

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD January 19, 2018

A Meeting of the Board of Examiners of Psychologists was held at 9:00 a.m., on Friday, January 19, 2018, at the Colcord Center, 421 NW 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 125, Oklahoma City, OK 73103.

In attendance were: S. Roberson, Ph.D., Chair of the Board; Susan Howard, Ph.D., Vice-Chair of the Board; K. Ward, Ph.D., Member of the Board; R. Randleman, Ph.D., Member of the Board; B. Frizzell, Member of the Board; T. O'Connor, Member of the Board; J. Shirley, Assistant Attorney General; T. Rose, Executive Officer of the Board.

Members not present: M. Basso, Ph.D., Member of the Board.

#### **Announcement and Introduction:**

Dr. Roberson announced that a quorum was present to conduct business. He confirmed with Ms. Rose that the meeting was filed with the Secretary of State and the agenda was posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.

#### Statement of the Mission of the Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists:

Dr. Roberson announced the mission of the Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists is to protect the public by regulating the practice of psychology in Oklahoma to ensure that only properly qualified psychologists practice psychology in the state and that the psychology profession as a whole is conducted in the public's best interest.

#### **Minutes:**

Board members reviewed the minutes of the November 17, 2017, Board Meeting. Dr. Roberson presented amendments. Dr. Howard made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2017, meeting, as amended. Mr. Frizzell seconded the motion and the motion passed. O'Connor, Howard, Frizzell, and Roberson voted for the motion. Ward and Randleman abstained.

## **Board Member Nomination Process:**

Board members discussed the Board Member Nomination Process with Dr. Lori Holmquist-Day and Danna Fowble, representatives from the Oklahoma Psychological Association (OPA). In the future, the Board office will inform OPA of a Board Members upcoming term expiration five (5) months in advance. Additionally, the Board office will send an email to all licensed psychologists to inform them of an upcoming vacancy. If a psychologist is interested in serving as a member of the Board, they will contact the Board office. A list of eligible psychologists will be compiled and sent to the OPA for consideration. Upon receipt of a list of ten names from

the OPA, instructions will be provided to each nominee to complete the on-line application with the Governor's office.

#### **Status of Current Request for Inquiries:**

Ms. Rose provided status updates on the following:

RFI 17-8; investigation is pending.

RFI 17-10; investigation is pending.

RFI 17-12; an investigator will be appointed.

#### **Probable Cause Committee Summaries and Recommendations:**

RFI 17-9; As a member of the Probable Cause Committee, Dr. Randleman recused and left the room. Mr. Shirley informed Board members that the psychologist was given a power of attorney over an individual with whom he had a psychologist patient relationship. The psychologist was also named as the beneficiary and trustee of the patient's trust, and took loans against the trust as draws against the inheritance. In addition to the financial exploitation and dual relationship issues, the committee has more concerns regarding the lack of progress notes, billing records, appropriate documentation, and disclosure of confidential information. An investigator was appointed and began an investigation. However, during the investigation the psychologist sent a letter to the Board stating that upon the advice of his physician's direction and counsel, he is surrendering his license. The wallet card and wall license were included with the letter. The recommendation of the committee is to send the psychologist a letter acknowledging the relinquishment of his license and provide the following information: since he is no longer licensed, he is prohibited from practicing psychology in the State of Oklahoma. If he ever intends to practice psychology in the State of Oklahoma he must complete the application process. The complaint will remain pending as an RFI. Any inquiry to the Board regarding the psychologist will be answered with "his license was surrendered while under investigation for unethical conduct." Additionally, the committee recommends the Board pursue statute changes to include a process for when an individual surrenders their license in lieu of prosecution. Dr. Howard made a motion to accept both of the committee's recommendations. Dr. Ward second the motion and the motion passed. O'Connor, Howard, Ward, Frizzell, and Roberson voted for the motion. As a member of the Probable Cause Committee, Dr. Randleman was not present for the vote.

**RFI 17-11;** - Dr. Roberson reported that based on an informal interview with the psychologist and careful review of the facts of the case, it was determined that the facts and evidence in this matter did not reach the legal threshold necessary to warrant the board taking formal action. The recommendation is to dismiss and close RFI 17-11. *Mr. O'Connor made a motion to accept the recommendation. Dr. Randleman seconded the motion and the motion passed. O'Connor, Howard, Ward, Randleman, and Frizzell voted for the motion. Roberson abstained.* 

#### **Reports of Miscellaneous Complaint Issues:**

**BC 16-1; Kathy Lively, Ph.D.** — As a member of the Probable Cause Committee, Dr. Ward recused and left the room. Mr. Shirley informed Board members that January 2017, Dr. Lively agreed to a Consent Order with the Board. The Order imposed twelve (12) hours of continuing education, a scholarly paper with six (6) hours of supervision, and a public reprimand. Upon completion of the requirements of the order, the Probable Cause Committee will review Dr. Lively's scholarly paper, verification of continuing education, and supervision report, then make a new recommendation to the Board of whether or not Dr. Lively has completed the requirements of the order. The committee reviewed Dr. Lively's paper and believes the paper adequately addresses the issues related to conduct stated in the consent order and finds that she has met the requirements of the order. The recommendation of the committee is that the Board finds Dr. Lively has successfully completed the requirements of the consent order. *Dr. Howard made a motion to accept the recommendation of the committee. Dr. Randleman seconded the* 

motion and the motion passed. O'Connor, Howard, Randleman, Frizzell, and Roberson voted for the motion. As a member of the Probable Cause Committee, Dr. Ward was not present for the vote.

Dr. Ward returned to the room.

**UC 17-2;** Board members reviewed the response from Zen Gee, Counseling and Psychological Services. After discussion, Mr. Shirley will draft a follow-up letter to send to Ms. Gee.

**UC 17-3**; Board members reviewed the letter of concern sent to the North American Association of Masters in Psychology (NAMP).

UC 17-3a; Board members reviewed the cease and desist letter sent to Myron Weinstein.

UC 17-4; Board members reviewed the letter of concern sent to Matthew Korstjens, MA, LPC.

#### <u>Licensure Applications/Report from Application Review Committee:</u>

**Jarrod E. Decter, Psy.D.;** Mr. Shirley informed Board members that there is no right to a formal hearing on a licensure denial, but the Board can reconsider an application. Board members reviewed Dr. Decter's request for reconsideration. *Dr. Ward made a motion to uphold the denial. Dr. Howard seconded the motion and the motion passed. O'Connor, Howard, Ward, Randleman, Frizzell, and Roberson voted for the motion.* 

**Carol Smith, Ph.D.;** Board members discussed with Dr. Smith her request to obtain supervision hours from a second licensed psychologist during her postdoctoral experience to make-up for the deficiency of having only one licensed psychologist supervisor during her internship. *Dr. Ward made a motion to approve Dr. Smith's application to sit for the licensure exams and her request to obtain supervision from a second supervisor during her postdoctoral experience. Dr. Smith will obtain one hour of supervision from each supervisor for 50 weeks for a total of 100 hours of supervision. <i>Dr. Randleman seconded the motion and the motion passed. O'Connor, Howard, Ward, Randleman, and Roberson voted for the motion. Frizzell voted against the motion.* 

**Christopher J. Anthony, Ph.D.;** Board members reviewed the Application Review Committee's concerns regarding deficiencies in Dr. Anthony's internship. Dr. Anthony provided additional information to the Board and was available for questions. Dr. Howard made a motion to table this matter until the review committee is able to review past applicants with similar internship experiences. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion and the motion passed. O'Connor, Howard, Ward, Randleman, Frizzell, and Roberson voted for the motion.

**David Worthington, Ph.D.** Mr. Shirley informed Board members that the Board office has not received the signed agreement from Dr. Worthington. *Dr. Howard made a motion to send a letter to Dr. Worthington to accept and return the offer from the Board, by certified mail, no later than February 15, 2018, or the offer is rescinded. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion and the motion passed. O'Connor, Howard, Ward, Randleman, Frizzell, and Roberson voted for the motion.* 

Board members took a 10 minute break.

#### Guidelines for HSP in an academic setting:

Board members reviewed the "Guidelines for Licensure Candidates to Achieve 'Health Service Psychologist' certification when completing a postdoctoral experience in an Academic Setting." Ms. Rose will provide a copy of the final draft at the next meeting.

#### <u>Proposed changes to permanent rules – OAC Title 575, Chapters 1 and 10:</u>

Board members reviewed the proposed permanent rule changes to Chapters 1 and 10. *Mr. Frizzell made a motion to approve the proposed permanent rule changes. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion and the motion passed. O'Connor, Howard, Ward, Randleman, Frizzell, and Roberson voted for the motion.* 

#### **Attorney General Opinions:**

Board members reviewed the following Attorney General Opinion:

2017-871A; UC 17-2 Cease and Desist Letter. Zen Gee, Counseling and Psychological Services.

2017-872A; UC 17-4 Cease and Desist Letter, Matthew Korstjens, MA, LPC.

**2017-870A**; UC 17-3 and UC 17-3a; Cease and Desist Letter – Myron Weinstein and Letter of Concern to the North American Association of Masters in Psychology (NAMP).

# Letter to the Oklahoma Board of Behavioral Health Licensure (BBHL) regarding 59 O.S. § 1353(2):

Mr. Shirley informed Board members that the BBHL has not responded to the letter. *Dr. Randleman made a motion to send a request to the Attorney General for an official Attorney General opinion for clarification on the statute. Dr. Ward seconded the motion and the motion passed. O'Connor, Howard, Ward, Randleman, Frizzell, and Roberson voted for the motion.* 

#### Applications approved by the Application Review Committee (November - December 2017):

Dr. Ward made a motion to ratify the applications approved by the review committee for November – December 2017. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion and the motion passed. O'Connor, Howard, Ward, Randleman, Frizzell, and Roberson voted for the motion.

#### Executive Officer's P-Card Statements for Review and Approval (November – December 2017):

Mr. Frizzell made a motion to approve the November - December 2017 P-Card Statements. Dr. Randleman seconded the motion and the motion passed. O'Connor, Howard, Ward, Randleman, Frizzell, and Roberson voted for the motion.

#### **Administrative Issues:**

**Monthly Budget/Revenue/Expense Report:** Board members reviewed the monthly budget, revenue, and expense reports. *Dr. Ward made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Dr. Howard seconded the motion and the motion passed. O'Connor, Howard, Ward, Randleman, Frizzell, and Roberson voted for the motion.* 

2018 License Renewal Report: Ms. Rose provided a copy of the 2018 Renewal Report.

**Licensees who are non-compliant with the Oklahoma Tax Commission (OTC):** Mr. Shirley informed members that in order for the Board staff to place a licensee who is non-compliant with the OTC on Invalid Status, the Board will have to hold a hearing.

**Updated historical disciplinary report:** Dr. Roberson reported that his intern, Ms. Fulani Petties, updated the Board's historical disciplinary report. The disciplinary report is used to provide board members data to help make decisions that are consistent with past rulings.

**2018 Meeting Dates:** no action was taken.

**2018 ASPPB Meetings:** Dr. Ward made a motion to approve two members to attend the 2018 ASPPB Meetings with the Executive Officer. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion and the motion passed. O'Connor, Howard, Ward, Randleman, Frizzell, and Roberson voted for the motion.

**Contracts for Investigative Services:** Board members discussed the options of hiring an investigator. *This item will be continued at the next meeting.* 

Dr. Roberson announced that there is no other business to discuss. *Dr. Ward made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Randleman seconded the motion and the motion passed. O'Connor, Howard, Ward, Randleman, Frizzell, and Roberson voted for the motion.* 

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deanne Rose

Teanne Rose
Executive Officer

# Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists Application Review Committee Approvals November – December 2017

**Psychological Technicians:** 

Psychologist: Psychological Technician:

Karen Maston, Ph.D. Iantha Fusilier
Randy Randleman, Ph.D. Amanda Delt
Karen Maston, Ph.D. Susan Kloha
Anna Mazur-Mosiewicz, Ph.D. Victoria Tracy

# **Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Approvals:**

**Strategies for Helping Children Heal;** sponsor: Parkside Psychiatric Hospital & Clinic; 2 CPE hours; December 14, 2017.

**Juvenile Competency in Oklahoma;** sponsor: Commission of the Child and Youth; 7 CPE hours; January 26, 2018.

# Applications to sit for Licensure Examinations and/or Practice Under Supervision Agreements Approvals:

Applicant: Approval for:

Jordan Heroux, Ph.D. Approval of Postdoc and HSP for licensure.
Sheena Mehta, Ph.D. Approval of Postdoc and HSP for licensure.

Paul Michael Shawler, Ph.D. Approval of Postdoc and HSP for licensure, upon completing exams.

Shannon Beach, Ph.D. Approval of IPUS and sit for exams.

# <u>Licensed Health Service Psychologists November – December 2017:</u>

Jordan Nestler Heroux, Ph.D. License Number: 1301 Issue Date: 11/13/2017 Sheena Mehta, Ph.D. License Number: 1302 Issue Date: 12/15/2017