

MINUTES

**UTAH
Psychologist Licensing Board
MEETING**

July 21, 2009

**Room 475 – 4th Floor – 9:00 a.m.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 9:07 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 12:39 P.M.

**Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:**

Rich Oborn
Lee Avery

Board Members Present:

Natalie J. Malovich, Ph.D., Chairperson
Steven Christensen
Valerie Hale, Ph.D.
Janiece Pompa, Ph.D.
Aaron P. Jackson, Ph.D

Board Members Absent:

None

Guests:

John Orvis
Nancy Coffeen

DOPL Staff Present:

Ronda Trujillo, Compliance Specialist

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:
MINUTES:**

The minutes dated April 28, 2009 were reviewed. Dr. Hale motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Mr. Christensen. The motion carried unanimously.

Swear in a new Board Member

Dr. Aaron P. Jackson was sworn in as a new Board member. Dr. Jackson briefly reviewed his background. The Board introduced itself.

DOPL Administrative Changes

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that Mr. Stanley retired and Mr. Mark B. Steinagel is the new Division Director.

Posting of Minutes on the Division's Website

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that a bill passed during the last legislative session requires that the Division

post a draft of the Board minutes on the DOPL website within thirty (30) days of each Board meeting. Once the Board meets and approves the minutes the official copy will be posted on the DOPL website.

Selection of Board Chairperson for 2009-2010

The Board discussed the selection of the Board Chair. Dr. Hale motioned to maintain Dr. Malovich for the Chair, seconded by Dr. Jackson. The motion carried unanimously.

Preliminary Review of Applicant Appointment

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that Dr. Russell Gaede is requesting to meet with the Board. He must meet with the Board in order to take the EPPP exam a fourth time.

Ronda Trujillo – Compliance Report

#1. Dr. Charles McCusker is in compliance with his Memorandum of Understanding. His supervisory reports are current. His contact with his supervisor has been mostly by phone.

Discussion:

The Board reviewed the documents Dr. McCusker submitted and will have him clarify some questions. Dr. Hale made the motion to amend Dr. McCusker's stipulation for his billing reports to be quarterly to correspond with the Board meetings, seconded by Dr. Jackson. The motion carried unanimously.

#2. Dr. Jamianne Gill is in compliance with her stipulation. The Division received her therapy and supervisor reports. Both reports are positive, however, both reports were received late.

Discussion:

Dr. Gill is meeting with Dr. Fordham less frequently. The Board would like to know how this is working. The Board would like an update regarding an ongoing ethical dilemma that Dr. Gill shared with the Board during her last interview.

#3. Dr. T. Lee Burnham, Public Reprimand, submitted his essay for the Board's review. If the Board is satisfied with this essay, this will be the last time Dr. Burnham meets with the Board.

#4. Dr. Barbara Ogden is in compliance with her

stipulation. Dr. Ogden is not working. The Division received her therapist report. The report is very positive.

Discussion:

The Board expressed concerns regarding Dr. Ogden not working in the mental health field.

#5. Dr. Elizabeth Firth is in compliance with her stipulation. Dr. Firth is residing in California. She is submitting her reports. The Board may decide to require therapy once she starts working in the field.

Discussion:

The Board discussed Dr. Firth's employment. Dr. Firth may ask the Board about her starting a private practice.

APPOINTMENTS:

Dr. Charles McCusker – Memorandum of Understanding Interview

Dr. McCusker presented himself to the Board. Dr. Malovich conducted the interview. Dr. McCusker introduced Mr. John Orvis. Mr. Orvis consults with Dr. McCusker. Dr. Jackson was introduced to Dr. McCusker. Dr. McCusker stated that he has been ill and is working to improve his health. His practice has slowed down. The Board reviewed Dr. McCusker's billing records. The Board noted that his billing records look good and advised Dr. McCusker that he could now submit his billing records quarterly. Dr. McCusker advised the Board that the Arts Academy component of his practice is not advancing. There has been a problem obtaining funding and this may not happen at this time. Dr. McCusker stated that his supervisor, Vicky Burgess moved her home and office. Because of this and his illness, he talks with her more on the phone. She is always available and he has no problem contacting her with questions or concerns. The Board encouraged Dr. McCusker to meet with her in person now that she is settled from her move and he is feeling better. The Board noted that Dr. McCusker's probation would end April 2010. Dr. McCusker stated that he is working on a paper regarding homeostasis. The Board requested that he provide the Board with a copy of when it is finished. The Board asked to see Dr. McCusker October 20, 2009. **Dr. McCusker is in compliance with his stipulation.**

Dr. Jamianna Gill - Probation Interview

Dr. Gill presented herself to the Board. Mr. Christensen conducted the interview. Dr. Gill stated that things are going well for her. She gave the Board an update regarding an ethical issue with which she had been struggling. Dr. Gill stated that she reviewed this with her supervisor, noting that having a supervisor has been very good for her. The Board advised Dr. Gill that the Division is still receiving her reports late. Dr. Gill stated that she talked with her supervisor about her reports being late. The Board encouraged her to contact the compliance specialist to ensure that the Division received her reports. The Board asked to see Dr. Gill on October 20, 2009. **Dr. Gill is in compliance with her stipulation.**

Dr. T. Lee Burnham – Public Reprimand

Dr. Burnham met with the Board. Dr. Burnham is on a public reprimand. Mr. Christensen conducted the interview. Dr. Jackson was introduced to Dr. Burnham. Dr. Burnham stated that the continuing education course he attended in California was very good. He feels this topic should be required for everyone in this field. The online course is four (4) hours of continuing education. The Board reviewed Dr. Burnham's essay, noting that it was written very well. Dr. Burnham stated that he made some changes in his practice as a result of the conference. The Board reviewed his stipulation, noting that he agrees to not act as a supervisor. He can still teach. Mr. Christensen motioned to find Dr. Burnham has completed the requirements from his reprimand, seconded by Dr. Jackson. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Russell Gaede - Request to take the EPPP Examination

Dr. Gaede met with the Board. The Board introduced itself. Dr. Pompa noted that she is no longer working with Dr. Gaede on the association's board and questioned if this could be a conflict of interest. Dr. Gaede said he had no problem with Dr. Pompa participating in the interview. Dr. Gaede stated he is before the Board to request permission to take the exam a fourth time. After talking with Dr. Gaede, the Board provided suggestions that might help him with his next examination. Mr. Christensen motioned to allow Dr. Gaede to take the exam a fourth time, seconded by Dr. Hale. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Barbara Ogden - Probation Interview

Dr. Ogden presented herself to the Board. Dr. Hale conducted the interview. Dr. Jackson was introduced to Dr. Ogden. Dr. Ogden stated that she has is having a hard time finding employment because her probationary license is conditional. She is spending her time reading books regarding professional development. Dr. Hale motioned to close the meeting at 11:45A.M., seconded by Dr. Malovich. The Board meeting opened at 12:00 P.M. There were no written notes or recording made during this time. The Board advised Dr. Ogden that her reports were received on time. The Board noted that the reports are positive. The Board asked to see Dr. Ogden on October 20, 2009. **Dr. Ogden is in compliance with her stipulation.**

Dr. Elizabeth Firth - probation interviewed

The Board contacted Dr. Firth via telephone. The Board was introduced to Dr. Firth. Dr. Firth stated that California declined to monitor her probation. She is now planning to move back to Utah and wanted to know what types of job settings would be appropriate. She could work in her private practice or work as a contract employee. The Board stated it would need to approve her supervisor. The Board advised Dr. Firth that working in a school psychology setting is also acceptable. Dr. Firth stated she is looking to move to Utah in August. The Board reminded Dr. Firth that she would need to meet with it regularly. She must have her employer and supervisor review her stipulation and submit a letter stating that they read her stipulation. She can forward these letters to Ms. Trujillo. The Board advised Dr. Firth that she would need to submit her supervisor's resume for approval. The Board stated that she could not have Dr. Dudmeyer as her supervisor because of their history together. The Board stated that her supervisor will need to be licensed as a psychologist and most of the school districts have licensed psychologists. The Board noted that her reports would be due the first day of the month of each quarter. **Dr. Firth is in compliance with her stipulation.** The Board would like to see her on October 20, 2009.

DISCUSSION:

License Exemption and Certified Psychology
Resident License

Mr. Oborn shared with the Board an email sent to him from Dr. Lauren Weitzman, Director of the University of Utah Counseling Center. In the email, Dr.

Weitzman requested that the Division and Board clarify the requirement to be licensed as a Certified Psychology Resident if practicing after graduation from a doctorate program. The Board and Division clarified the requirement, stating that students who complete all 4,000 hours of supervised experience during the doctoral program must either apply and obtain a resident license or discontinue their practice. They cannot avoid applying for the resident license if they desire to continue practicing.

Potential Rule Changes

Mr. Oborn proposed changes to the Psychologist Licensing Act Rule with the Board. Dr. Jackson motioned to accept the proposed changes, seconded by Dr. Pompa. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None at this time

The Next Board Meeting:

October 20, 2009

2010 Board meetings have been tentatively scheduled:
Jan 19, April 27, July 27, October 26

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn at 12:39 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) Janece Pompa, Ph.D.
Janece Pompa, Acting Chairperson, Psychology
Licensing Board

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Date Approved

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