

# **MINNESOTA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

## **Minutes of the 408<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

**April 3, 2009**

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

**Members Absent:** None.

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

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

Board Chair, T. Thompson called the public session of the meeting to order at 9:02 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 February 27, 2009.**

G. Jensen moved, seconded by J. Wolf that the minutes of the Board meeting of February 27, 2009 be approved as submitted. Voting "aye": C. Bonnell, J. Brown, G. Jensen, J. Lee, T. Nguyen-Kelly, S. Ward and J. Wolf. Voting "nay": none. Abstaining: S. Hayes. There being seven "ayes" and no "nays", motion carried.

#### **2. Administrative Matters.**

##### **a. Health Professionals Services Program (HPSP) Program Committee Meeting.**

HPSP's Program Committee met on March 17, 2009. S. Ward reported on the meeting:

HPSP has signed a contract to acquire an updated data base. The funds for this come from monies carried-over from the previous fiscal year.

As a part of quality assurance, HPSP conducted a survey to compare monitoring programs of health care professionals in other states. The results of the survey revealed a vast variation in programs across the country. Some states monitor only physicians; some only doctors and nurses. In some states, the monitoring programs are run by the individual professional associations; in others by the licensing boards. The length of

monitoring generally varies from 2 to 5 years, but most states allow exceptions for extraordinary cases. After comparing with other states, HPSP feels that it's program is serving the public well, though it is open to considering some tweaking of its monitoring.

There has been some discussion about the funding formula for HPSP. Currently each health board pays a flat fee of \$1000, plus a pro rata fee per licensee being monitored for that Board. Numerous variations have been considered, but when all is said and done, the difference in cost to any individual Board is less than 1% difference from what it is now. Nevertheless, it was decided to form a work group to consider the options and make suggestions. Boards represented on this committee will be: Nursing, Medical Practice, Dentistry, Physical Therapy and the Department of Health. In the meantime, HPSP has to renew the interagency agreement it has with the health Boards so it will use the current funding formula.

- b. **Board Member Re-appointment.** The Governor re-appointed S. Ward to a second 4-year term as a public member on the Board. Ms. Ward serves as a member of CRC II and represents the Board on the HPSP Program Committee and the Council of Health Boards.
- c. **Legislative Updates.** P. Walker-Singleton updated the Board on 2009 legislative bills that affect the Board of Psychology.
  - MPA's bill **HF249** is now a part of the Licensing Policy Omnibus bill (HF535), without the provisions the Board and MPA worked together to remove.
  - **HF473**—establishing a health care professionals task force and repealing the practice acts of most health licensing Boards, including the Board of Psychology—has not moved since the last update. It was referred to the health Care and Human Services Policy and Oversight Committee and has had no hearing. The Executive Directors Forum met with its author, Representative Paul Thissen and he said that the bill will not go anywhere; will not pass. He stated that he introduced it to send a message to professional associations that continually go to the Legislature with concerns about scopes of practice.
  - **HF489/SF682**—providing for periodic sunset and evaluation of state agencies, including the Board of Psychology—has not moved since the last update. It was referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations in each House and has had no hearings. Rep. Thissen also stated that this bill would not go anywhere.
  - **SF1395**—State Government Finance and Appropriation, etc.—still has the requirement that the licensees participate in the funding of the Minnesota electronic licensing system. FYI, I have heard nothing further about the creation of a task force to address this issue.
  - I have heard nothing further about the sunset of OMHP. Of course, the way the law is written, the Office will sunset on June 30, 2009 with no further action needed. I am not aware of any proposed legislation that would make “psychotherapy” a protected term to be used only by state licensed individuals.

*Legislative Committee deadlines:*

- Friday, March 27 at 8 p.m., committees act favorably on bills in the House of origin;
- Tuesday, April 7 at 11:59 p.m., committees act favorably on bills, or companion of bills, that met the first deadline in the other body.

- d. 2009 Board-Sponsored Continuing Education Activity.** The Board-sponsored CE activity entitled, *The Practice of Psychology in a Changing World*, was held on Friday, March 20, 2009. This is the third in our series and it was well attended and seems to have been well received.

Overall, more licensees attended the conference at the St. Paul and the Greater Minnesota sites, compared to the 2007 attendance. We attracted 107 more licensees to St. Paul and 27 more to the other sites. So far, we have 118 requests for DVD's of the program.

Staff plans to provide information on the feedback and the speakers' averages at the May or June 2009 Board meeting. Verbal feedback that we heard was mostly positive.

- e. ASPPB's Request for a Random Sample of Licensees.** The Board received an email from ASPPB announcing that they are conducting a practice analysis study of licensed psychologists in the US and Canada. The Professional Examination Service (PES) is their contractor.

In connection with the study, the Board also received a request from the Research Associate for a random sample of 80 active psychologists—40 of whom were licensed in 2005 or earlier and 40 of whom were licensed during 2006-2009. Staff worked with the Health Licensing Boards' IT staff to gather the requested information. The only information we will release on the two sets of licensees is the public data, their names and public mailing addresses, their active status and their year of initial licensure.

### 3. Waivers/Variances.

- 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.

Bakka, Jerry C., PhD, LP	LP4784	03/31/09
Diez, Loretta Marie, MA, LP	LP3243	02/28/09
Halen, Heather Joy, MA, LP	LP2354	03/31/09
Hughes-Anderson, Stacy E, MSED, LP	LP3610	02/28/09
Michael, Nancy A., MA, LP	LP4144	03/31/09
Miller, Jean E., PhD, LP	LP2395	03/31/09
Peterson, Elissa H., MA, LP	LP2257	02/28/09
Rojas, Joan M, MS, LP	LP2320	03/31/09
Thornton, Susan L., MA, LP	LP4795	03/31/09
Wilson, Cynthia J., MA, LP	LP2437	03/31/09
Wilson, Kelly L., PsyD, LP	LP4438	03/31/09

S. Hayes moved, seconded by M. Fulton 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”: C. Bonnell, J. Brown, M. Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, T. Nguyen-Kelly, 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, T. Nguyen-Kelly, S. Ward and J. Wolf. Voting “nay”: none. There being nine “ayes” and no “nays”, motion carried unanimously.

09C-080	09C-077	09C-079	09C-078
09C-076	09C-075	09C-045	07C-203
09C-013			

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

09C-049	06C-138	09C-056	07C-075
06C-357	09C-015	07C-206	09C-045
09C-273	09C-074	07C-203	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. C. Bonnell, J. Brown, M. Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, T. Nguyen-Kelly, S. Ward and J. Wolf. Voting “nay”: none. There being nine “ayes” and no “nays”, motion carried unanimously.

Biggs, Bridget, PhD  
DeBoer, Don, PhD  
Deloyski, Amy, PsyD

Loveless, Andrea, PsyD  
Neavins, Tara, PhD  
Prescher, Sara, PsyD  
Van Ingen, Daniel, MA

**7. Other Business.**

**a. Conversion from LPP to LP Licensure.** Under its delegated authority, on March 13, 2009, the Application Review Committee granted the conversion of the following applicants from LPP to LP Licensure. The Licensed Psychological Practitioners listed below complied with all of the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 148.907, Subd. 5. unanimously.

LPP0135	Barth, Kari, MA, LPP
LPP0140	Dorcas, Wade, MA, LPP
LPP0142	Felling, Karen, MA, LPP
LPP0015	Lonn, Wendy, MA, LPP
LPP0153	Meyer, Ingrid, MA, LPP
LPP0155	Olchefske, Beth, MA, LPP
LPP0128	Rippel, Rachel, MA, LPP
LPP0158	Schiffer, Christopher, MA, LPP
LPP0161	Ullom, Jennifer, MA, LPP

**8. Adjournment.**

C. Bonnell moved, seconded by M. Fulton that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

THANH SON THI NGUYEN-KELLY, PhD, LP  
Board Secretary