

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 24, 2015

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Howell (excused), Mary Metropol

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Marlo Thomas-Koger, Administrator; Donnell Jennings, Advice Counsel; Mark Sanders, OIE; Phil Flohr, OIE; Adrian Rivera, OIE; 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 9:00 AM by Chair, Dr. Michael Kollar.

MIINUTES:

The minutes from the September 26, 2014 Board meeting were approved on a motion by Dr. DeGregorie, seconded by Dr. Wattles and unanimously supported.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS -Chair- Dr. Michael Kollar; Vice-Chair- Dr. Rhea Merck

AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA:

Dr. Merck motioned to amend the agenda to hear the presentation of a signed Consent Agreement after the Office of Disciplinary Counsel's report and to add new business. The motion was seconded by Dr. DeGregorie and approved.

APPLICANT REVIEW PROCESS –Dr. Merck made a motion that she and Dr. Howell are to participate in the applicant review process until the next board meeting in September 2015. Dr. DeGregorie seconded the motion.

RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE AND PASSING OF DR. KENDRA OGLETREE CUSAAC:

Dr. Merck motioned to have an official recognition in the minutes of the service and the passing of Dr. Kendra Cusaac last November 17th, 2014. Dr. DeGregorie seconded the motion. Dr. Kollar stated the board would like the minutes to reflect the excellent work that Dr. Cusaac did for the board, was in the process of doing for the board, and the amount of time and energy she put into serving the consumers and the citizens of South Carolina and the protection of the practice of psychology in the state of South Carolina.

REGOGNITION OF MS. PATTI GLENN:

Dr. Merck motioned for recognition of Patti Glenn to be reflected in the minutes as well. Ms. Glenn served as the Board Administrator for over two decades and her dedication and service to protecting the public and assisting the board should be recognized. Dr. DeGregorie seconded the motion. Dr. Kollar stated how appreciative the members of the board have been for Ms. Glenn's dedication, expertise and acumen. All have heard from past applicants who have turned into licensed psychologists how helpful a combination Ms. Glenn and Ms. Jones were. Our Board and Board Administrator have been very dedicated with Patti's guidance at making sure there was a combination of respect for individuals and respect for the process of becoming a licensed psychologist. Dr. Kollar thanked her for her excellent contributions to the Board of Psychology.

STATUTORY REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Dr. Merck motioned to establish a statutory review committee. There would be two committees, one in Columbia comprised of Drs. Howell and Merck and a second in Greenville comprised of Drs. DeGregorie and Leporowski. Dr. Wattles seconded the motion. Dr. Kollar and Attorney Jennings reminded everyone that

Attorney Jennings and Marlo Koger would have to know in advance in order to give the public notice and we must meet all FOIA requirements. The motion was unanimously supported.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO NEW ADMINISTRATOR:

Dr. Merck motioned to form a committee to review the delegation of authority to the administrator that would be comprised of Dr. Merck and Dr. Kollar. All were in favor of the motion.

OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Mark Sanders, OIE gave a report of investigations for the year 2014 which illustrated 20 cases were received in OIE. Seven cases were received for the first quarter of 2015, from January 1, 2015 through April 1, 2015 and there are thirteen active cases. Mr. Sanders presented a Special Report of Cease and Desist Cases. There was a follow-up to 2013-23, 2014-4 and 2014-6 and no evidence of unlicensed practice was found.

COMPLAINTS/DISCIPLINARY MATTERS:

Complaint #2013-23- The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the IRC to dismiss the complaint.
Complaint #2014-4- The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the IRC to dismiss the complaint.
Complaint #2014-6- The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the IRC to dismiss the complaint.
Complaint #2013-25- The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the IRC to dismiss the complaint.
Complaint #2014-5- The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the IRC to dismiss the complaint.
Complaint #2014-7- The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the IRC to dismiss the complaint.
Complaint #2014-9- The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the IRC to dismiss the complaint.
Complaint #2014-10- The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the IRC to dismiss the complaint.
Complaint #2014-12- The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the IRC to dismiss the complaint.
Complaint #2013-18- The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the IRC to issue a Letter of Caution.

The Board voted to accept the Recommendations of the IRC on a motion by Dr. DeGregorie and seconded by Dr. Merck. The Board voted to accept the Recommendation of the IRC to issue a Letter of Caution on a motion by Dr. Merck and seconded by Dr. DeGregorie.

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT:

Ms. Lauren Kearney presented the ODC Case Load Statistics report with two closed cases and one open case from September 23, 2014 through April 24, 2015.
Ms. Kearney presented a Memorandum of Agreement, Case #2013-12. Dr. DeGregorie motioned to accept the public reprimand of the MOA and Dr. Wattles seconded it.

REVIEW OF NEW LICENSEES: The Board reviewed list of newly licensed applicants issued from September 26, 2014 – April 22, 2015.

REVIEW OF PSYCHOLOGY REGULATIONS (CHAPTER 100):

The Board reviewed changes to the Regulations which became effective June 27, 2014. Fee increases or fee changes are reflected in 100-7.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED STATUTORY CHANGES (CHAPTER 55):

The Board discussed proposed Statutory Changes. Dr. Kollar encouraged everyone to continue to review the document to suggest additional edits and changes.

DISCUSSION OF POLICY CONCERNING MEDIA AND LOBBYING:

Mr. Donnell Jennings presented information to the Board pertaining to addressing media inquiries and reminded everyone requests should be referred to the Office of Communications. Mr. Jennings discussed LLR's policy on rules of engagement with the legislature and lobbying and reviewed the Board's statutory authority to promulgate regulations or other legislative changes.

REVIEW OF ASPPB INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT (PSYPACT) MODEL LANGUAGE:

Board members discussed the ASPPB Interjurisdictional Compact and some of the advantages and disadvantages.

DISCUSSION OF USING THE TERM PSYCHOTHERAPIST:

A variety of mental health licenses allow for the performing of psychotherapy but in South Carolina there is no licensure as a psychotherapist. Licensed professionals may say they function as psychotherapist or they do psychotherapy but the term psychotherapist is not to be used to identify any practitioner. On a motion by Dr. Merck and seconded by Drs. McCullough and DeGregorie the board agreed to adopt this position.

LICENSURE FOR ADMINISTERING THE AUTISM DIAGNOSTIC OBSERVATION SCHEDULE (ADOS):

Dr. Merck motioned that an individual can administer these tests if she is operating under the licensure of someone else. The person she is working under must have the appropriate education, training and supervision experience to administer the test. An individual cannot practice independently without being licensed in some capacity. The motion was seconded by Dr. McCullough and all other members were in favor.

OUTPATIENT SERVICES AGREEMENT ON COLLATERALS:

Dr. Jean Monnier sent a document for review from APA's Trust Department. When a psychologist is working with an individual there are times they also talk to someone else (family member, friend, neighbor, coworker, etc.) who is called a collateral. In order to follow standard operating procedures it is a good idea to have something signed. There was additional discussion about consultants to the process, informed consents and agreements on collaterals.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATES: The Board will meet again Sept. 25, 2015, room 105 and April 22, 2016 in room 105.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Dr. Wattles and seconded by Dr. DeGregorie, the Board voted to adjourn at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marlo Koger, Administrator
Board of Examiners in Psychology