

MINUTES

**UTAH
Psychologist Licensing Board
MEETING**

July 15, 2014

**Room 474, 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 9:11 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 12:17 P.M.

**Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:**

Richard J. Oborn
Lee Avery

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Excused:

Janiece Pompa, Ph.D.

Guests:

Nanci Klein, UPA
Julia Kyte, Stirba PC
Thomas Higbee, USU/Utah Association for
Behavioral Analysis

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

MINUTES:

The minutes dated April 15, 2014 were reviewed. Dr. Jackson made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cohn and carried unanimously.

COMPLIANCE REPORT:

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that this is Dr. Hilemon's first probation interview with the Board. She started a two year probation term in April 2014. She admitted to having a two week inappropriate dual relationship with a client. The Board reviewed her stipulation.

APPOINTMENTS:

Dr. Allison Hilemon, new probation interview

Dr. Hilemon and her attorney, Ms. Kyte, met with the Board. Dr. Hale reviewed the role the Board will take

to assist her in her probation. Dr. Cohn conducted the interview. Dr. Hilemon reviewed her education and experience with the Board. Dr. Hilemon advised the Board that the violation that placed her license on probation was she engaged in a two week inappropriate dual relationship with a client. Dr. Hilemon stated she owns a residential program for adults. She has five or six clients at any given point. She provides therapy in a separate office. Her staff is not licensed. She employs two life coaches who are masters level social workers who do not provide mental health therapy. They provide help with daily care. Her program provides individualized care with her clients. She works with Dr. Robert Kramer, Psychiatrist, for medication for her clients. At 10:43 A.M., Dr. Jackson made a motion to close the Board meeting to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Dr. Cohn seconded the motion. There was no recording made. Written notes were not taken. The Board meeting opened at 11:10 A.M. Dr. Hilemon stated she is currently meeting with her supervisor, Dr. O'Keefe, Psy.D. He supervised her during her residency. The Board advised Dr. Hilemon that her supervisor needs to be objective enough to provide her with supervision and expressed concern that Dr. O'Keefe may not have enough experience in the field. The Board reviewed Dr. O'Keefe's letter to the Board and approved him as Dr. Hilemon's supervisor at this time. The Board advised Dr. Hilemon to continue looking for CE courses. Submit course descriptions to Mr. Oborn for the Board's review. The Board wants her to attend some CE courses in person. The psychological evaluation is on hold for now. The Board asked to see Ms. Hilemon on October 7, 2014. The Board approved a telephone interview as long as she is in compliance with her stipulation. **Dr. Hilemon is in compliance with her stipulation.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Proposal to license applied behavior analysts

Dr. Klein and Mr. Thomas Higbee, USU/Utah Association for Behavioral Analysis met with the Board regarding a proposal to license applied behavior analyst professionals. Mr. Higbee advised the Board

that the practice of behavior analysis means the design and evaluation of instructional and environmental modifications to produce socially significant improvements in human behavior. Mr. Higbee stated that 25 states license applied behavior analysts. The applied behavior analysts will not provide mental health therapy and they will not diagnose. This will be done by the psychologists or psychiatrists. Currently there are two programs in Utah, Utah State and the U of U. There are about 15 students every other year graduating. Behavior analysts have their own certification. National certification is awarded after passing a national exam and a set of training and supervision requirements. The language in the proposal represents agreement from many stakeholders. Mr. Oborn noted that the proposal adds a behavior analyst to the Psychology Licensing Board. Mr. Higbee stated that there would be about 50 new applicants for the new license. Most are masters level and six to eight have doctoral degrees. The national certification has its own disciplinary board. For those who are currently working in the field and do not have the degree, there is a grandfather clause for six years. This proposal requires that if they leave their current job or move to another entity, they must become licensed. Dr. Cohn made a motion to recommend that the Utah Legislature consider adopting this license. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jackson and carried unanimously.

2. Continued consideration of amending R156-61-302a to address graduates from doctoral programs that are candidates for CoA accreditation

Mr. Oborn reviewed a consideration of amending R156-61-302a to address graduates from doctoral programs that are candidates for CoA accreditation with the Board. Mr. Oborn noted that the Board discussed this change at a previous Board meeting. Mr. Oborn noted that the new language creates a new definition of the term "Program accredited by the COA" in R516-61-102(6)(ii). The proposal expands the definition to be a program that was in eligibility status for accreditation by the CoA at the time which the applicant satisfactorily completed the program and has not been previously denied accreditation by the CoA.

Mr. Oborn noted that the PLUS program moving forward and ASPPB will be doing all of the approval

to take the exam. Dr. Jackson made a motion to accept the amendment that allows licensing of graduates from doctoral programs that are candidates for CoA accreditation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cohn and carried unanimously.

3. Consideration of proposal to allow certified psychology residents to pay their supervisors directly for supervision

Tabled to next Board meeting.

Not on the Agenda:

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that ASPPB will have their annual meeting in October. The Division can send a Utah delegate every other year so a Board member will likely attend next year.

Board meetings:

2014 Board meetings scheduled:

October 7

2015 Board meetings tentatively scheduled:

January 6, April 7, July 7, October 6

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn at: 12:17 P.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.

10/7/14

Date Approved

10/8/14

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Chairperson, Psychologist Licensing Board

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Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing