB. Kristen Culbert - No discussion warranted
- CC. Mmelissa Depa - No discussion warranted
- DD. Amanda DeVillez - No discussion warranted
- EE. Margaret Dixon - No discussion warranted
- FF. Melanie Duckworth - Dr. Wood-Antonuccio motioned to approve for state exam contingent upon file completion and approval. Dr. Ghezzi second. Board vote 6-0-0.
- GG. Soseh Esmaeili - No discussion warranted
- HH. Bruce Etringer - No discussion warranted
- II. Nancy Farris- Dr. Ghezzi motioned to close file due to applicant request. Dr. Paul second. Board vote 6-0-0.
- JJ. Brent Fladmo - No discussion warranted
- KK. Andrew Freeman - No discussion warranted
- LL. Jeremy Gallas - No discussion warranted
- MM. Randy Georgemiller - Dr. Wood-Antonuccio motioned to close file due to non-response. Dr. Paul second. Board vote 6-0-0.
- NN. Jared Grant - No discussion warranted
- OO. Patricia Hanisee - No discussion warranted
- PP. Brian Hartman - No discussion warranted
- QQ. Greg Hirokawa - No discussion warranted
- RR. Roy Hookham - No discussion warranted
- SS. Sethlin Hookstra - Dr. Wood-Antonuccio motioned to close file due to 2 year application deadline. Dr. Ghezzi second. Board vote 6-0-0.
- TT. Yue Huang - No discussion warranted
- UU. Victoria Huangfu - No discussion warranted
- VV. Puja Jaitly - No discussion warranted
- WW. Dasa Jendrusakova - Dr. Wood-Antonuccio motioned to close file due to non-response. Dr. Paul second. Board vote 6-0-0.
- XX. James Robert Jobe - No discussion warranted
- YY. Sophia Johnson - No discussion warranted
- ZZ. Amoreena Juarez - No discussion warranted
- AAA. Johana Kang - No discussion warranted
- BBB. Alexia Kevonitan - No discussion warranted
- CCC. Deborah Khoshaba - No discussion warranted
- DDD. Janet Kraft - No discussion warranted
- EEE. Andrew Krueger - No discussion warranted
- FFF. Cianni Kwon - Dr. Ghezzi motioned to close file due to applicant request. Dr. Paul second. Board vote 6-0-0.
- GGG. Denise LaBelle - No discussion warranted
- HHH. Salvatore Maddi - No discussion warranted
- III. Dustin Marsh - No discussion warranted
- JJJ. Lynn Marshall - No discussion warranted
- KKK. Wayne McClellan - No discussion warranted
- LLL. Farnaz Mizrahi - No discussion warranted
- MMM. Alexandra Montesi - No discussion warranted
- NNN. Amy Mouanoutoua - No discussion warranted
- OOO. Jason Mouritsen - No discussion warranted

PPP. Nusha Nouhi - No discussion warranted
 QQQ. Ana Olivares - No discussion warranted
 RRR. Yelena Oren - No discussion warranted
 SSS. Chauncey Parker - No discussion warranted
 TTT. Cathleen Piazza - No discussion warranted
 UUU. Eileen Proctor - No discussion warranted
 VVV. Mary Pulido-Banner - No discussion warranted
 WWW. Deborah Purscell - Dr. Wood-Antonuccio motioned to close file due to non-response. Dr. Paul second. Board vote 6-0-0.
 XXX. Rhiannon Rager - No discussion warranted
 YYY. Tara Raines - No discussion warranted
 ZZZ. Jamie Rehmael - No discussion warranted
 AAAA. Danielle Richards - Dr. Wood-Antonuccio motioned to close file due to non-response. Dr. Paul second. Board vote 6-0-0.
 BBBB. Luz Robles Gonzalez - Dr. Wood-Antonuccio motioned to close file due to non-response. Dr. Paul second. Board vote 6-0-0.
 CCCC. Rachel Sand - No discussion warranted
 DDDD. Samantha Saucedo - No discussion warranted
 EEEE. Jeff Schanowitz - No discussion warranted
 FFFF. Bethany Schlinger - No discussion warranted
 GGGG. Halleh Seddighzadeh - No discussion warranted
 HHHH. Prachi Sharma - No discussion warranted
 IIII. Shewta Sharma - No discussion warranted
 JJJJ. Mark Short - No discussion warranted
 KKKK. DeAnn Smetana - No discussion warranted
 LLLL. Holly Spotts - No discussion warranted
 MMMM. Laurel Stinar - No discussion warranted
 NNNN. Nicole Stoughton - Dr. Ghezzi motioned to approve for temporary licensure and state exam contingent upon file completion and approval. Dr. Wood-Antonuccio second. Board vote 6-0-0.
 OOOO. Kathi Studden - No discussion warranted
 PPPP. James Sunbury - No discussion warranted
 QQQQ. Eddi Taylor - Dr. Wood-Antonuccio motioned to close file due to non-response. Dr. Paul second. Board vote 6-0-0.
 RRRR. Valerie Tolbert - No discussion warranted
 SSSS. Betty Van Steenwk - No discussion warranted
 TTTT. Michellane Vendivel-Mouton - No discussion warranted
 UUUU. James Wakefield - No discussion warranted
 VVVV. Betty Waldheim - Dr. Ghezzi motioned to approve for temporary licensure and state exam contingent upon file completion and approval. Dr. Wood-Antonuccio second. Board vote 6-0-0.
 WWWW. Joseph Walloch - No discussion warranted
 XXXX. Justine Weber - No discussion warranted
 YYYY. Allison Werlinger - No discussion warranted
 ZZZZ. Tela Wilson - No discussion warranted
 AAAAA. Eric Yelsa - No discussion warranted
 BBBBB. Georgia Yu - No discussion warranted

BEHAVIOR ANALYST/ASSISTANT BEHAVIOR ANALYST/CABI

- a) **Janetria Alberty** - No discussion warranted.
- b) **Brigitta Allen** - Dr. Ghezzi motioned to approve for licensure contingent upon passing the state exam. Dr. Wood-Antonuccio second. Board vote 6-0-0.
- c) **Calli Anderson** - Dr. Ghezzi motioned to approve for state exam. Dr. Paglini second. Board vote 6-0-0.
- d) **Kaylin Arnold** - No discussion warranted.
- e) **Juliette Bacon** - Dr. Ghezzi motioned to approve for licensure contingent upon passing the state exam. Dr. Wood-Antonuccio second. Board vote 6-0-0.
- f) **Kathleen Bohrer** - No discussion warranted.
- g) **Sarah Cho** - No discussion warranted.
- h) **James Church** - No discussion warranted.
- i) **Robert Douk** - No discussion warranted.
- j) **Ashleigh Guich** - Dr. Ghezzi motioned to approve closure of file due to non-response. Dr. Wood Antonuccio second. Board vote 6-0-0.
- k) **Jessica Hinman** - No discussion warranted.
- l) **Eric Kessler** - Dr. Ghezzi motioned to approve for licensure contingent upon passing the state exam. Dr. Wood-Antonuccio second. Board vote 6-0-0.
- m) **Cassandra McKenzie** - No discussion warranted.
- n) **Alexis Mutisya** - No discussion warranted.
- o) **Gabriela Ortega-Rios** - No discussion warranted.
- p) **Kristine Osborne** - Dr. Ghezzi motioned to approve for licensure contingent upon passing the state exam. Dr. Wood-Antonuccio second. Board vote 6-0-0.
- q) **Sunni Polani** - Dr. Ghezzi motioned to approve closure of file due to non-response. Dr. Wood Antonuccio second. Board vote 6-0-0.
- r) **Kathryn Roose** - Dr. Ghezzi motioned to approve for temporary license and state exam. Dr. Wood-Antonuccio second. Board Vote 6-0-0.
- s) **Kimberly Rowley** - No discussion warranted.
- t) **Beth Shumrak** - No discussion warranted.
- u) **Cynthia Skocypec** - No discussion warranted.
- v) **Sara Stratz** - Dr. Ghezzi motioned to approve for temporary licensure and state exam contingent upon file completion and approval. Dr. Wood-Antonuccio second. Board vote 6-0-0.
- w) **Vicki Tam** - No discussion warranted.
- x) **Wilfred Williams** - Dr. Ghezzi motioned to approve for licensure contingent upon passing the state exam. Dr. Wood-Antonuccio second. Board vote 6-0-0.
- y) **Susan Woods** - No discussion warranted.

12. Decision of Attendance to ASPPB 2016 Mid-Year Meeting.

The ASPPB 2016 Mid-Year Meeting is being held on May 4-7, 2016 in Anchorage Alaska. It was decided that Ms. Alldredge and Ms. Bradley would be going to this meeting. Dr. Paul motioned to authorize payment for both Ms. Alldredge and Ms. Bradley to attend. Dr. Ghezzi second. Board vote 6-0-0.

13. Discussion of attending APBA Meeting; March 31, 1016 Washington D.C.

Dr. Ghezzi would like to attend this meeting. Dr. Young made a motion to authorize payment for Dr. Ghezzi to attend this meeting. Dr. Wood-Antonuccio second. Board vote 6-0-0.

14. Update regarding requested Attorney General Opinion for clarification of NRS 432B.040.

Ms. Bradley reported that a response is upcoming within the next few months.

15. Correspondence

A. Chaz Rainey: Email requesting clarification regarding psychological services and registering under NRS 89.

The Board members will review and discuss at the next Board meeting. Ms. Bradley will draft a memo to the Board members to assist and advise.

B. Alexis Tucey: Email requesting clarification of appropriate Telehealth services.

It was discussed and decided that the American Psychological Association would be able to provide this information. The Board states that the psychologist needs to work within their scope of practice. The Board stated that they cannot interpret what Medicaid will allow. Dr. Paul motioned that Dr. Young and Ms. Alldredge draft a letter and have Ms. Bradley review the letter and then Ms. Alldredge will send. Dr. Wood-Antonuccio second. Board vote 6-0-0.

C. John Wieriman, Ph.D.: Letter requesting the Board institute requirements for assessments

The Board stated that they work closely with ASPPB to maintain standards for licensure. After a discussion it was decided a response wasn't warranted.

D. Nevada Psychology Internship Consortium: Approval of Dr. Fyfe as intern supervisor for Puja Jaitly.

Dr. Wood-Antonuccio made a motion to approve Dr. Fyfe as an intern supervisor at the new consortium. Dr. Paglini second. Board vote 6-0-0.

E. Ginger Peterson; Letter requesting guidance from Board regarding how to continue with finding a supervisor.

Ms. Peterson requested clarification and support from the Board in receiving supervision as required for licensure as a psychologist. She is having issues finding supervisors who are willing to supervise because of negative feelings towards the institution where she received her degree. After discussion it was determined that it is not the duty of the Board to assist in locating a supervisor for applicants, nor is their responsibility in providing general guidance in procuring the requirements for licensure. It was recommended that Ms. Peterson work with her graduating institution on possible professions available to persons with a Ph.D. in general psychology.

Dr. Paul also noted that in the previous letter from the Board, Dr. Peterson was not provided a blanket approval. It was suggested she return to the Board with a supervision plan to be reviewed and approved by the Board. Also, while the Board does not generally approve work agreements where the psychological assistant is paying for supervision it can be approved on a case to case basis.

16. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Young motioned to adjourn meeting at 11:36am. Dr. Ghezzi second. Board vote 6-0-0.