

**MINUTES**

**UTAH  
Psychologist Licensing Board  
MEETING**

**April 27, 2010**

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

**CONVENED:** 9:10 A.M.

**ADJOURNED:** 12:30 P.M.

**Bureau Manager:**

Richard J. Oborn

**Board Secretary:**

Lee Avery

**Board Members Present:**

Natalie J. Malovich, Ph.D., Chairperson

Steven Christensen

Janiece Pompa, Ph.D.

Aaron P. Jackson, Ph.D.

**Board Members Absent:**

Valerie Hale, Ph.D.

**Guests:**

Nancy Caffen

Dr. Nanci Klein, Utah Psychological Assoc.

**DOPL Staff Present:**

Ronda Trujillo, Compliance Specialist

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

**DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

**MINUTES:**

The minutes dated January 19, 2010 were reviewed.

Dr. Pompa motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Mr. Christensen. The motion carried unanimously.

Ronda Trujillo, Compliance Specialist

**Update:**

Dr. Elizabeth Firth is still living in California. She has applied for employment in Utah. She is requesting the Board to approve Dr. Robert F. Williams as her supervisor. The Division received a letter from Dr. Williams stating that he read Dr. Firth's stipulation and agrees to supervise her.

**Discussion:**

The Board reviewed Dr. Williams' vitae. Dr. Pompa motioned to approve Dr. Williams as Dr. Firth's supervisor, seconded by Dr. Jackson. The motion carried unanimously.

#1. Dr. Barbara Ogden is in compliance with her stipulation. The Division received positive quarterly reports from Dr. Poulton. He states that she has met the goals of treatment. Dr. Ogden submitted a letter requesting early termination. Dr. Ogden submitted documentation of places where she has applied for employment. Dr. Ogden has not been working in the field since September 1, 2008.

**Discussion:**

The Board reviewed the letter submitted by Dr. Ogden requesting early termination of her probation. The Board discussed Dr. Ogden's request.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Dr. Barbara Ogden - probation interview

Dr. Ogden presented herself to the Board. Dr. Pompa conducted the interview. Dr. Ogden stated that her private practice is not feasible for her at this time. Dr. Ogden advised the Board that she continues applying for employment and reviewed the documentation she submitted. She feels her license on probation is one of many reasons why she is not being employed. Other reasons include corporations paring down, trying to be leaner, and requiring current employees to do more work. It is an employer's market and her license being on probation makes getting a job difficult. Dr. Ogden stated that she has also applied for employment as a mental health therapist and faces the same problems. The Board advised Dr. Ogden that unless she is providing mental health services, she does not need supervision. The Board noted that there are a lot of individuals working in a lot of positions that are not related to their licenses. The Board encouraged her to volunteer or work in a mental health setting. This would give her a chance to prove herself and allow other professionals to get to know her. Dr. Ogden expressed concerns that her stipulation is not clear regarding notification of her probation to employers outside of the mental health profession. After further discussion, Mr. Christensen motioned to only require notification of Dr. Ogden's probationary status to employers in the field of psychology or mental health therapy. After further discussion, Dr. Jackson seconded the motion. After further discussion, the motion carried unanimously. The Board noted that Dr. Ogden's negative outlook on life is not beneficial to her employer's clients or to herself. The Board

expressed concerns regarding Dr. Ogden's response to the Board's suggestions and encouraged her to discuss her concerns with her therapist, Dr. Poulton. Part of his job is to mentor her and help her through this process. The Board expressed concerns that Dr. Poulton may not be seeing Dr. Ogden the way the Board does and may not understand what the Board needs from him. The Board discussed meeting with Dr. Poulton at the next Board meeting. The Board advised Dr. Ogden that a person with a probationary license needs be actively working in their profession through at least half of the probation time before the Board would consider early termination of the probation. This is something that Dr. Ogden has not yet done. Dr. Jackson motioned to deny Dr. Ogden's request for early termination of her probation, seconded by Dr. Pompa. The motion carried unanimously. The Board asked to see Dr. Ogden on July 27, 2010. **Dr. Ogden is in compliance with her stipulation.**

Dr. Scott Owen, request to take the EPPP exam

Dr. Owen met with the Board. Dr. Jackson advised the Board that he knows Dr. Owen and will need to recuse himself from this discussion due to a previous professional relationship. The Board talked with Dr. Owen and reviewed the proposal for preparing to retake the EPPP exam that he submitted. Mr. Christensen motioned to allow Dr. Owen to retake the EPPP exam. After further discussion, Dr. Pompa seconded the above motion. The motion carried with Dr. Jackson recusing himself.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

1. Potential changes to Psychologist Licensing Act Rule regarding continuing education requirement and foreign education

The Board reviewed Dr. Angel Casey's proposal to modify the continuing education hour requirement. Dr. Nanci Klien from the UPA joined the discussion. The Board talked with Dr. Casey over the phone. Dr. Casey requested that the Board and Division allow psychologists in rural areas of Utah to complete all or the majority of their 48 hours of continuing education via internet or distance learning. Dr. Casey would at least like to see the limit on the number of CE hours completed via internet increased from the current limit of 18. After a detailed discussion, the Board noted that any change would need to affect all licensees. It would not be appropriate to designate those practicing in rural areas only. The Board noted that some states

have no restrictions regarding their distance learning hours. Dr. Klein recommended that this concern be researched further. Mr. Oborn stated that he would do more research. It is unknown if there are other professions that allow all continuing education hours to be obtained through the internet or distance learning. The Board discussed carrying over continuing education hours from one renewal cycle to another. The consensus of the Board is not in favor of allowing this.

Mr. Oborn stated that an EdD in Counseling Psychology from Argosy University, Utah Campus does not meet the education requirement for licensure as a psychologist in Utah. This is because the EdD program is not accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Psychological Association and it is not listed as having "designation" status by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards/National Register Joint Designation Committee.

Mr. Oborn reviewed the changes to the Psychologist Licensing Act Rule that were approved at the last Board meeting. Mr. Oborn recommended that the rule be modified to also require that all foreign educated applicants have their transcripts evaluated by an evaluation service that is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). The Board stated that Mr. Oborn's recommendation makes sense and accepted the recommendation without change.

2. ASPPB 25<sup>th</sup> midyear meeting – Dr. Aaron Jackson

Dr. Jackson attended the ASPPB 25<sup>th</sup> midyear meeting. He stated that there were two main issues covered:

*#1. They focused on programs that are mainly distance learning.*

*#2. They discussed tele-practice and issues of seeing clients remotely. Several concerns discussed was HIPAA compliance, secure lines, and establishing standards.*

ASPPB encouraged the Boards to be proactive in establishing guidelines. Dr. Jackson stated that he will send more information to each Board member for their review.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None at this time

The Next Board Meeting: July 27, 2010  
**2010 Board meetings have been scheduled:**  
July 27, October 26

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn at 12:00 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 19, 2010  
Date Approved (ss) Natalie J. Malovich, Ph.D  
Chairperson, Psychology Licensing Board

May 15, 2010  
Date Approved (ss) Richard J. Oborn  
Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &  
Professional Licensing