

BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Listening Session Minutes

July 17, 2015

9:15 am – 9:45 am

Board Members Present: William Sanchez, Ph.D., Chair
Robert Carey, Ph.D., Vice Chair
Michelle C. Jacobo, Ph.D., Secretary
William Hudgins, Ph.D.
David Scherer, Ph.D.
Kim Bistis, Psy.D.
Betty Allen, Public Member

Staff Present: Karen Schwartz, Ph.D., Program Coordinator

Members of the public present: Michael Goldberg, Abigail Seibert, Lotte Smith-Hansen, Alessandro Piselli, Brian Doherty, Marla Eby.

Dr. Smith-Hansen, who is the practicum coordinator for Suffolk University's psychology doctoral program, spoke about the advanced practicum regulations, the 2013 statutory removal of the post-doctoral requirement and the reduction in the requirements for licensure, and other issues related to the application materials. She expressed her belief that schools should not be considered "health service settings". She suggested that the Board communicate more with doctoral programs and clinical training sites.

Dr. Eby, who is the post-doctoral training director at Cambridge Health Alliance, questioned whether the training plan for advanced practica can be developed after the experience was completed, and suggested more detailed instructions about different routes to licensure.

No other members of the public spoke.

Respectfully submitted,



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Jim O'Connor, Acting Board Counsel
Matt Runge, Board investigator
Ellen D'Agostino, Board investigator

Board Business:

1. At 10:07 am, the meeting was called to order.
2. At 10:08 am, on a motion by Dr. Bistis, seconded by Dr. Scherer, all in favor, the Board voted to enter closed session for the purpose of conducting investigative conferences regarding PY-15-034, PY-15-039, as well as CE audits.
3. At 10:35 am, on a motion by Ms. Allen, seconded by Dr. Carey, the Board voted to exit closed session and enter open session, all in favor.
4. Dr. Sanchez reviewed evacuation instructions.
5. On a motion by Dr. Bistis, seconded by Dr. Carey, the Board voted to approve the minutes for the June meeting, all in favor. Ms. Allen abstained due to absence.
6. On a motion by Dr. Scherer, seconded by Ms. Allen, the Board voted to elect the following Board officers: Dr. Jacobo as Chair, Dr. Carey as Vice Chair, and Dr. Bistis as Secretary to the Board. All in favor.
7. At 10:50 am, on a motion by Dr. Bistis, seconded by Ms. Allen, on a roll call vote, the Board voted to go into executive session pursuant to General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(7) to comply with the confidentiality provisions of the Mass. CORI statute, G. L. c. 66, § 10; G. L. c. 4 § 7, ¶ 26(a), G. L. c. 6, § 172, all in favor.
8. At 11:30 am, on a motion by Dr. Bistis, seconded by Ms. Allen, on a roll call vote, the Board voted to remain in executive session pursuant to General Laws Chapter 30A Section 21(a)(7) to discuss medical record information and to comply with the public record law, pursuant to G. L. c. 66, § 10; G. L. c. 4, §7, ¶ 26(c), all in favor.
9. At 11:55 am, on a motion by Ms. Allen, seconded by Dr. Hudgins, on a roll call vote, the Board voted to exit executive session, enter open session, and adjourn for lunch, all in favor.
10. At 12:35 pm, open session resumed.
11. PY-15-034: On a motion by Dr. Carey, seconded by Ms. Allen, the Board voted to send to prosecution, all in favor.
12. PY-15-039: On a motion by Dr. Carey, seconded by Ms. Allen, the Board voted to dismiss the complaint, all in favor.
13. CE audit IMC: On a motion by Dr. Scherer, seconded by Dr. Jacobo, the Board voted to open a complaint and forward to prosecution, all in favor.

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15. The Board reviewed supervisor reports on Licensees #6329 and #1759.
16. PY-14-014: Pursuant to Advisory Letter, the Board reviewed vitae and letter of proposed consultant Hoffnung. On a motion by Dr. Bistis, seconded by Dr. Jacobo, the Board voted to approve Dr. Hoffnung as consultant to licensee, all in favor, Dr. Hudgins abstained.
17. PY-15-030: The Board reviewed additional correspondence from the licensee in this closed case. On a motion by Dr. Carey, seconded by Dr. Scherer, the Board voted to put this third letter from the licensee in the closed file and take no further action, all in favor.
18. At 12:50 pm, on a motion by Dr. Bistis, seconded by Ms. Allen, the Board voted to exit open session and enter closed session for the purposes of settlement conference regarding PY-14-043, pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §65C, all in favor. Following the settlement conference, the Board voted to exit closed session and enter open session by unanimous consent.
19. At 1:04 pm, on a motion by Dr. Carey, seconded by Dr. Scherer, on a roll call vote, the Board voted to enter executive session pursuant to General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(7) to comply with the confidentiality provisions of the Mass. CORI statute, G. L. c. 66, § 10; G. L. c. 4 § 7, ¶ 26(a), G. L. c. 6, § 172, all in favor.
20. At 1:30 pm, on a motion by Ms. Allen, seconded by Dr. Bistis, the Board voted to exit executive session and enter open session. Following a roll call vote, all in favor, the motion passed.
21. Licensee #7617, no HSP: Board will invite for September meeting to discuss proposed plan to obtain HSP.
22. Applicant Sheridan: Board reviewed application. On a motion by Dr. Jacobo, seconded by Dr. Bistis, the Board voted to move forward with the application process, all in favor.
23. Applicant Rogers: On a motion by Dr. Bistis, seconded by Dr. Scherer, the Board voted to grant a 5 year waiver, all in favor.
24. Applicant Lichtenstein: HSP application. Board reviewed documentation. On a motion by Dr. Jacobo, seconded by Dr. Bistis, the Board voted to grant HSP, all in favor.
25. Applicant Yang: Re-specialization/international applicant. Board reviewed documentation. On a motion by Dr. Jacobo, seconded by Dr. Carey, the Board voted to accept coursework requirements, and approve for licensure and HSP, all in favor but Dr. Scherer recused.
26. Applicant Roth-Heinlein: Board reviewed application. On a motion by Dr. Carey, seconded by Dr. Bistis, the Board voted to deny school- based hours because a qualifying supervisor was not on the premises where the trainee rendered services during the time such services were rendered, in violation of 251 Code Mass. Regs. § 3.05(2)(f), all in favor.
27. The Board tabled discussion of the issues involved in provision of services via electronic means across state lines, and perhaps modifying the Board's policy about this, until a future meeting.
28. On a motion by Dr. Scherer, seconded by Dr. Carey, the Board unanimously approved the following licensure applications:
 - Sheridan
 - Rogers
 - Lichtenstein
 - Yang
 - Roth-Heinlein
 - Murray, Ashley
 - Haber, Adele
 - Woessner, Russell
 - Miller, Laura

- Li, Peiwei
- Thomassin, Kristel
- Javaras, Kristin
- Gilbert, Karina
- Regan, Karen
- Queen, Alexander
- Douglas, Amber
- Salema, Emily
- Fuchs, Cara
- Birtwell, Kirstin
- Crawford, Dorian
- Knoch-Kabarwal, Kelley
- Chung, Wei-Jean
- Weinberg, Leah
- Landers, Amber
- Zona, Kate
- Ng, Lauren
- Carambio, Paige
- Ansloos, Jeffrey
- Borges, Angela
- Cruise, Ruth
- Wendorf, Angela
- Jordan, Alexander
- Gorraiz, Maggie
- Levison, Matthew
- Tsang, Kevin
- Fang, Angela
- Brault, Megan
- Lorimer, Francine
- Burley, Jillian
- Skolnik, Avy
- Wang, Yun
- Chinks, Alexandra
- Greif, Daniel
- Brown, Peter
- Barrett Singer, Alesia
- Piontkowski, Sarah
- Keith, Andrew
- Rogers, Susan

29. At 2:00 pm, on a motion by Dr. Carey, seconded by Dr. Bistis, the Board voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle C. Jacobo, Ph.D.
Board Secretary

Documents reviewed:

1. Draft of June 2015 board minutes
2. Quarterly reports from supervisors of licensees #6329 and #1759
3. Correspondence from Dr. Hoffnung regarding PY-14-014
4. Correspondence from licensee in PY-15-030
5. Correspondence from licensee PY-7617
6. Applications of:
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