

**MINUTES**

**UTAH  
Psychologist Licensing Board  
MEETING**

**July 17, 2012**

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

**CONVENED:** 9:08 A.M.

**ADJOURNED:** 11:00 A.M.

**Bureau Manager:  
Board Secretary:**

Richard J. Oborn  
Lee Avery

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

Janiece Pompa, Ph.D.

**Guests:**

Nanci Klein, Utah Psychological Association

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

**DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:  
MINUTES:**

The minutes dated April 17, 2012 were reviewed. Dr. Hale motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Dr. Jackson. The motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION:**

1. Question of whether it is acceptable for doctorate program training director to verify supervised experience rather than applicant's direct supervisor

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that there have been inquiries regarding a form in the application for license that DOPL requires to be completed by the site supervisor. The problem is with pre-doctoral hours. The student usually has numerous supervisors during this time and most programs have a training supervisor who oversees the training. The advantage to the way it is done now is that there is accounting regarding face to face supervision.

The Board decided to invite school program representatives to the next Board meeting for further discussion.

2. Consideration of proposal to remove unnecessary language from education requirement outlined in Utah Admin. Code R156-61-302

Mr. Oborn reviewed a proposal to remove unnecessary language from education requirement outlined in Utah Admin. Code R156-61-302 with the Board.

#1. (2), remove sections (a)(b)(c) and (d),  
Replace section (e) with (a), because the ASPPB establishes education criteria at the time the applicant received their degree.

#2. (b) replace the wording in brackets with “National Register (NR).”

#3. The APA code of conduct has been updated as of June 2, 2010.

Dr. Jackson moved to adopt the changes, seconded by Dr. Hale. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Request for input regarding possible proposal to amend statute to allow for remote supervision in Utah Code 58-61-304 (1)(f)

Mr. Oborn stated that the Division is requesting input regarding possible proposal to amend statute to allow for remote supervision in Utah Code 58-61-304 (1)(f). Mr. Oborn noted that this proposal requires an amendment to the Mental Health Professional Practice Act and the Psychologist Licensing Act in order to allow the Division to approve a supervisee to complete hours of “one on one supervision” when a supervisee and supervisor are not physically present in the same room at the same time under conditions to be established by the Division in rule. The rule would then be amended to allow remote supervision if specific conditions are met. Mr. Oborn noted that there would likely need to be small fiscal note added to the proposal because it will cause additional work for DOPL employees.

The Board also discussed a proposal to clarify the practice of remote therapy in statute.

4. Factors to consider when considering probationer’s proposal for approval of supervisor or therapist

Dr. Malovich expressed interest in the Board setting up factors to consider when considering a probationer’s proposal for approval of a supervisor or therapist. The Board may want to consider how close a relationship with the probationer is. This would help the therapists be more informed of their role in supervising a probationer. DOPL can add these requirements in the Order that a probationer signs:

1. nature of any previous relationship;
2. background, such as length of time licensed (at least 2 yrs);

3. previous disciplinary action;
4. expertise in similar areas as the probationer; and
5. previous supervision experience.

The Board decided to table this to the next Board meeting and then put together a worksheet for the supervisor. The Board would like to see UPA help with this project.

5. Kenneth Deherrera, surrender of psychologist license

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that Mr. Kenneth Deherrera surrendered his Utah psychologist license due to his criminal history. Mr. Deherrera was licensed in 1993 and he currently resides in Arizona. He agrees to not reapply for his Utah psychologist license for a minimum of 5 years.

6. DOPL ethics/law presentation at UPA workshop on Sept. 14

Mr. Oborn is sharing a UPA workshop outline that he will be presenting at the UPA Workshop on September 14, 2012. He asked the Board to advise him if there are areas that need to be changed or added to this presentation.

**Not on the agenda:**

The Board discussed the option of electing a new Board chairperson. Dr. Malovich stated she is open to continue. The Board asked her to continue as Board chairperson.

**Items for the next Board meeting:**

1. Criteria to consider when determining a supervisor
2. Update regarding clinical programs with director of programs.
3. There may be a rule hearing.
4. There may be items to share after the UPA workshop.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None at this time

Next Board meeting

October 23, 2012

**2013 Board meetings have been tentatively scheduled:**

January 15, April 16, August 27, October 29

**ADJOURN:**

Motion to adjourn at: 11:00 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.*

October 23, 2012  
Date Approved

(ss) Natalie Malovich, Ph.D  
Chairperson, Psychology Licensing Board

October 23, 2012  
Date Approved

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