

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 28, 2017
Deadwood, SD

Members Present: Jerry Buchkoski, Ph.D., Member; Karen Weimers, Ph.D., Member; Sara Schilplin, Psy.D., Member; Matthew Christiansen, Ph.D., Member; Robert Overturf, Lay Member; Trisha Miller, Ph.D., Member; Alice Bruce, Lay Person

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Carol Tellinghuisen, Executive Administrator; Jill Lesselyoung, Administrative Assistant; Mark Perrenoud, Ph.D., M.A., LP Executive Director of South Dakota Psychological Association; Gina Nelson, Attorney General legal counsel; Robert McCarthy, Liaison from Department of Social Services.

Buchkoski called the meeting to order at 8:25 AM MDT. Introductions were made to new board member, Trisha Miller, Ph.D.

Executive Session: The board entered executive session at 8:30 AM on a unanimous vote based on a motion by Weimers and a second by Overturf for the purpose of administering oral examinations to applicants #365, #369, and #371. The board exited executive session at 10:23 AM based on a motion by Overturf and a second by Christiansen.

Business Meeting was called to order by Buchkoski at 10:38AM MDT.

Corrections or Additions to the Agenda: Item 7 was deleted. The order of items 5 and 12 were switched. Results of Oral Exam (Nomination) was added to the agenda.

New Senior Policy Analyst for DSS, Robert McCarthy: McCarthy was present to discuss the Open Meeting Initiative. He stated that the SB116 legislation was passed, which will result in some minor changes in meeting procedures. The changes have been put in place to make it easier for the public to access meeting information.

Approval of Minutes from December 1, 2016: Weimers moved and Overturf seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the December 1 meeting. The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Financial Update: Lesselyoung reported on the finances through February 28, 2017. Current revenue is \$9,772.79; Expenses are \$36,764.83; Cash Balance is \$51,872.12 and the fiscal year end finances as of 6/30/2016; Revenue of \$38,100.00, Expenses of \$50,275.85 and Cash Balance of \$78,864.16. Weimers moved and Miller seconded the motion to accept the financials. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Executive Director, SDPA, discussion on Continuing Education: Perrenoud proposed that South Dakota specify their yearly required continuing education credits to a minimum of 20 hours in their areas of competence in psychology, with 1-3 of these hours being in Ethics. South Dakota's requirement currently states that psychologists "must complete some continuing education" credits each year to qualify for continued licensure. The board will gather more information, research data, and legal counsel before a decision will be made on implementing any changes. The issue will be revisited in 6 months.

Request for Board liaison with SDPA: Perrenoud requested a board liaison with SDPA. Buchkoski suggested that the SDPA assigns a liaison to attend a SDBPE meeting as frequently as desired. Perrenoud will look into assigning a SDPA liaison to SDBEP.

Nomination: Motion to approve applicant #365 was made by Overturf, seconded by Christiansen; motion to approve applicant #369 was made by Overturf, seconded by Christiansen; motion to approve applicant #371 was made by Overturf, seconded by Christiansen. Carried by unanimous vote.

ASPPB Nomination: Fred Magnavito, Ph.D. has been nominated for the ASPPB State and Provincial Psychology Award. Letters of support for Magnavito's nomination are due May 1.

Executive Secretary Contract Renewal: Weimers moved, and Schilplin seconded, to extend the current executive secretary contract for 60 days while proceeding forward with an RFP.

Complaints: Complaint #214 assigned to Miller, status is pending.

Signature Block Discussion: It was agreed to remove from discussion.

Discussion HB1183-Forensic Evaluations: Perrenoud reviewed concerns relating to HB 1183, specifically sections 18 and 19, which involved evaluations for competency to stand trial. These evaluations, which were previously only able to be completed by psychiatrists and psychologist, will now be able to be completed by certain counselors, social workers and advanced practice nurses who have received training on "how to conduct and score competency evaluations." Concerns were expressed about the quality of care given that professionals with limited training will be conducting these complex psychological evaluations. According to this bill, all psychologists are considered to be "competent" to complete these evaluations. The board directed the executive secretary office to complete a letter to licensees regarding listing competency to stand trial evaluations as an area of competency. They will also be asked if they are interested in being placed on a list of psychologists who are willing, able, and competent to complete these evaluations. The board will maintain a disclaimer that they are not responsible for the licensees claims of competency. Licensees will be responsible for maintaining their competency. This list will be made available to presiding judges and the judge will be responsible for choosing a specific psychologist from the list. The executive secretary will complete this letter and it will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

Oral Exam Review: Concern was expressed that the oral exam may be too subjective in terms of how it is scored. The concern was expressed by Laura Shattuck, Assistant Attorney General, via written correspondence to the board. Buchkoski proposed that the oral exam be kept in place but that we move to more objective questions and scoring techniques. Tellinghuisen advised some other states are eliminating the oral exam in favor of a written jurisprudence exam because licensees are progressively complaining about waiting for the oral exam and wish it to be given daily. Schilplin advised on Minnesota's current written jurisprudence exam which is given daily. Current questions will be reviewed and this subject will be revisited at a future meeting.

PSYPACT Review-Arizona: Arizona is the first state to adopt the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT), which is designed to facilitate telehealth and temporary in-person, face-to-face practice of psychology across jurisdictional boundaries. Board will table this discussion with regards to such provisions in South Dakota until more research and outcome data is available.

Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 8, 2017 at 8:00 AM in Pierre, SD. Any business that needs to be addressed prior to this date will take place via teleconference.

Buchkoski adjourned the meeting at 12:30 PM SMT.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Sara B. Schilplin, Psy.D., LP
Secretary Treasurer