THE KENTUCKY BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGY MINUTES February 4, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Examiners of Psychology was held on February 4, 2019 at the Department of Professional Licensing in Frankfort, KY.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joseph Dickhaus, M.S. – Vice-Chair Erica Pristas, Ph.D. Jamie Hopkins, Ph.D. Jean Deters, Psy.D. Owen Nichols, Psy.D. Stacy Seale, M.S. Justin Gilfert – Citizen at Large

MEMBERS ABSENT

Elizabeth McKune, Ed.D. – Chair Gerald Walker, Psy.D.

DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

Chessica Nation, Board Administrator Isaac VanHoose, Commissioner

OTHER

David Trimble, Legal Counsel Mark Brengelman

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Dickhaus called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

The minutes of the January 7, 2019 meeting were presented to the Board. Dr. Hopkins made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Pristas seconded the motion and it carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT & LEGAL FEES

The financial report ending January 2019 was presented to the Board.

LEGAL REPORT

Mr. Trimble reported that Janet Pippin Orwig from ASPPB will be attending the March 4th board meeting to give a presentation about PSYPACT.

Mr. Trimble reported that one of the investigators advised that he will be retiring from full-time practice in June, but that he will continue to work on Board investigations and will have more time to dedicate to them.

Mr. Trimble discussed the disciplinary action of Andrea Evans. Dr. Evans' attorney stated that the Board agreed to not post the disciplinary action on its website. The Board has no recollection of this and this stipulation is not specified in the settlement agreement. A motion was made by Dr. Nichols to keep the disciplinary action posted on the website. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hopkins and it carried. Mr. Trimble also advised that the continuing education required by the settlement agreement was earned after the given deadline. A motion was made by Dr. Pristas to accept the late CEs to fulfill the settlement agreement. The motion was seconded by Dr. Deters and it carried.

Mr. Trimble reported that there is action pending by the Tennessee board to suspend James Walker's license. Mark Brengelman presented on behalf of Dr. Walker and discussed his situation. A motion was made by Mr. Gilfert to table to the decision until the next meeting when the Tennessee action may be final. The motion was seconded by Dr. Nichols and it carried.

COMPLAINTS SCREENING COMMITTEE

The Complaints Screening Committee did not meet.

OLD BUSINESS

Information on D&O Coverage

Mr. Trimble reviewed the details of the quote and advised that the policy may not be a catch-all umbrella for anything not covered by the Board immunity as there are several exceptions listed. A motion was made by Dr. Nichols for the Board to continue investigating options for this quote, possibly requesting some of the exceptions be removed. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hopkins and it carried.

NEW BUSINESS

KRS 31.185 Proposal

The Board discussed an email from Damon Preston requesting feedback and support for a proposed amendment to KRS 31.185 that would deem evaluation, consultation, and/or testimony by an expert witness to not be considered "practice." A motion was made by Dr. Nichols to oppose the proposed amendment as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilftert and it carried. Mr. Trimble will respond to Mr. Preston's inquiry.

ASPPB Midyear Meeting

A motion was made by Dr. Pristas to send Liz McKune, Jamie Hopkins, and Joseph Dickhaus to the ASPPB Midyear Meeting in Santa Fe, NM from April 11th – April 14th. The motion was seconded by Dr. Nichols and it carried.

ASPPB Board of Directors Meeting

The Board received an invitation to attend ASPPB's Board of Directors meeting in Louisville on February 15th. Mr. Dickhaus will attend and Dr. Hopkins may attend. A motion was made by Dr. Nichols to award per diem and travel expenses to those who attend the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Pristas and it carried.

KY Telehealth Board Meeting

Mr. Dickhaus attended the KY Telehealth Board Meeting on January 16th. He summarized the discussion and relayed some questions for the Board.

Email Questions

The Board discussed questions received via email. Ms. Nation is to respond to inquiries as discussed.

Regulation Review

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols to amend 201 KAR 26:175 to eliminate the description of CE formats, Section 7(4) and (5). This will remove the limitations on internet-based CE and interactive webinars. The motion was seconded by Ms. Seale and it carried.

LICENSURE STATUS REPORT

The Board reviewed the licensure status report.

CANCELED LICENSURE REPORT

There were five (5) canceled licenses for the month of January 2019. A motion was made by Dr. Hopkins for a certified letter to be sent to the licensees advising them that their licenses have expired and that they must cease practice. The motion, seconded by Dr. Deters, carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A motion was made by Dr. Hopkins to take the actions recommended by the corresponding committees. The motion was seconded by Dr. Pristas and it carried.

Supervision Committee

A motion was made by the Supervision Committee to initiate a complaint (2019PSY00004) per allegations raised by the supervisor. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hopkins and it carried.

Dr. Pristas discussed an LPA who is the CEO of the non-profit organization that employs her supervisor. The Board requested additional information verifying that the arrangement does not violate 201 KAR 26:250.

Continuing Education Committee

Dr. Hopkins reported that 11 applications were reviewed, 10 approved and 1 deferred.

Credentials Review Committee

A motion was made by the Credentials Review Committee to deny the application of Tiffani Leadingham due to educational requirements not being met. The motion was seconded by Dr. Nichols and it carried.

Examination Committee

Mr. Dickhaus advised that the next exam is scheduled for March 4th.

Disciplined Psychologists Committee

No report beyond what was discussed under Legal Counsel regarding James Walker.

Newsletter Committee

No report.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

Monday, March 4, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

TRAVEL AND PER DIEM

Mr. Gilfert made a motion to approve payment of travel expenses and per diem compensation for eligible members attending today's meeting and other board business between meetings. The motion, seconded by Dr. Hopkins, carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Seale to adjourn the meeting at 12:41 p.m. The motion, seconded by Dr. Pristas, carried.

Elizabeth W. McKune, Ed.D. - Chair

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