

**MINUTES**

**UTAH  
Psychologist Licensing Board  
MEETING**

**April 15, 2014**

**Room 474, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor – 8:00 A.M.  
Heber Wells Building  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

**CONVENED: 9:04 A.M.**

**ADJOURNED: 11:40 A.M.**

**Bureau Manager:  
Board Secretary:**

Richard J. Oborn  
Lee Avery

**Board Members Present:**

Valerie Hale, Ph.D., Chairperson  
Janiece Pompa, Ph.D., Acting Chairperson  
Aaron P. Jackson, Ph.D.  
Steven Christensen  
Nancy Cohn, Ph.D.

**Guests:**

Janet Orwig, ASPPB  
Joe Rallo, ASPPB  
Camille Barraclough  
Nanci Klein, Utah APA Director of Professional  
Affairs, Utah Psychological Association

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

**DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

**MINUTES:**

The minutes dated December 9, 2013 were reviewed. Dr. Jackson made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Pompa and carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Presentation from ASPPB regarding PLUS system

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that representatives from ASPPB are meeting with the Board regarding a new program with ASPPB called the PLUS system. Mr. Oborn noted that currently DOPL approves the applicant to take the EPPP and law exam. At times, this process requires DOPL to hold applications open for a year or more. Due to the workload in DOPL and the many different professions DOPL oversees, DOPL is considering delegating the exam pre-approval

responsibility to ASPPB. The PLUS program could be part of a solution.

Ms. Orwig and Mr. Rallo from ASPPB met with the Board with a presentation regarding the PLUS program. This program will collect and hold the professional education, experience, exam, disciplinary information and other license information for those licensees who wish to participate. Some states have made participation in this program mandatory and some states keep it voluntary. Currently there are 6 states utilizing this program, with others coming on board in July. This program is beneficial to students and licensees because the individual will enter their information directly online. This can be done anytime. The student can start using this website from their first year in college. ASPPB will verify all information submitted. Internship hours will be verified by the supervisor when the supervisor enters the hours directly on line. ASPPB is working with APPIC to have internship hours transferred electronically. They have exam scores stored back to 1963 and disciplinary files back to 1978. The fee to take the exam is \$600 plus \$200 to get into the system. Utah's application fee is \$200. If the applicant is in the CPQ program the fee is \$100 renewal every 2 years. If the applicant is in the PLUS program, the fee is \$200. Currently the individual contacts the Board and completes a basic application and pays the fee. The Division currently notifies ASPPB of individual being approved to take the EPPP.

## 2. Proposal to incorporate PLUS system into EPPP exam pre-approval process

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that DOPL is interested in this program. Mr. Oborn stated that Utah is a primary source verification agency for the transcripts and experience. Mr. Oborn stated that the Division is looking for a recommendation from the Board to continue to explore the PLUS system, if the Board feels this is a positive direction. Mr. Oborn stated that a timeline would be for individuals who are applying to take the EPPP exam. Under the new process, individuals would do the following:

1. Complete their degree.
2. Complete 4,000 hours of experience.
3. Have their supervisor submit the supervised

experience to ASPPB.

4. Submit official transcripts to ASPPB.

ASPPB would pre-approve the student for the EPPP exam based on Utah requirements and contact the Utah staff with any questions.

Dr. Pompa made a motion to recommend DOPL move forward with the PLUS program. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cohn and carried unanimously.

### 3. Investigation report

Ms. Dee Thorell met with the Board and reviewed the investigative statistics for psychology cases resolved in 2013.

### 4. Consideration of amending R156-61-302a to address:

- a. graduates from doctoral programs that are candidates for CoA accreditation
- b. graduates from foreign doctoral programs that complete pre-doctoral hours at APPIC accredited sites

#### **4(a) graduates from doctoral programs that are candidates for CoA accreditation**

Mr. Oborn reviewed R156-61-302a Qualifications for Licensure, education requirements with the Board. There are 2 ways a student may meet the education requirement for a psychology license. 1. If they attended a CoA accreditation program. 2. If the non-CoA program has a doctoral psychology program recognized by the Association of Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) as being found to meet designation criteria at the time the applicant received the earned degree.

The Board reviewed the formal request and supporting documents submitted by Ms. Camille Barraclough to change the Utah education requirement. Ms. Barraclough noted that before a program can be accredited by APA or ASPPB, they have to show they have students who have graduated from the program. Other states met this challenge by allowing for the applicants program coursework to be reviewed by the Board or by allowing an exception for new programs.

Mr. Oborn stated that in 2010 the Psychology Practice Act Rule allowed students to gain license upon the program coursework being reviewed by the Division and/or Board. The Division was uncomfortable with reviewing education and specific coursework. The Board changed the rule to require the program to be accredited by APA or ASPPB National Register Criteria. Right now her program is in the process of getting accredited.

Dr. Jackson made a motion to amend rule to mirror language to reflect what APA is working on in this area. Then amend the education requirement in R165-61-302a for candidates who graduate from a program that is in candidate status to meet the education requirement. The motion was seconded by Dr. Pompa and carried unanimously.

Mr. Oborn will have language for the Board to consider at the July Board meeting.

**4 (b). graduates from foreign doctoral programs that complete pre-doctoral hours at APPIC accredited sites**

Mr. Oborn reviewed R156-61-3-2a (b). The Division received an application where the applicants education took place outside of the United States or Canada. The program she attended does not intend to register their program with ASPPB National Register. Mr. Oborn noted that there are other ways she could obtain a Utah license, i.e. through endorsement. The Board reviewed Ms. Suarez's application and supporting documents and determined that she may call herself a certified behavioral analysis; however, she cannot obtain a Utah Psychologist license. She could obtain a license in another state and then apply for a Utah license by endorsement. Mr. Oborn stated he will advise her again that she does not qualify for a Utah Psychology license and she cannot call herself a psychologist.

5. Proposed amendment to R160-61-102 to define "on-the-job training program" as 45-day exemption that begins after completion of internship or practicum

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that the on-the-job-training program, 45 day exemption Bill passed. The purpose of this amendment is to define on-the-job training. This will allow the student to continue working, under supervision, after completion of the education requirement. The student would then need to pass the exam and submit the application for license. Mr. Jackson made a motion to support the proposed amendment. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cohn and carried unanimously.

6. Consideration of proposal to define one "hour" of supervision in R156-61-102

The Board reviewed a proposal to define one hour of supervision under R156-61-102. Dr. Hale made a motion to recommend the Division continues one hour equals sixty minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jackson and carried unanimously.

7. Counting of supervised experience at a private practice toward 4,000 hours of training required in R156-61-302b

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that the Division received a request to change the rule to allow counting of supervised experience at a private practice toward 4,000 hours of training required in R156-61-302b. Mr. Oborn reviewed R156-61-302b(4)(a) "Predoctoral internship" refers to a formal training program that meets the minimum requirements of the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC) offered to culminate a doctoral degree in clinical, counseling, or school psychology and (8) "Residency program", as used in Subsection 58-61-301(1) (b), means a program of post-doctoral supervised clinical training necessary to meet licensing requirements as a psychologist. R156-60a (102) Mental Health Practice Act Rule defines an employee as an individual who is or should be treated as a W-2 employee by the Internal Revenue Service. The Board noted that the students place of employment would need to make sure the employee is a W-2 employee and not a contracted employee.

8. Open and Public Meetings Act training

Mr. Oborn reviewed the Open and Public Meetings Act training with the Board.

**Not on the agenda:**

Mr. Oborn reviewed S.B.137 Health Care Professional truth in Advertising bill that impact the mental health profession. This bill amends the unprofessional and unlawful conduct provisions of the DOPL licensing act to require all licensed health care providers to disclose to a patient the health care provider's type of license and name.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None at this time.

Board meetings:

2014 Board meetings tentatively scheduled:  
July 15, October 7

**ADJOURN:**

Motion to adjourn at: 11:40 A.M.

*Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.*

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Date Approved

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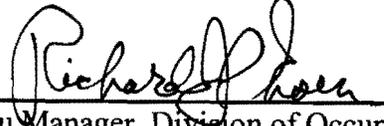
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Chairperson, Psychologist Licensing Board

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