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Public Session Board Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2015

3218 Pringle Road SE
Salem, OR 97302

Members Present: Peter Grover, Ph.D., Vice-Chair
Patricia Bjorkquist, Ph.D.
Sandra Jenkins, Ph.D.
Dorothy Mellon, Public Member
Anne-Marie Smith, Ph.D.
Jon Weiner, Public Member

Members Absent: Fran Ferder, Ph.D., Chair

Legal Counsel: Warren Foote, AAG

Staff: Charles Hill, Executive Director
Karen Berry, Investigator
LaRee Felton, Operations Manager
Ashlie Rios, Office Specialist

Guests: Robert Plamondon
Ryan Dix, OPA Liaison

INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL

Dr. Grover called the Oregon Board of Psychologist Examiners (OBPE) Public Session meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. on Friday, July 24, 2015, at 3218 Pringle Rd. SE, Salem, OR.

Mr. Hill informed the Board that Ms. Felton has accepted the role as Operations Manager for both the OBPE and the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists (OBLPCT). They have opened her position and have received 35 qualifying applications and expect to interview within the next few weeks.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Hill reported on current finances. The Board's accountant has worked vigorously to try and figure out ways to manipulate our finances to stay under budget. The OBLPCT has agreed to cover the Executive Director (ED) salary for the last two months of the biennium. The OBPE will take back the costs of the full ED salary for the first two months of the new biennium to recover those

costs. Mr. Hill foresees having to go to the legislature and ask for an increase in our current budget to cover these costs for the next biennium to prevent this from happening again.

ELECTION: EDUCATION COMMITTEE VACANCY

Ms. Felton informed the Board of the current vacancy on the Education Committee.

Dr. Bjorkquist moved and Dr. Jenkins seconded the nomination to appoint Dr. Peter Grover to the Education Committee. All board members present voted on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed and Dr. Grover accepted.

MEETING MINUTES

Executive Session, Regular Meeting – May 22, 2015

Dr. Jenkins moved and Dr. Bjorkquist seconded the motion to approve the Executive & Public Session Meeting Minutes from May 22, 2015. All board members present voted on the motion, no objections, and Mr. Weiner abstained. The motion passed.

Public Session, Regular Meeting – May 22, 2015

Dr. Jenkins moved and Dr. Bjorkquist seconded the motion to approve the Executive & Public Session Meeting Minutes from May 22, 2015. All board members present voted on the motion, no objections, and Mr. Weiner abstained. The motion passed.

APPLICANT MATTERS

Application #15-21: Dr. Bjorkquist moved and Dr. Jenkins seconded the motion to sustain the reviewer's decision. Roll call vote: Dr. Bjorkquist-Aye; Dr. Grover-Aye; Dr. Jenkins-Aye; Ms. Mellon-Aye; Dr. Smith-Aye; Mr. Weiner-Aye. The motion passed.

CONSUMER PROTECTION CASES

Orders

Case #2012-035: Dr. Bjorkquist moved and Dr. Smith seconded the motion to Terminate Interim Stipulated Order. All board members present voted on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

Dr. Bjorkquist moved and Dr. Smith seconded the motion to Approve Stipulated Order. Roll call vote: Dr. Bjorkquist-Aye; Dr. Jenkins-Aye; Dr. Smith-Aye; Mr. Weiner-Aye; Ms. Mellon-Aye; and Dr. Grover-Aye. The motion passed.

Case #2014-047: Dr. Bjorkquist moved and Dr. Smith seconded the motion to Approve Stipulated Order. Roll call vote: Dr. Bjorkquist-Aye; Dr. Grover-Aye; Dr. Jenkins-Aye; Ms. Mellon-Aye; Dr. Smith-Aye; Mr. Weiner-Aye. The motion passed.

License #1952: Dr. Bjorkquist moved and Dr. Jenkins seconded the motion to Approve Stipulated Order. Roll call vote: Dr. Bjorkquist-Aye; Dr. Grover-Aye; Dr. Jenkins-Aye; Ms. Mellon-Aye; Dr. Smith-Aye; Mr. Weiner-Aye. The motion passed.

Thirty-Day Letter Responses

Case #2014-018: Dr. Jenkins moved and Dr. Smith seconded the motion to dismiss the case. All board members present voted on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

Case #2014-036: Dr. Bjorkquist moved and Dr. Jenkins seconded the motion to dismiss the case. All board members present voted on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

Case #2015-006: Dr. Jenkins moved and Dr. Bjorkquist seconded the motion to dismiss the case. All board members present voted on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

Case #2015-012: Dr. Bjorkquist moved and Dr. Smith seconded the motion to issue a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action to Deny Application for Licensure. Roll call vote: Dr. Bjorkquist-Aye; Dr. Grover-Aye; Dr. Jenkins-Aye; Ms. Mellon-Aye; Dr. Smith-Aye; Mr. Weiner-Aye. The motion passed.

New Case Reports

Case #2015-001: Dr. Jenkins moved and Dr. Bjorkquist seconded the motion to issue a Thirty-Day Letter. All board members present voted on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

Case #2015-017: Dr. Bjorkquist moved and Dr. Smith seconded the motion to dismiss the case. All board members present voted on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

Case #2015-020: Dr. Bjorkquist moved and Mr. Weiner seconded the motion to dismiss the case. All board members present voted on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

Case #2015-021: Dr. Jenkins moved and Dr. Smith seconded the motion to issue a Thirty-Day Letter. Roll call vote: Dr. Bjorkquist-Aye; Dr. Grover-Aye; Dr. Jenkins-Aye; Ms. Mellon-Aye; Dr. Smith-Aye; Mr. Weiner-Aye. The motion passed.

Case #2015-023: Dr. Bjorkquist moved and Dr. Grover seconded the motion to dismiss the case. All board members present voted on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

Case #2015-024: Dr. Bjorkquist moved and Ms. Mellon seconded the motion to dismiss the case. All board members present voted on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

Case #2015-030: Dr. Jenkins moved and Dr. Bjorkquist seconded the motion to dismiss the case. All board members present voted on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

Other

Case #2013-005: Dr. Bjorkquist moved and Dr. Smith seconded the motion to close investigation. Roll call vote: Dr. Bjorkquist-Aye; Dr. Grover-Aye; Dr. Jenkins-Aye; Ms. Mellon-Aye; Dr. Smith-Aye; Mr. Weiner-Aye. The motion passed.

License #906: Dr. Jenkins moved and Mr. Weiner seconded the motion to Terminate Consent Agreement. Roll call vote: Dr. Bjorkquist-Aye; Dr. Grover-Aye; Dr. Jenkins-Aye; Ms. Mellon-Aye; Dr. Smith-Aye; Mr. Weiner-Aye. The motion passed.

INVESTIGATION EXTENSIONS

Case #2015-001, #2015-017, #2015-018, #2015-020, #2015-021, #2015-022, #2015-023, #2015-024, #2015-025, #2015-026, #2015-027, #2015-028, & #2015-029.

Dr. Bjorkquist moved and Ms. Mellon seconded the motion to approve the investigation extensions as read. All board members present voted on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT

Mr. Hill has the current 2015-2017 Interagency Agreement that needs to be reviewed and approved by both boards. The agreement is the same as before, the boards will keep their own identity with the understanding that management, administration, policy, processes, etc. will be blended or similar. The contract is valid for two years and will be reevaluate it in approx. 18 months.

Dr. Bjorkquist moved and Ms. Mellon seconded the motion to approve the Interagency Agreement. All board members present voted on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

ASPPB'S 55TH ANNUAL MEETING

The Board discussed the upcoming ASPPB meeting on October 7-11, 2015 in Tempe, Arizona. Ms. Rios discussed which board members and staff has already attended recent ASPPB conferences and which haven't. Dr. Grover and Ms. Mellon both have not yet attended a conference and volunteered to attend the upcoming one in Arizona. The next mid-year conference is scheduled for April in Anchorage, Alaska; the Board will discuss its participants early next year.

TELEPSYCHOLOGY NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

The Board would like to create an article that took a stance on telepsychology and what rules there are currently. Dr. Grover reviewed the article in detail and found it to be informative and accurate at this time. The Board agreed and no other feedback was reported.

The Board also had the idea of creating an article regarding password protection and encryption. Dr. Bjorkquist will work on a short summary of this and send it to board staff for review.

RESIDENT BILLING SOFTWARE ISSUE (HCFA)

Ms. Felton explained a current rule that states a resident must indicate their status as a resident and list their supervisor's name and title on any documentation. However, it has been brought to our attention that an electronic form required by an insurance company does not have enough space to enable all of the required information to be entered. The form only has one field line for their name and does not allow them the space to provide two separate names (the resident and the supervisor). No Board Member has come across this issue and doesn't have guidance. Perhaps we can speak to ASPPB and ask if they've seen this. Dr. Grover agreed to look into the issue so that it can be discussed further in September.

CHARACTER & FITNESS REVIEW POLICY

Ms. Felton presented the Board with the current policy. Mr. Weiner suggested a paragraph within the application that states "I've thoroughly read...this includes expungement, arrest, conviction, etc..." and requires them initial next to it. The Board explained the old application compared to the new for Mr. Weiner, and that we have already made efforts by splitting these questions into two instead of one.

Dr. Bjorkquist moved and Mr. Weiner seconded the motion to accept the current Character & Fitness Review Policy. All board members present voted on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Ms. Felton found that the language of the rule isn't clear and needs the Board to review the rule for clarification, interpretation, and internal policy.

Mr. Weiner moved and Ms. Mellon seconded the motion to accept the Endorsement Application Process Policy. All board members present voted on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

ASPPB PLUS

Ms. Felton and ASPPB did not connect after the last Board Meeting. This will be pushed to September meeting.

EPPP STEP 2: COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT (SURVEY)

The Board agreed to respond and be helpful to other states. The Board discussed their ideas around competency and their opinion of the new exams. They delegated the responsibility to Ms. Felton to complete the survey on behalf of the Oregon Board.

LICENSURE EXEMPTION WORKGROUP

This workgroup is on hold while other members from the other agencies are gathered. This is on the OBLPCT agenda in a few weeks. Hopefully they will meet and can report back in September.

APPROVE LICENSES

Natasha D. Adamson, Ph.D.; Melanie R. Berry, Psy.D.; Robert A. Dickey, Psy.D.; Corrina A. Falkenstein, Ph.D.; Darvis T. Frazier, Ph.D.; Curtis S. Hileman, Ph.D.; Julia B. Howe, Ph.D.; Paige L. Marmer, Psy.D.; Emily B. Ogden, Ph.D.; Mark T. Sciarrino, Psy.D.; Veronica N. Sullivan, Ph.D.; Haley G. Trontel, Ph.D.; Sarah A. Voruz, Psy.D.; Kurt C. Webb, Psy.D.

Mr. Weiner moved and Dr. Smith seconded the motion to approve all licensees listed above. All board members present voted on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

PUBLIC FORUM

This is an opportunity for the public to address the Board. The Chair will determine the length of the time given based on the meeting agenda and the number of individuals that wish to speak.

Mr. Plamondon introduced himself to the Board and gave an update on unlicensed practice website he formed. He found a lot of interest from people both inside and outside of Oregon. He also wanted to report that he has heard from licensees, both from OBPE and OBLPCT, that their investigations have brought them PTSD-like symptoms, lack of sleep, fear, nervousness, etc. They also suggested that they never understand why they are being investigated in the first place and that should be changed. He has been speaking with representatives and finds a comparison to the North Carolina Board of Dentistry. He thinks the Mental Health Boards should follow the Oregon Medical Board and allow the Department of Justice to handle unlicensed cases. Dr. Grover asked Mr. Plamondon how he would like see outreach for the public that he suggested a few meetings ago. Mr. Plamondon would like to see some written articles and friendlier letters.

STATISTICS

Licensure

72 new applications have been received and 52 licenses have been issued in 2015. There are currently 170 active applicants (including 72 practicing residents), and 1812 licensees: 1427 active, 205 semi-active, 178 inactive, and 2 suspended.

Consumer Protection

35 complaints have been filed in 2015. There are currently 40 open cases under investigation (including the investigation files scheduled for Board consideration): 30 licensees, 4 applicants, and 6 unlicensed practice cases. There are 3 contested cases in process, and 2 cases on appeal.

The Oregon Board of Psychologist Examiners adjourned Public Session at 2:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

// Charles Hill //

Charles Hill, Executive Director

September 25, 2015

Date