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MICHIGAN BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY MEETING OF AUGUST 16, 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 August 16, 2012 in the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, 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, LLP, Vice Chairperson
Michael J. Connelly, Public Member
Robert Hack, MA, LLP (arrived at 9:40)
Joseph J. Horak, Professional Member
Dennis Kayes, Public Member
Lori Swarts, Public Member
Eric D. Ozkan, Professional Member

Members Absent: Monica Navarro, Public Member

Staff Present: Amy Schneider, Board Secretary, Health Regulatory Division
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Bureau of Health Professions
Norene Lind, Board Manager, Bureau of Health Professions
Danielle Burk, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division
Bridget Smith, Assistant Attorney General

Others Present: Arnold S. Berkman, PhD
Samantha Lederman – UMMP
Lauren Levinson - UMMP
Kevin Keenan – MISPP
Diane Blau, MISPP
Jeff Andert, MPA
Max Hoffman – Fraser Law

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Warbelow, seconded by Kayes, to approve the minutes of June 21, 2012 with the following change: the deletion of "Eric D. Ozkan" Member Present. Chairperson's Report."

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Warbelow, seconded by Swarts, to approve the agenda with the following change: the deletion of "Introduction of New Members."

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson's Report

Ver Merris discussed the National Register of Health Service Providers program for reciprocity among the states, noting that Michigan is one of approximately three states that does not participate. He recommended this issue be considered by the Rules Committee.

Ver Merris will attend the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Board (ASPPB) meeting scheduled October 24-28, 2012 in San Francisco, CA. He explained the value of attending the meeting and recommended other Board members consider attending, as well.

Ver Merris discussed licensee allegations, and he summarized some of the more common cases he has reviewed.

Arnold S. Berkman, PhD – HPRP overview

Ramsdell introduced Arnold S. Berkman, PhD, who represents Board of Psychology on the Health Professional Recovery Committee (HPRC), a committee that has oversight of the Health Professionals Recovery Program (HPRP).

Berkman gave an in depth overview of the operations and functions of the HPRP. Berkman also discussed his involvement with overseeing the HPRP and the goal of protecting the public.

Ramsdell indicated the current HPRP contract was awarded to a new program vendor, and the Department and HPRC are working together regarding goals for the new vendor.

Horak recommended the Department require a psychologist to be involved in initial evaluations. Ramsdell agreed to look into it.

Department Update

Ramsdell reported on the status of legislation introduced to license "clinical psychotherapists." Although the bill has not had any further legislative action, the term will likely need to be amended, since it is widely used among other professionals.

Lind distributed an updated version of the "Standards of Conduct," so that Board members may review it and place it in Chapter 1 of their Board Member Handbooks.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Diane Blau of the Michigan School of Professional Psychology thanked the Board for its support. She reported that the APA has approved them for an accreditation site visit.

Kevin Keenan of the Michigan School of Professional Psychology reported having a difficult time with Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) website, which now appears to be operable. Ramsdell indicated she would look into the issue of the LARA website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on October 18, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. in the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Connelly, seconded by Hack, to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

MOTION PREVAILED



Dane Ver Merris, Ed.D. Chairperson

10-18-2012

Date Minutes Approved



Amy Schneider, Board Secretary

8.16.12

Date Minutes Prepared