

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 25, 2015

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Drs. Michael Kollar, Rhea Merck, Christiana DeGregorie, Robert Howell, Deborah Leporowski, Gable McCullough, William Wattles and Alisa Liggett.

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Marlo Thomas-Koger, Administrator; Donnell Jennings, Advice Counsel; David Love, OIE; Phil Flohr, OIE; Alex Imgrund, ODC; Sheliah Jones, Administrative staff.

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Board office and provided to any requesting persons, organizations, or news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the S.C. Freedom of Information Act. A quorum of members was present.

The meeting was called to order at 9:14 AM by Chair, Dr. Michael Kollar.

CORRECTION:

Dr. McCullough made a motion to correct the minutes to reflect she was present at the April 24, 2015 meeting. Dr. DeGregorie seconded the motion and the motion carried.

MIINUTES:

The minutes from the April 24, 2015 Board meeting were approved as amended on a motion by Dr. DeGregorie, seconded by Dr. Wattles.

OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT REPORT: David Love, OIE gave a report of investigations from January 1, 2015 - to September 9, 2015 which detailed the status of complaints and the alleged issues. Eighteen cases were received: eight are active cases; three were closed; four were do not open cases; and three are pending board action. Mr. Love also shared the status of the eighteen cases received in 2014: one is an active investigation; ten were closed; two were do not open cases; and five are pending board action.

COMPLAINTS/DISCIPLINARY MATTERS:

Complaint #2014-11- The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the IRC to dismiss the complaint.

Dr. Kollar recused himself from discussion and vote for Complaint #2014-11.

Complaint #2014-13- The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the IRC to dismiss the complaint.

Complaint #2014-17- The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the IRC to dismiss the complaint.

Dr. Leporowski recused herself from discussion and vote for Complaint #2014-17.

Complaint #2014-19- The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the IRC to dismiss the complaint.

Complaint #2015-4- The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the IRC to dismiss the complaint.

Complaint #2015-7- The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the IRC to dismiss the complaint.

Complaint #2015-1- The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the IRC to issue a Cease & Desist.

Complaint #2014-15- The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the IRC to move forward with a Formal Complaint.

The Board voted to accept the Recommendation of the IRC for Case # 2014-11 on a motion by Dr. McCullough and seconded by Dr. Leporowski. The Board voted to accept the Recommendation of the IRC for Case # 2014-13 on a motion by Dr. Howell and seconded by Dr. DeGregorie. The Board voted to accept the Recommendations of the IRC for Case #s 2014-19, 2015-4, and 2015-7 on a motion by Dr. DeGregorie and seconded by Dr. Merck. The Board voted to accept the Recommendation of the IRC to issue a Cease and Desist for Case # 2015-1 on a motion by Dr. DeGregorie and seconded by Dr. Leporowski. The Board voted to accept the Recommendation of the IRC to issue a Formal Complaint for Case # 2014-15 on a motion by Dr. Merck and seconded by Dr. DeGregorie.

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT:

Mr. Alex Imgrund presented the ODC Case Load Statistics report illustrating there are no open or pending OGC cases as of September 14, 2015.

REVIEW OF NEW LICENSEES: The Board reviewed list of newly licensed applicants issued from April 23, 2015 – September 23, 2015.

OVERVIEW OF SOUTH CAROLINA RECOVERING PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM:

Mr. Frank Sheheen and Mr. Rick Wilson provided an overview of the Recovering Professional Program and answered questions.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FEE:

Dr. Merck motioned that the Board go into executive session to discuss the request for waiver of fee and to receive legal advice. The motion was seconded by Drs. Wattles and DeGregorie. A motion was made to come out of executive session by Dr. Merck and seconded by Dr. McCullough. Dr. DeGregorie motioned to deny the request to reduce the fee to the requested amount but did grant the waiver request in the amount of \$150. This waiver will only apply to the requesting individual. Future requests must be submitted to the board chair in writing and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Dr. Wattles seconded the motion and all were in favor.

DISCUSSION OF ORAL EXAMS AND EMAIL BLAST:

A motion was made by Dr. Wattles and seconded by Dr. Liggett to add "or any insurance company" to item I on the oral exam. Dr. Kollar also wants this to be sent in an email blast.

DISCUSSION OF SUPERVISORY INQUIRY:

Dr. Merck motioned that the board pre-approve Dr. Patel's request to have Dr. Keen oversee her supervised practice as long as they are in compliance with 100-8. Dr. Howell seconded the motion.

CLARIFICATION OF POSTDOCTORAL SUPERVISION:

The Board had an in depth discussion about each of the four questions regarding supervision for the Alabama licensee. Dr. Howell motioned that Dr. Kollar write a letter informing the Alabama licensee of the responses. Dr. Leporowski seconded the motion.

REVIEW OF RECENT CASE LAW AND STATUTORY CHANGES:

Mr. Donnell Jennings reviewed recent case law and statutory changes with board member and answered questions.

SC GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

Mr. Alex Imgrund reported that the Governor's Task Force is recommending domestic violence continuing education courses for licensees. Dr. Kollar motioned that the board strongly encourages all licensees to include in their continuing education package a course or courses on domestic violence including but not limited to: awareness; tools for victims and offenders; interventions; prevention and treatment. Dr. Leporowski seconded the motion.

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OF BOARD ORDER:

Dr. Rolison was not present so there was no discussion or action taken.

INCREASE IN NUMBER OF YEARLY BOARD MEETINGS:

Dr. DeGregorie motioned to increase the number of board meetings to three or four per year. The motion was seconded by Dr. McCullough.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATES: The Board will meet again April 22, 2016 in room 105 and Sept. 23, 2016, room 105.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Dr. DeGregorie and seconded by Dr. McCullough, the Board voted to adjourn at 1:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marlo Koger, Administrator
Board of Examiners in Psychology