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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 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 October 18, 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 9:40 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  
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, Health Regulatory Division  
Norene Lind, Board Manager, Health Regulatory Division  
Desmond Mitchell, Policy analyst, Health Regulatory Division  
Danielle Burk, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division  
Bridget Smith, Assistant Attorney General

**Others Present:** Kevin Keenan, PhD, – MiSPP  
Samantha Lederman, MA  
Lauren Levinson, MA  
Debora Collins, MA

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*MOTION* by Warbelow, seconded by Kayes, to approve the minutes of August 16, 2012, as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*MOTION* by Kayes, seconded by Ozkan, to approve the agenda as published with the following addition: "Position Paper" under New Business.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Position Paper**

Hack distributed a "Position Paper" to the Board in which he stressed the need within the legal and therapeutic community to obtain proper training on divorce issues.

*MOTION* by Kayes, seconded by Navarro, to appoint an ad hoc committee to study the issue and prepare a compilation of recognized resources and educational programs available on the subject.

The Board proposes to share this compilation with colleges and training programs, and supports publication by the Bureau and professional associations.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

Ver Merris will notify Board Members of the three new appointed Committee members.

### **Chairperson's Report**

Ver Merris will attend the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) 52<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting scheduled October 24-28, 2012 in San Francisco, CA. He mentioned topics for discussion such as assessment of competency, tele-health, mandatory reporting of violations, mobility, continuing professional development, and collaboration between boards and their legal representatives (Attorney General).

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

### **Administrative Rules Update and Process**

Mitchell advised that the Request for Rulemaking to allow the Board to proceed with development of proposed continuing education (C.E.) rules has been approved by the Office of Regulatory Reinvention. He also reported conversations with psychologists who have concerns about mandated continuing education. The Rules Committee will meet with representatives of the group that has expressed reservations.

Lind provided Board Members with a 2-page overview of the administrative rulemaking process and explained the same.

### **Department Update**

None

## ***PUBLIC COMMENT***

Kevin Keenan of the Michigan School of Professional Psychology thanked Board members for their discussion and concern regarding divorce education issues.

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on December 20, 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 Kayes, seconded by Connelly, to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

  
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Dane Ver Merris, Ed.D. Chairperson

12-20-12  
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Date Minutes Approved

  
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Amy Schneider, Board Secretary

10.18.12  
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Date Minutes Prepared