

**TENNESSEE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: March 13, 2014

TIME: 9:00 a.m., CDT

LOCATION: Health Related Boards
Iris Room
665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37243

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Pamela Auble, Ph.D., Chair
Anita Davis, Ph.D.,
J. Trevor Milliron, Ph.D.
Mark Loftis, Ph.D., Sr. Psychological Examiner
George Bercaw, Sr. Psychological Examiner, Vice Chair
David C. Mathis, Ed.D.
Melissa Gay, Citizen Member

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: Rodney Sullivan, Ph.D.

STAFF PRESENT:

Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director
Stacy Tarr, Administrative Services Assistant
Jennifer Putnam, Office of General Counsel

Dr. Auble, Chair, called the Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

Consent Order

Ms. Putnam presented a Consent Order regarding Mary Kathryn Black, Ph.D., license number 2072. The Respondent failed to adhere to the ethical principles necessary to protect a patient from harm, which is in violation of Tenn. Code Ann. §63-11-215(b) (1): Unprofessional, dishonorable or unethical conduct; and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1180-1-.09(1): A.P.A. Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct Standard 4.05 Disclosures.

The Respondent, for the purposes of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this case, agrees to the following: her license is Reprimanded effective the date of entry of this Consent Order and must enroll in and successfully complete twelve (12)

Type I hours of continuing education relative to ethics and reporting issues in addition to the CE hours required to maintain licensure. Respondent must also pay the actual and reasonable costs of prosecuting this case within thirty (30) days after the issuance of the Assessment of Costs unless arrangements are made for an extended payment plan through the Disciplinary Coordinator of the Division of Health Related Boards.

Mr. Bercaw made a motion, seconded by Dr. Loftis to approve the Consent Order. The motion carried.

Orders of Compliance

Ms. Putnam presented an Order of Compliance for Tony Franklin, Ph.D., license number 1882 requesting to be removed from probation.

Dr. Mathis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Loftis to approve the Order of Compliance. The motion carried.

Ms. Putnam presented an Order of Compliance for William Blackerby, Ph.D., license number 1231 requesting to be removed from probation.

Dr. Milliron made a motion, seconded by Dr. Loftis to approve the Order of Compliance. The motion carried.

Agreed Citation

The Board reviewed an Agreed Citation for Katherine Dittmann, Ph.D., license number 2640 for working on an expired license in excess of three (3) months. Dr. Dittmann was issued a civil penalty in the amount of \$300.00.

Mr. Bercaw made a motion, seconded by Dr. Milliron to approve the Agreed Citation. The motion carried.

Professional Privilege Tax

The Board requested a letter be sent to all licensees reminding them of the upcoming Professional Privilege Tax, which is due June 1, 2014.

New Licensees

Dr. Milliron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bercaw, to approve the following newly licensed psychologists:

Erin Armour
Giovanni Billings
Andrew Bloch
Jennifer Caldwell

Stephen Lange
George Mitzner
Scott Swan
Beverly Whalen-Schmeller

Reinstatements

Mr. Bercaw made a motion, seconded by Dr. Loftis, to approve the following psychologists for reinstatement:

Katherine Dittmann
Mark Kleiman
Kushal Patel

Correspondence

The Board reviewed a letter from **Dr. Stephen Hopkins** requesting an extension on his temporary license. Dr. Milliron made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mathis to grant the extension. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Dr. Nicole Knickmeyer** requesting an extension on her provisional license. Dr. Milliron made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mathis to grant the extension for one year. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Dr. Meghan Cody** requesting an extension of one year regarding her provisional license. Dr. Milliron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bercaw to grant the extension. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Dr. Elise Bradley** asking for an extension of her provisional license in order to prepare for the ethics and jurisprudence examination. Dr. Milliron made a motion, seconded by Dr. Loftis to extend the provisional license until May 2014. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Dr. Jillian Wolf** asking for an extension of her temporary license in order to take and pass the EPPP. The Board asked that a letter be sent to Dr. Wolf requesting a letter from her supervisor and that her work meets the standards of a psychologist and she will be allowed an extension to take the EPPP.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Dr. Dawn Beatty** regarding becoming a licensed psychologist. The Board decided to table the discussion of Dr. Beatty's application until the next board meeting.

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Dr. Elizabeth Goldfeder** regarding becoming either a licensed clinical psychologist or a psychological examiner. The Board stated that Dr. Goldfeder's internship must have been APA accredited or APPIC listed or equivalent.

The Board stated that the psychological examiner level of licensure is no longer being offered.

OGC Report

Ms. Putnam stated there is currently one (1) Consent Order to be presented today.

Ms. Putnam stated SB1202/HB0965 as introduced authorizes the Board of Examiners in Psychology to regulate the practice of telepsychology. On March 6, 2014, the bill was referred to the subcommittee of the Senate Health and Wellness committee.

Ms. Putnam stated that at the September 2013 meeting, the Board voted to amend Rule 1180-2-.04 Examinations to reflect that the EPPP will now be administered by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB). The changes have been made and submitted into the review process.

Administrative Report

There are currently 1,358 active licensed psychologists, 474 active licensed psychological examiners/senior psychological examiners and 33 active certified psychological assistants.

From December 7, 2013 to March 6, 2014, one hundred (100) psychologists, twenty-one (21) psychological examiners, and no certified psychological assistant renewed their license online. Ms. Tarr asked the Board to encourage its colleagues to utilize the online renewal process, as it cuts costs and is an efficient way for licensees to renew their license.

Ms. Tarr stated that the continuing education audit is ongoing. Ms. Tarr stated that most licensees who are audited have been compliant; however, there are a few that are deficient regarding the Tennessee Rules and Jurisprudence component. Ms. Tarr stated that all those found to be non-compliant have made up the hours and submitted them after being notified of their deficiency.

New Licenses

Dr. Milliron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bercaw, to approve the following newly licensed psychologists:

Erin Armour
Giovanni Billings
Andrew Bloch
Jennifer Caldwell
Stephen M. Lange
George B. Mitzner
Scott A. Swan

Beverly Whalen-Schmeller

The motion carried.

Mr. Bercaw made a motion, seconded by Dr. Loftis, to approve the following reinstated psychologists:

Katherine Dittmann
Mark E. Kleiman
Kushal Patel

The motion carried.

File Review

Dr. Milliron made a motion, seconded by Dr. Davis, to approve **April Nesin** to sit for the ethics and jurisprudence examination. The motion carried.

Dr. Mathis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Loftis, to approve **Ryan Boddy** to sit for the EPPP and be issued a provisional license. The motion carried.

Dr. Mathis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Loftis, to approve **Kristin Hiel** for a provisional license and to sit for the EPPP pending receipt a final transcript indicating her doctoral degree has been conferred. The motion carried.

Mr. Bercaw made a motion, seconded by Dr. Loftis, to approve **Dana Duggan** to sit for the ethics and jurisprudence examination. The motion carried.

Dr. Mathis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Loftis, to approve **Marci Breedlove** to sit for the ethics and jurisprudence examination. The motion carried.

Dr. Loftis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bercaw, to approve **Lisa Jacola** to sit for the ethics and jurisprudence examination. The motion carried.

Dr. Loftis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mathis, to issue **Melissa Mowder** a temporary license and permit her to sit for the ethics and jurisprudence exam. The motion carried.

Dr. Loftis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bercaw, to approve **John Pederson** to sit for the ethics and jurisprudence exam. The motion carried.

Dr. Loftis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bercaw, to approve **Idia Thurston** for a provisional license and to sit for the ethics and jurisprudence exam. The motion carried.

Dr. Loftis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bercaw, to approve **Scott Yaw** for a provisional license and to sit for the EPPP. The motion carried.

Dr. Milliron made a motion, seconded by Dr. Loftis, to approve **Havah Schneider** to sit for the EPPP and the ethics and jurisprudence examination. The motion carried.

Dr. Milliron made a motion, seconded by Dr. Loftis, to approve **Yuko Okado** to sit for the EPPP and the ethics and jurisprudence examinations. The motion carried.

Dr. Mathis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gay, to approve **Alison Bigelow** for a provisional license and to sit for the EPPP. The motion carried.

Dr. Milliron made a motion, seconded by Dr. Loftis, to approve **Tamara Raphaeli** to sit for the ethics and jurisprudence examination, pending receipt of documented hours on the pre-doctoral internship form, show that the internship is equivalent to that of an APA or APPIC approved internship and a letter of recommendation. Upon receipt of these items, Ms. Spitznas will inform Dr. Milliron that these deficiencies have been completed and request approval to schedule Dr. Raphaeli to sit for the ethics and jurisprudence examination. The motion carried.

Dr. Milliron made a motion, seconded by Dr. Loftis, to approve **Steven Thomas** to sit for the ethics and jurisprudence examination. The motion carried.

Other Board Business

With no other Board business to conduct, Mr. Bercaw made a motion, seconded by Dr. Milliron to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m. on March 13, 2014. The motion carried.

Ratified by the Tennessee Board of Examiners in Psychology on June 12, 2014