

MINUTES

**UTAH
Psychology Licensing Board
MEETING**

April 28, 2009

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

CONVENED: 9:05 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 12:47 P.M.

**Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:**

Rich Oborn
Lee Avery

Board Members Present:

Natalie J. Malovich, Ph.D., Chairperson
Leonard J. Haas, Ph.D.
Steven Christensen
Valerie Hale, Ph.D.
Janiece Pompa, Ph.D.

Board Members Absent:

None

Guests:

Charles Pruyne

DOPL Staff Present:

F. David Stanley, Division Director
Ronda Trujillo, Compliance Specialist

Swear in a New Board Member

Dr. Janiece Pompa was sworn in as a member of the Board.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:
MINUTES:**

The minutes dated January 20, 2009 were reviewed. Dr. Hale motioned to accept the minutes with changes, seconded by Mr. Christensen. The motion carried unanimously.

Review Applicant Appointment

Mr. Oborn briefly reviewed the handout regarding Dr. Tyler Money.

Update:

Elizabeth Firth is in compliance with her stipulation. She is not working in the field at this time. She has completed her continuing education requirement. She would like to discontinue her therapy reports. She has been advised that once she returns to Utah she would need the following: a new practice plan, a resume from a supervisor for Board approval, monthly supervisor reports, and she would be required to meet with the Board. Dr. Firth was provided with new report forms. The compliance unit will have another telephone interview with her in November 2009 unless she returns to Utah prior to that time.

Discussion:

Dr. Malovich reviewed the letter submitted by Dr. Firth's therapist. The Board reviewed Dr. Firth's stipulation. Dr. Haas motioned to allow Dr. Firth to discontinue therapy, seconded by Dr. Hale. After further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

#1. Dr. Barbara Ogden is in compliance with her stipulation. The Division received a positive therapy report. We received a supervisor report stating she is not working. She passed the EPPP exam on January 29, 2009 and was issued a Psychologist license. She has not been working in the field since September 30, 2008.

Discussion:

The Board reviewed Dr. Ogden's stipulation and the violations that placed her license on probation.

#2. Dr. Charles McCusker is not in compliance with his Memorandum of Understanding. The Division has not received a supervisor report since December 5, 2008. These are due quarterly. Ms. Trujillo will give Dr. McCusker a new supervisor form with the due dates listed on it. Dr. McCusker submitted billing records and patient account statements.

Discussion:

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that Dr. McCusker stated his supervisor report has not been submitted to the Division because his supervisor is in the process of moving. Dr. McCusker has another meeting with her in May. He will submit the report then.

#3. Dr. Jamianne Gill is in compliance with her stipulation. The Division received her therapy reports. The therapist recommended termination of Dr. Gill's therapy. She has fulfilled all other requirements.

Discussion:

The Board noted that Dr. Gill meets with her supervisor once every three weeks. Dr. Fordham's report noted that Dr. Gill has not missed any appointments with Dr. Fordham. Dr. Fordham is recommending Dr. Gill's therapy be reduced.

APPOINTMENTS:

Dr. Barbara Ogden - Probation Interview

Dr. Ogden presented herself to the Board. Dr. Hale conducted the interview. Dr. Ogden reviewed the progress she feels she has made since her license was first placed on probation. Dr. Ogden stated that she feels she has learned a lot and is stronger in standing up for what she believes in. Dr. Ogden stated that she is learning so much about the law and setting boundaries. The Board asked to see Dr. Ogden July 21, 2009. **Dr. Ogden is in compliance with her stipulation.**

Dr. Charles McCusker – Memorandum of Understanding Interview

Dr. McCusker presented himself to the Board. Dr. Malovich conducted the interview. Mr. Pruyne introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Pruyne reviewed his business partnership with Dr. McCusker. They have established the Inventing Arts Academy, a non profit organization that helps individuals who do not read. Dr. McCusker stated that business is going well. The new record keeping practice he is using has been very beneficial. He feels he has been better able to serve his clients. Dr. McCusker stated that he will be seeing his supervisor on May 5, 2009 and will submit the report as soon as possible. Dr. McCusker stated that he is keeping his client base small. Mr. Pruyne has been a big help to him. Dr. McCusker stated that he occasionally uses Cranial Electrical Stimulation (CES). The Board noted that he has approximately one (1) year left on his probation. The Board asked to see Dr. McCusker July 21, 2009. **Mr. McCusker is not in compliance with this stipulation.**

Dr. Jamianne Gill - Probation Interview

Dr. Gill presented herself to the Board. Dr. Haas conducted the interview. Dr. Gill reviewed an ethical dilemma she encountered with a client. Dr. Gill stated

that this situation is still on going. The Board encouraged her to continue moving in the direction she is going. Dr. Haas motioned to move Dr. Gill's therapy and supervisory meetings to once every three (3) weeks, seconded by Mr. Christensen. The motion carried unanimously. The Board asked to see Dr. Gill July 21, 2009. **Dr. Gill is in compliance with her stipulation.**

Dr. Tyler Money - Applicant Interview for a Psychology Resident

Dr. Tyler Money presented himself to the Board. Mr. Oborn noted that this is Dr. Haas' last Board meeting. The Board meeting closed at 11:21 A.M. to discuss Dr. Money's psychological evaluation. There were no recording or written notes taken during this time. The Board meeting opened at 12:26 P.M. Dr. Money advised the Board that he would need at least one thousand (1,000) hours of supervision to complete the supervisory requirement needed for licensure. Dr. Hale motioned to approve an unrestricted psychology resident license for Dr. Money, seconded by Mr. Christensen. The motion carried unanimously. The Board strongly encouraged that Dr. Money continue with therapy. The Board advised Dr. Money that he could not use any of the hours he obtained while working without a license toward the 4,000 hours of supervised experience requirement.

DISCUSSION:

Updating of Utah Psychologist Law Examination

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that the Utah Psychology Law exam was updated in February 2009.

Psychologist Access to the Controlled Substance Data base

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that during the legislative session an amendment was passed to allow psychologists authority to access the Controlled Substance Database. Mr. Oborn will forward the details to the Board members.

Passing Retired Volunteer Health Care Practitioner Licensing Act

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that the Volunteer Health Care Practitioner Licensing Act passed by Utah State Legislature. The Act allows professionals to practice under certain conditions in a volunteer setting.

Not on the Agenda:

The Board discussed establishing guidelines for psychologists supervising certified psychology residents. After further discussion, the Board decided to table this discussion for another time.

The Board discussed having the therapist meet with the Board before being approved to provide therapy to a probationer. The Board expressed many concerns including wanting to make sure that the therapist understands their role is to not only treat the person, but to help the Division. The Board also discussed the importance of making it clear to the therapist the reason why therapy is being ordered by the Board. After further discussion, the Board decided to table this discussion for another time.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None at this time

The Next Board Meeting:

July 21, 2009

Board meetings tentatively scheduled for 2009
July 21, October 20

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn at 12:47 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.

July 21, 2009
Date Approved

(ss) Natalie Malovich
Natalie Malovich, Chairperson, Psychology Licensing Board

May 11, 2009
Date Approved

(ss) Richard Oborn
Richard Oborn, Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing