

# MINUTES

## UTAH Psychologist Licensing Board MEETING

October 23, 2012

Room 475, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor – 10:00 A.M.  
Heber Wells Building  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

**CONVENED:** 10:05 A.M.

**ADJOURNED:** 11:40 AM.

**Bureau Manager:**

Richard J. Oborn

**Board Secretary:**

Lee Avery

**Board Members Present:**

Natalie J. Malovich, Ph.D., Chairperson

Steven Christensen

Valerie Hale, Ph.D.

Aaron P. Jackson, Ph.D.

Janiece Pompa, Ph.D.

### TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

### DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:  
MINUTES:**

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

**Compliance Report**

Mr. Eric Hanson is not in compliance with his stipulation. He submitted appropriate supervisor reports; however, they are all duplicates with only the date at the top changed. He submitted a therapy report for October, but did not submit one for July. He submitted an essay and CE for approval.

#### Discussion:

The Board reviewed the CE documentation submitted by Dr. Hanson. The CEs submitted have not been approved by the Board. One of the CEs was completed May 2007. This was done before his license was placed on probation. The Board calculated he has completed 41 continuing education hours, noting that 2 are in ethics. He needs to submit documentation of completing an additional 5 contact hours of CE in ethics.

## **APPOINTMENTS:**

Dr. Eric Hanson, probation interview

### **Taken out of order on the agenda:**

Dr. Hanson met with the Board. Dr. Hanson stated that things are going smoothly. There have been no changes. There are two new therapists who moved near his office space and have been good to work with. There is no change in his medication and his health is stable. Dr. Hanson stated he continues meeting with his supervisor and sees his therapist every three weeks. The Board advised Dr. Hanson that his therapy report for July was not submitted. The Board received his October report. Dr. Hanson stated he will check with his therapist. He understood her to say she was submitting these monthly. The Board advised Dr. Hanson each report needs to be an individual report with more information included. These cannot be copied with the dates changed. The Board advised Dr. Hanson that the CE ethics he has completed may be counted towards the renewal of his license; however, he needs to obtain additional ethics as part of his stipulation with the Board. He needs to obtain an additional 10 hours of CE to meet the requirements of his stipulation. Once he completes these, he will need to write a 500 word essay. The essay is due after he completes the CEs. Based on calculations, it appears that Dr. Hanson completed 5 ethics CE already that can be counted toward his probation CE requirement. Therefore, he needs to obtain 5 additional hours in ethics and can find courses in ethics on the UPA or APA websites. The Board noted that the courses he has completed are related to his issues. Dr. Hanson expressed concern regarding students attending the Board meetings. Mr. Oborn explained that the schools send the students to the Board meetings as part of their training and the meetings are open to the public. Anyone meeting with the Board may request the Board meeting be closed to discuss issues of character, professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual. The Board advised Dr. Hanson to continue submitting his reports monthly until he is back in compliance with his reports, CEs and essay. The Board asked to see Dr. Hanson January 15, 2013.

**Dr. Hanson is not in compliance with his stipulation.**

Torrence Wimbish, request for approval for admission to take the EPPP a fourth time

**Taken out of order on the agenda:**

Dr. Wimbish met with the Board. Mr. Oborn noted that when someone fails the EPPP exam three times, they are required, by Utah rule, to meet with the Board. The Board advised Mr. Wimbish that the Board is here to help applicants through the process. Mr. Wimbish reviewed the process he used when taking previous exams, including the Tyler Study method and he has taken practice exams. His plan is to review flash cards. He obtained a strengths and weakness report and will focus on his weaker areas. Mr. Wimbish advised the Board that the first time he took the exam, he was very anxious. The second and third time was a little better. The Board encouraged Mr. Wimbash to see if he can audit a lab or hire a person proficient in stats to help him. He may also want to check with his physician for medication for test anxiety. Dr. Hale motioned to approve Mr. Wimbish to take the EPPP exam a fourth time, seconded by Dr. Jackson. The motion carried unanimously.

**Not on the agenda:**

Patricia Esplin, PhD., application review

Ms. Esplin met with the Board. Mr. Oborn stated the Division is looking for Board feedback regarding Dr. Esplin's application for reinstatement. Mr. Oborn noted that she completed a lot of CEs until 2005 and then none after that. She has not passed a Utah law exam or the national exam. There is a question of whether she should be required to complete additional CE hours and/or pass the current Utah law exam. Dr. Esplin advised the Board that she is not interested in private practice. She wants to teach part time. She is more interested in doing more positive psychology than treatment. She is interested in doing some writing, possibly a book about helping parents and students. She would like to teach study skills classes for kids who do not feel they have to study. The Board recommended that the Division not require that Dr. Esplin does pass the current law exam. Dr. Pompa suggested to have Dr. Esplin review all of the current laws listed in the candidate bulletin. She also recommended that Dr. Esplin submit an essay of at least 500 words of what she learned and how she would incorporate this into her future practice. She does not have to obtain additional CE hours.

**Not on the agenda:**

The Board reviewed the rule requirement regarding having an applicant meet with the Board after failing the EPPP three times. The Board decided to keep the rule the way it is and not make any changes at this time.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None at this time.

2013 Board meetings:

**January 15, April 16, July 16, October 29**

**ADJOURN:**

Motion to adjourn at: 11:40 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.*

January 15, 2013  
Date Approved

(ss) Janiece Pompa Ph.D  
Chairperson, Psychology Licensing Board

January 15, 2013  
Date Approved

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