

# MINNESOTA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

## Minutes of the 395<sup>th</sup> Meeting

December 7, 2007

**Members Present:** M. Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, T. Nguyen-Kelly, J. Romano, M. Seibold, T. Thompson, S. Ward, and J. Wolf

**Members Absent:** None.

**Others Present:** N. Hart, Assistant Attorney General, T. Erfourth

### PUBLIC SESSION

Board Chair, M. Seibold called the public session of the meeting to order at 9:24 AM, in the Psychology Board Conference Room, at 2829 University Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and a quorum was declared present.

#### 1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of November 2, 2007.

J. Wolf moved, seconded by M. Fulton that the minutes of the Board meeting of November 2, 2007 be approved as submitted. Voting “aye”: M. Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, T. Nguyen-Kelly, J. Romano, T. Thompson, S. Ward, and J. Wolf. Voting “nay”: none. There being nine “ayes” and no “nays”, motion carried unanimously.

#### 2. Administrative Matters.

- a. **Rules Committee Update.** M. Seibold reported that the Committee met on November 7, 2007 to review the Rules of Continuing Education. The Office of the Revisor of Statutes has sent a new draft of the Rules of Licensure, which will be reviewed by staff for accuracy. Staff continues to work with the Revisor to work out differences between their draft and the Board’s draft.
- b. **Report from the Citizen Advocacy Center’s (CAC) Annual Meeting.** According to their publications, the CAC is a not-for-profit organization that provides training, research, technical support and networking opportunities for public members and the health professional Boards on which they serve. Their 2007 Annual Meeting was held in Seattle, WA. on October 29-31, 2007. At its June 22, 2007 meeting, the Board voted to send S. Hayes to attend the meeting as its representative.

Ms. Hayes filed the following report:

- **CAC** is a unique support program for the thousands of public members serving on health care regulatory, credentialing, oversight and governing boards as representatives of the consumer interest.

- **CAC** is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization created to serve the public interest by providing research, training, technical support, networking opportunities to help citizen representatives make their contributions informed, effective, and significant.

Lessons learned:

- CAC sees public members' role as stretching Boards beyond usual roles and viewing the work of the Board without *professional baggage*.
  - Best quotation: "A public member is the public's ambassador to the Board NOT the Board ambassador to the public."
- CAC believes for a Board to remain relevant, they need to:
  - Be in the information providing business (best practices, provider profiles, staying healthy tips)
    - Not only protecting but promoting health
  - Change from licensing generalists to specialists in the world of specialization.
  - Be proactive
    - Credible continuing competency assessments
    - Connect with patient safety movement
  - Gain and maintain public trust.
    - Citizen Advisory Boards
    - Open meetings
    - Connect with special interest groups
    - Hold Board meetings out state
    - Do road shows in community (Rotary, churches)
  - Work with other boards around issues of patient safety, quality and access. (annual meetings with other Boards)
    - Frequently issues are *systems* issues (lack of nurses) rather than *individual* ones.
- National movement to umbrella boards
  - Supported by difficulty with departmental conversations surrounding 9/11
  - Supported by frequent cross over of issues (physician reports nurse working in nursing home for dispensing)
- ASPPB provides a better public member training.
- By my count, public members were in the minority.
- Overall the conference seemed like a good idea still searching for a focus. Audience was so varied in knowledge and expertise, give and take was difficult.

- c. **Distance Learning.** This issue was brought to the attention of the Board by G. Jensen. Mr. Jensen reported that distance learning is an issue that has impacted MN as we have licensed applicants from distance learning institutions. While there are many advantages to distance learning, there are also concerns about quality.

The Board is currently proposing rule changes that will impact distance leaning institutions. The Board proposed a new rule that requires 36 credits in person in residence. This is one way to assure quality. Mr. Jensen proposes that the Board do some additional research.

In Mr. Jensen's experience, the standard "regionally accredited institution" seems no longer helpful. To that end, and to begin looking at additional ways the Board can ensure quality in

distance education (in future rules that will not even be discussed until the current rules are approved), he proposed that Board members take a field trip to Cisco. They are leaders in many aspects of internet and network applications and have a very remarkable telepresence application.

Mr. Jensen believes that if Board members can experience the potential for distance learning then they can be more aware of ways to require quality. After participation in this demonstration, he believes the Board may wish to consider no longer accepting institutions providing courses that merely allow students to read typed lectures on the internet.

If the Board, or portion thereof, is interested, he offered to arrange an informational meeting and demonstration with Cisco.

Through discussion, the Board determined that it needs a much broader perspective on the options available for distance learning. Therefore, the Board authorized Mr. Jensen to explore possible dates and times to take a tour of Cisco.

- c. **Association of State and Provincial Psychology Board's (ASPPB) Mobility Committee.** ASPPB invited S. Hayes to join its Mobility Committee as a public member. Her term on the Committee lasts from January 2008 through December 2011. Former MN. Board of Psychology member and current ASPPB Board member, J. Schaffer nominated Ms. Hayes and she has accepted the position. Ms. Hayes added that she will report to the Board on her attendance at the meetings.
- d. **Board Officer Elections.** The Board held its annual election of Board officers for the 2008 calendar year. Officers elected: T. Thompson-Board Chair; G. Jensen-Board Vice Chair; T. Nguyen-Kelly-Board Secretary.
- e. **Presentation on the Health Professionals Services Program (HPSP).** T. Erfourth, Case Manager, presented general information to the Board regarding the services and functions of HPSP. She responded the Board members' questions and gave an overview of the Board of Psychology's participation in HPSP.

Ms. Erfourth reported that there are currently six psychologists enrolled in HPSP and she gave the following statistics on all psychologists referred to and discharged from the program through December 1, 2007.

- ◆ A total of 26 psychologists have been referred to HPSP, representing 33 referrals, as some were referred more than once:
  - 9 self-referrals
  - 11 third party referrals
  - 12 Board referrals without discipline
  - 1 Board referral with discipline
- ◆ A total of 13 psychologists referred to HPSP engaged in monitoring, and of these:
  - 5 completed the conditions of monitoring
  - 4 were non-compliant with the conditions of monitoring
  - 2 had illnesses that disabled them from practicing in the future (determined in the course of monitoring)

- 1 chose to withdraw from monitoring prior to completion
- 1 had the license suspended in the course of monitoring
- ◆ A total of 14 psychologists referred to HPSP did not engage in monitoring, and of these:
  - 7 did not have illnesses that warranted monitoring
  - 3 had illnesses that disabled them from practicing in the future (determined at intake)
  - 3 did not cooperate with the intake process
  - 1 did not contact the program in follow-up to the referrals
- ◆ Illnesses of Board of Psychology Participants:
  - Medical Disorders – 4
  - Substance Disorders – 14 (57% of those monitored for a substance disorder are/were also monitored for a psychiatric disorder)
    - 11 - alcohol abuse/dependence
    - 2 - cocaine dependence
    - 1 - opiate dependence
  - Psychiatric Disorders – 14
    - 9 - depression
    - 2 - bipolar disorder
    - 2 - ADD
    - 1 - anxiety disorders

### 3. **Waivers/Variations.**

- a. Each of the following licensees requested approval of a six-month time-limited variance to complete requirements for continuing education (CE). Each licensee has submitted the required CE plan in compliance with MN Rule 7200.3400, subpart 2.

Boe, Brian Jon, PhD, LP	LP4486	11-30-07
Bruns, Susan C., MEd, LP	LP2956	11-30-07
Kogan-White, Michael L., MA, LP	LP2974	11-30-07
Schirvar, Joel A., PsyD, LP	LP3855	11-30-07
Shear, Kerri B., MA, LP	LP3383	11-30-07

J. Romano moved, seconded by S. Hayes that the variance requests be approved on the basis that the licensees met the burden to prove that adherence to the rule would impose an undue burden on the licensees, that granting the variances will not adversely affect the public welfare, and that the alternatives proposed meet the rationale for the rule. Voting “aye”: M. Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, T. Nguyen-Kelly, J. Romano, T. Thompson, S. Ward and J. Wolf. Voting “nay”: none. There being nine “ayes” and no “nays”, motion carried unanimously.

### 4. **Admit to EPPP.**

Application Review Committee moved that the following applicants be admitted to the national standardized examination on the basis that Applicants’ degrees meet the educational requirements for licensure. Voting “aye”: M. Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, T. Nguyen-

Kelly, J. Romano, T. Thompson, S. Ward and J. Wolf. Voting “nay”: none. There being nine “ayes” and no “nays”, motion carried unanimously.

07C-191	07C-187	07C-193	07C-198
07C-178	07C-189	07C-192	05C-046

## 5. Admit to PRE.

Application Review Committee moved that the following applicants be admitted to the PRE on the basis that Applicants’ degrees meet the educational requirements for licensure. Voting “aye”: M. Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, T. Nguyen-Kelly, J. Romano, T. Thompson, S. Ward and J. Wolf. Voting “nay”: none. There being nine “ayes” and no “nays”, motion carried unanimously.

07C-013	07C-179	07C-191	07C-170
07C-201	07C-196	07C-014	07C-183
07C-185	07C-163	07C-039	05C-046

## 6. Licensure as Licensed Psychologists.

Application Review Committee moved that the Applicants listed below be granted licensure as Licensed Psychologists based upon doctoral degrees, having performed successfully on both parts of the examination and having fulfilled all of the requirements of MN. Stat. 148.907, Subd. 2. Voting “aye”: M. Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, T. Nguyen-Kelly, J. Romano, T. Thompson, S. Ward and J. Wolf. Voting “nay”: none. There being nine “ayes” and no “nays”, motion carried unanimously.

Ashby, Karen Marie	PsyD
Bailey, Holly Andrea	PhD
Cassatt, Susan E.	PhD
Fortier, Michelle Aimee	PhD
Klein, Heather Kay	PhD
Lindeman Eldredge, Amber Martina	PsyD
Mooney, Rene Helen	PsyD
Riff, Jennifer Lauren	PhD
Robinson, Frederick Calvin	PsyD
Steffenson, Jeffrey Scott	PsyD
Strike, Diane Lynn	PhD
VanNoord, Robert Gelmer	PhD
Westerlind, Susan Mary	PsyD
Wojtalewicz, Katie Lynn	PsyD
Woods, Kathleen Erin	PhD

## 8. Termination of License for Non-Renewal.

The following licensees were sent notices as required in MN. Rule 7200.3510, after they failed to renew their licenses. J. Romano moved, seconded by S. Hayes that the Board approve the termination of the following licensees for failure to renew their licenses to practice psychology. Voting “aye”: M. Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, T. Nguyen-Kelly, J. Romano, T.

Thompson, S. Ward and J. Wolf. Voting “nay”: none. There being nine “ayes” and no “nays”, motion carried unanimously.

Arrowood, PhD, Alice  
Becking, PsyD, Sheila

February 28, 2006  
October 31, 2005

LP0793  
LPP0088

**9. Adjournment.**

J. Romano moved, seconded by T. Thompson that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11: 15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN HAYES  
Board Secretary