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MICHIGAN BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 2012

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Psychology met in regular session on December 20, 2012 in the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Dane Ver Merris, EdD, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Members Present: Dane Ver Merris, EdD, Chairperson
Alan Warbelow, MA, LLP, Vice Chairperson
Lt. Col. Michael J. Connelly, Public Member
Robert Hack, MA, LLP, Professional Member
Joseph J. Horak, PhD, Professional Member (arrived at 9:40)
Dennis Kayes, JD, Public Member
Monica Navarro, JD, Public Member
Eric D. Ozkan, PhD, Professional Member

Members Absent: Lori Swarts, MS, Public Member

Staff Present: Amy Schneider, Board Secretary, Board Management & Rules
Norene Lind, Board Policy Manager, Board Management & Rules
Desmond Mitchell, Policy Analyst, Board Management & Rules
Bridget Smith, Assistant Attorney General
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Health Professions Division
Carole Engle, Director, Bureau of Health Care Services

Others Present: Samantha Lederman, MA
Lauren Levinson, MA
Cami Pendell, MA
Jeff Andertt, MPA

Introduction: Ramsdell introduced Engle as the new Director of the Bureau of Health Care Services. Engle gave a brief history of her previous work with the bureau, as well as her time spent hearing health care cases as an attorney and Administrative Law Judge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Hack, seconded by Kayes, to approve the minutes of October 18, 2012, as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Kayes, seconded by Hack, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson's Report

Ver Merris discussed Hack's "Position Paper," stressing the importance of educating psychologists to handle high-conflict divorce and child custody cases. Ver Merris said the ad hoc committee would provide a list of training resources at the February 21, 2013 Board meeting.

Ver Merris attended the 52nd annual Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) meeting, held in San Francisco, California on October 24-28, 2012. There were helpful presentations on various topics, such as elevating the Board's profile and activities to the public; the importance of Boards working with professional associations to educate licensees; cooperation between Boards and their legal counsel; and cooperation between Boards and their national associations in establishing accreditation standards.

Ver Merris explained that Boards are organized differently in many states. Approximately 25% of all Boards are operated by administrators who are not licensed psychologists. Many Boards also have independent authority, whereas other states are organized under a state agency, such as in Michigan.

Ver Merris reported that the Rules Committee continues to discuss proposed continuing education rules. Mitchell stated that the current administrative rules must also be amended to address inconsistencies in the number of pre-doctoral internship hours required. Currently, our rules exceed the APA standards, which is inconsistent with the statute (MCL 333.18223).

Ver Merris reported that the American Psychological Association (APA) has dropped the required number of post-doctoral supervised hours to zero in their model licensing act. This can be problematic for graduates and licensees coming from other states who may meet the standards of those states, but do not meet Michigan's standards. About 8 jurisdictions have eliminated the requirement for post-degree supervised experience to qualify for a full license.

Department Update

Ramsdell explained that the "psychological technician" bill did not pass during this legislative session; but, it would likely be reintroduced during the next legislative session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Samantha Lederman thanked Board members for their discussion regarding the pre- and post- doctoral accrediting bodies' standards. She requested the Board also review Masters level standards when amending the rules.

Ver Merris and Hack thanked Board members and staff for the opportunity to serve on the Board of Psychology. Ramsdell thanked Ver Merris and Hack for their service on the Board.


ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 21, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. in the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 1, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Kayes, seconded by Navarro, to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

MOTION PREVAILED


Dane Ver Merris, Ed.D. Chairperson

12.20.12
Date Minutes Approved


Amy Schneider, Board Secretary

12.20.12
Date Minutes Prepared