

MINNESOTA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

Minutes of the 404th Meeting

November 14, 2008

Members Present: C. Bonnell, J. Brown, M. Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, M. Seibold, T. Thompson, S. Ward and J. Wolf

Members Absent: T. Nguyen-Kelly

Others Present: N. Hart, Assistant Attorney General, A. Barnes, Assistant Attorney General, P. Stark, MPA's Director of Professional Affairs

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On the recommendation of the Complaint Resolution Committee, the Minnesota Board of Psychology adopted the following actions:

1. A Stipulation and Consent Order allowing Mark Trelstad, Psy.D. (terminated) to Surrender his license to practice psychology in Minnesota.
2. A Stipulation and Consent Order placing the license of John Baumgart, M.S., LP in a Restricted and Conditional status.

PUBLIC SESSION

Board Chair, T. Thompson 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

a. Board Meeting of October 10, 2008.

J. Brown moved, seconded by J. Wolf that the minutes of the Board meeting of October 10, 2008 be approved as submitted. Voting "aye": C. Bonnell, J. Brown, M. Fulton, G. Jensen, J. Lee, M. Seibold, S. Ward and J. Wolf. Voting "nay": none. Abstaining: S. Hayes. There being eight "ayes" and no "nays", motion carried.

2. Administrative Matters.

a. Presentation on the Health Professionals Service Program (HPSP) in December. HPSP is a diversion program for impaired licensed health professionals, which is funded by revenue from the health licensing Boards. Each year, Program Manager, Monica Feider or her designee gives the Board an overview of the Program and statistical information. An HPSP representative will appear at the Board meeting on December 19, 2008 at 10:30 AM.

b. Task Force on the Mental Health Needs of Deaf & Hard of Hearing Children (D/HH). This Task Force held its first meeting October 30, 2008. The two keynote speakers, Laurel Wills, MD, specializing in pediatrics at Hennepin County Medical Center and her sister Karen Wills, Ph.D., LP, ABPP, a Neuropsychologist with Children's Hospital and Clinics, spent much of their

private lives and all of their professional careers working with children and youth who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (D/HH). Their shared keynote address focused on the mental health care needs of D/HH children and youth. Particularly, they covered socioeconomic stressors, cultural stressors, and communication strategies for the D/HH children, youth and their hearing families. The superintendent of Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf and President of Volunteers of America–Minnesota discussed their joint effort in creating the first in-house day treatment program to address behavioral issues of D/HH youth.

The Mission and Goals Statement of the Task Force was distributed, along with notes from the keynote address, Newborn Hearing Screen Statistic for infants born September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 and a Position Statement from the National Association of the Deaf on Mental Health Services for Deaf Children. Time did not permit discussion on all the issues. Among the invited guests were representatives from various governmental and private agencies, such as John Gournaris, Ph.D., LP, Mental Health Program Director for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Division of Minnesota Department of Human Services, the Executive Director from the MN Board of Social Work and MN Board of Nursing and the Board of Psychology. The Task Force is scheduling four meetings to take place within the next year. The results from a study, which surveyed mental health agencies and providers who work with D/HH children and youth and which formed the Task Force, will be mailed to all Task Force participants.

c. Renewals for Converting Licensed Psychological Practitioners (LPP). The Board is currently phasing out LPP licensure by allowing them to complete certain requirements so that they may convert licensure from master's level LPP's to master's level LP licensure. Many LPP's have already converted. Some are working on their last step, which is to complete two full years (or the equivalent in part-time) of post-licensure supervised employment.

We are at a point in the cycle where a number of the remaining LPP's were licensed as LPP's approximately two years ago and are ready for their first license renewal. At approximately the same time, they are also completing their two years of supervised experience. An LPP has to have an LPP license in effect in order to convert. However, for some, the dates are lining up such that their LPP licenses need to be renewed by the end of the month, their two full years of supervised employment ends sometimes within the same month, but the ARC and the Board meetings are scheduled so that their LPP license expires before they can have their documents reviewed for conversion. In order to have an LPP license to convert, the LPP would have to pay the biennial fee of \$250 to renew the LPP license and within a few weeks pay the \$500 fee to convert from LPP to LP. All Board fees are non-refundable and cannot be adjusted.

M. Seiger and P. Walker-Singleton brought this issue to N. Hart for legal advice. Mr. Hart proposed that in order to address the situation, the Board consider adopting a resolution and a delegation of authority to the Application Review Committee (ARC).

The *resolution* reads as follows:

RESOLVED: It is presumed to be unduly burdensome for LPP's who have completed the requirements for conversion **and** who have applied for conversion to LP before their LPP renewal deadline, to have to renew their LPP license to ensure continuous licensure. Based on this presumption, the Board shall grant a blanket variance of Minn.R.7200.3400 (Renewal Deadline) to all applicants for conversion from LPP to LP, by allowing them to comply with this rule by submitting their completed applications for conversion and paying the requisite conversion fee on or before their original LPP renewal deadline. Applicants will still have to document compliance

with the CE requirements set forth in Minn.R.7200.3400, subpart 1. Their LPP license will be deemed renewed and in effect until their conversion application is approved, and their LP issued. In the event that an LPP conversion application is denied, then the LPP license will be formally issued for the duration of the renewal cycle, or until a new LPP conversion application is submitted and approved.

M. Seibold moved, seconded by S. Hayes that the resolution, as stated above, be adopted by the Board of Psychology. Voting "aye": C. Bonnell, J. Brown, M. Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, M. Seibold, S. Ward and J. Wolf. Voting "nay": none. There being nine "ayes" and no "nays", motion carried unanimously.

The *Delegation of Authority* reads as follows:

The Application Review Committee is delegated the authority to approve applications for conversion submitted pursuant to Minn. Stat. sec. 148.907, subd. 5 (2008), and issue licenses to approved conversion applicants, pursuant to Minn. Stat. sec. 148.905, subd. 1 (4).

S. Hayes moved, seconded by M. Fulton that the Delegation of Authority, as stated above, be adopted by the Board of Psychology. Voting "aye": C. Bonnell, J. Brown, M. Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, M. Seibold, S. Ward and J. Wolf. Voting "nay": none. There being nine "ayes" and no "nays", motion carried unanimously.

d. Continuing Education (CE) Planning Committee Update.

S. Hayes presented the following update from the CE Planning Committee meeting on October 24, 2008.

Members Present: Jerry, Susan and Ted (Jean absent) *Staff Present:* Pauline and Michelle

The following was determined during the meeting:

1. Staff will prepare and send the Save the Date postcard in November.
2. Staff will determine which out state locations will be offered by the next Board meeting. After a review of last events attendance and costs, recommendations include: Thief River Falls, Mankato, Duluth, Rochester, Willmar, Brainerd and Fergus Falls.
3. We will not be using the audience polling equipment this time, but hope to utilize it for the next CE event, where it can be incorporated into the presentations most effectively.
4. The event to date is:

	Presentation	Presenter	Introducer	Moderator
	Welcome	Ted		
9-10	Brain Imaging Research	Kelvin O. Lim	Jean (or Ted)	
10 – 10:15	Break			
10:15 – 11:15	Implications of Brain Research on Psychology	TBD Lim colleague	Jean (or Ted)	
11:15 – 11:45	Brain Research Q and A	Both presenters		Jean (or Ted)
11:45 – 12:45	Lunch			
	Introduction to Access Session	Ted		

12:45 – 1:45	Access: Elderly	Joseph Gaugler	Ted	
1:45 – 2:45	Access: Vets	TBD – staff will check – Board consulted at next meeting if none identified	Ted	
2:45 – 3	Break			
3 – 4	Access: Corrections	Jeff Brown	Ted	
4 – 4:30	Access Q and A	Three presenters		ted
4:30	Adjourn			

5. Next meeting will follow regularly scheduled November Board meeting.

e. Board Officer Elections in December. P. Walker-Singleton reminded the Board that its election of officers for the coming calendar year will be held at the Board meeting on December 19, 2008.

Board officers are: **Chair**, who conducts the meetings, represents the Board at meetings and other functions, makes decisions, when necessary, in conjunction with the Executive Director, on behalf of the Board, signs documents on behalf of the Board, supervises the Executive Director, appoints members of Board committees, and etc.; **Vice Chair**, who serves in the absence of the Chair, and performs other duties, as assigned by the Chair; and **Secretary**, who is responsible for Board meeting minutes, signs documents on behalf of the Board, and performs other duties, as assigned by the Chair. All three officers comprise the membership of the Administrative Committee, which functions, as needed, to formulate recommendations to the Board regarding fiscal and other governance-types of issues.

The incumbents are:

- T. Thompson, Chair, whose second term on the Board expires in 2011.
- G. Jensen, Vice Chair, whose second term on the Board expires in 2011.
- T. Nguyen-Kelly, Secretary, whose first term on the Board expires in 2010.

3. **Waivers/Variations.**

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.

Bridges, Sarah L., PhD, LP	LP4236	08/31/08
King, Von K., PsyD, LP	LP4258	11/30/08
Kokesh, Jane J., MA, LP	LP1804	11/30/08
Nelsen, R. Owen, PhD, LP	LP1691	10/31/08

C. Bonnell moved, seconded by J. Brown 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 met the rationale for the rule. Voting “aye”: C. Bonnell, J. Brown, M.

Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, M. Seibold, 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": C. Bonnell, J. Brown, M. Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, M. Seibold, S. Ward and J. Wolf. Voting "nay": none. There being nine "ayes" and no "nays", motion carried unanimously.

09C-022	09C-024	09C-015	09C-012
09C-283	07C-165	07C-271	09C-016
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": C. Bonnell, J. Brown, M. Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, M. Seibold, S. Ward and J. Wolf. Voting "nay": none. There being nine "ayes" and no "nays", motion carried unanimously.

07C-210	09C-018	09C-020	07C-253
09C-025	07C-226	09C-003	07C-149
07C-144	07C-266	07C-237	04C-094
07C-228			

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": C. Bonnell, J. Brown, M. Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, M. Seibold, S. Ward and J. Wolf. Voting "nay": none. There being nine "ayes" and no "nays", motion carried unanimously.

Barnett, Michelle E., PhD
 Gatheridge, Brian J., PhD
 Glaser, Theresa S., PhD
 Graham, Dawn M., PhD
 Haala, Kimberly, PhD
 Hull, Jane A., PhD
 Lewis-Snyder, Gretchen R., PhD
 Lin, Shih-Hsun, PhD
 Lowe-Fierke, Barbara J., PsyD
 Maynard, Kari, PsyD
 Newton, Katherine M., PhD
 Torborg, Shannon, PsyD
 Welnel, Susan, PsyD
 Whittier, Kishon M., PsyD
 Willer, Molly G., PhD

7. Approval of Conversion from Licensed Psychological Practitioner to Licensed Psychologist Licensure.

Application Review Committee moved that the following Licensed Psychological Practitioners be converted to Licensed Psychologist based upon a master's degree, having complied with all the requirements of MN. Stat. 148.907, Subd. 5. Voting "aye": C. Bonnell, J. Brown, M. Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, M. Seibold, S. Ward and J. Wolf. Voting "nay": none. There being nine "ayes" and no "nays", motion carried unanimously.

LPP0117	Huttemier, Mark J., MA, LPP
LPP0123	Silver, Monique A., MA, LPP
LPP0121	Schaffer, Amy C., MA, LPP
LPP0116	Turner, Worawan C., MA, LPP

8. Upgrade of Education from Master's to Doctoral Degree.

Application Review Committee moved approval of a request to upgrade from master's to doctoral level education for the Licensed Psychological Practitioner listed below. The licensee was licensed as an LPP on March 10, 2006 on the basis of a master's degree. She has since earned a doctoral degree that meets the educational requirements for licensure. Voting "aye": C. Bonnell, J. Brown, M. Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, M. Seibold, S. Ward and J. Wolf. Voting "nay": none. There being nine "ayes" and no "nays", motion carried unanimously.

LPP0108	Scholljegerdes, Kathlene A., MA to PsyD
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9. Emeritus Registration.

Application Review Committee moved that the following licensee be granted Emeritus Registration based on fulfilling all requirements of Minnesota Statute 148.9105. The licensee, originally licensed as a licensed psychologist on June 7, 1980, completed an active career as a psychologist in good standing with the Board. Licensee retired on June 18, 2008. Voting "aye": C. Bonnell, J. Brown, M. Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, M. Seibold, S. Ward and J. Wolf. Voting "nay": none. There being nine "ayes" and no "nays", motion carried unanimously.

LP1304	Viken, James P., PhD
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10. Other Business.

G. Schiff presented for the Board's information an Agreement for Corrective Action entered into on October 17, 2008 with Complaint Resolution Committee II.

11. Adjournment.

J. Wolf moved, seconded by M. Seibold that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:04 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

T. NGUYEN-KELLY
Board Secretary